

**Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association
School Counsellors Chapter
President's Report
May 15, 2021**

2020 – 2021 Chapter Officers and Executive Members:

Janice Graham-Migel (NS), President
Lisa Cheyne-Zanyk (SK), Past President
Anne Madore (NB), Vice President
Margot Beech Kennedy (ON), Secretary
Belinda Josephson (NS), Treasurer
Andrea Garland (PE), CCPA Board Liaison (position currently vacant)
Carol-Anne Haring (AB), Member-At-Large
Yvette Forcier (SK), Member-At-Large
Danielle Savage (MB), Member-At-Large
Maggie Owen (QC), Member-At-Large (May, 2020 – October, 2020)
Jo Cullen (PE), Member-At-Large
Amanda Marchand (NS), Member-At-Large
Julie Lindsay (NS / International), Member-At-Large
Boyd Perry (NL), Member-At-Large

Chapter Membership:

As of May 4, 2021, there are 508 members of the School Counsellors Chapter. Members are from provinces and territories in Canada, as well as international members.

Activities:

- The School Counsellors Chapter Executive meets monthly throughout the school year via Zoom with additional meetings held on an as-needed basis. Additional meetings are also held in preparation for special events or specific projects. Since the 2020 Chapter Annual General Meeting, seven Executive meetings were held:
 - June 10, 2020
 - September 28, 2020
 - October 26, 2020
 - November 30, 2020
 - January 25, 2021
 - March 29, 2021
 - April 26, 2021
- The Chapter webpage and e-mails are ways we connect with the Chapter membership. We appreciate the support from CCPA National Office for maintaining the Chapter website and disseminating communication to Chapter members.

- The eighth Canadian School Counselling Week was held February 1-5, 2021. A summary of events will be provided as another report on the AGM agenda. During the week, a video message was given by the Honourable Seamus O'Regan, Member of Parliament (Saint John's South—Mount Pearl, Newfoundland and Labrador) and Minister of Natural Resources. Canadian School Counselling Week was recognized in the House of Commons on February 4, 2021, by the Honourable Geoff Regan, Member of Parliament (Halifax West). The 2021 videos are posted on the Chapter website along with a video message from a previous year by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Many education and awareness campaigns were held at the local, provincial and federal levels and on various social media platforms and websites. In addition, events and activities were held across Canada in school communities. Although it was a successful week, the Chapter Executive encountered challenges with some of the initiatives and is looking at changes in the upcoming year. Kim Hollihan, CCPA Chief Executive Officer, has offered to attend one of the Chapter Executive meetings with a representative from Impact Public Affairs to review challenges from previous years and new possibilities for 2022. The School Counsellors Chapter appreciates the support from CCPA National Office and Impact Affairs with the promotion of Canadian School Counselling Week.
- The School Counsellors Chapter Executive continues to hold a membership with the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) as a means of gaining further insight into the profession and gaining access to valuable resources and research for the Chapter.
- Due to the cancellation of the 2020 CCPA conference, the Awards Ceremony was not held last year. Gerard Lowe was the recipient of the 2020 CCPA School Counselling Award and this year he was recognized at the CCPA Virtual Awards Ceremony on May 6, 2021. The award included a \$300 honorarium and a recognition plaque. Gerard is a School Counsellor at Corner Brook Regional High in Corner Brook, Newfoundland. The School Counselling Award has been established to recognize the work of exceptional school counsellors and acknowledge their personal and professional commitment to the profession. There were no nominations for the 2021 CCPA School Counselling Award. The deadline date for CCPA award nominations is December 1 of each year.
- As President of the School Counsellors Chapter, I submitted feedback on a preliminary draft copy of the 2020 document titled, "Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association Standards of Practice, 6th Edition."
- The signing officers for the Chapter continue as Lisa Cheyne-Zanyk (Past President), Janice Graham-Migel (President), and Belinda Josephson, (Treasurer). The closing bank balance on May 3, 2021, is \$20,278.55.

- The Chapter Presidents of each CCPA Chapter participate in bi-monthly Zoom meetings to discuss the work of the association. As Chapter President, I attended the following meetings:

June 1, 2020

September 1, 2020

November 5, 2020

January 18, 2021

March 23, 2021

There is an upcoming Chapter Presidents meeting scheduled for June, 2021. The School Counsellors Chapter continues to establish itself as a highly professional and progressive chapter within CCPA.

- The Chapter Executive is in the process of planning a strategic planning session to be held at the 2022 CCPA conference in Charlottetown. This is dependent upon whether or not there will be an on-site 2022 CCPA conference next year. The last time the Chapter had a strategic planning session was in Charlottetown in 2010.
- The Chapter Executive is working on a draft copy of recommendations titled, "Proposed Best Practices in School Counselling," as well as reviewing and revising the Chapter website to better meet the needs of the Chapter.

I would like to thank the 2020-2021 Chapter Executive and the CCPA National Office for their contributions and professional guidance over the past year. I look forward to the second year of my term as the Chapter continues to support the School Counselling profession in Canada.

Respectfully submitted by:

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