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NS Chapter Annual General Meeting

Meeting Minutes for Chapter AGM Meeting:

Meeting start: 10:37am via Zoom

Present: Pat Wentzell, Gary Porter, Nick Zwaagstra, Lita Llewellyn, Jean Blackler, Andrew Potter Cogan, Belinda Josephson, Derek Smith, Shane MacDow, George Maringapsi, Chris LeBlanc, Heather Colquohoun, Nancy Battis, Rick French, Tim Brodie

Regrets: Kimberley MacDonald

Quorum: was met

Call to Order: Patricia Wentzell, President, called this meeting to order via videoconference, using Zoom. This meeting was called to address several discussion items including a professional development workshop, applications for bursaries for members to attend CCPA's national conference, and the AGM.

Reading of the Agenda: Andrew Potter Cogan moved, Nick Zwaagstra seconded that the agenda be accepted as presented. Motion Passed.

Approval of the Minutes from the 2020 AGM: Belinda Josephson moved to accept the minutes of the 2020 AGM meeting and this was seconded by Andrew Potter Cogan. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jean Blackler, Treasurer, reported that our Total Revenue was \$3000 and this came from membership fees. Expenses totalled \$56.07 for conference calls. There were no charges for zoom meetings and networking events, as CCPA has provided a Zoom account for Chapters to share. Jean mentioned that we are anticipating some expenses associated with our planned professional development workshop.

The current balance is \$16,285.67. Jean moved the adoption of her report and Andrew Potter Cogan seconded it. Motion Passed.

Bursaries for the CCPA National Conference: 7 members and 8 executive members applied for and received bursaries towards expenses to attend the CCPA National Conference. We have provided a total of \$3369.26 to members and executive. Everyone who applied was awarded a

full bursary, as applications did not exceed the amount of funds set aside for the bursaries. However, since these funds were dispersed after the end of this past fiscal year, this will be reflected in next year's financial report.

Election of two Executive positions: Executive Secretary and Treasurer

Belinda Josephson nominated Heather Colquohoun as Secretary and Andrew Potter Cogan seconded it. Motion Passed.

Jean Blackler agreed to stay on as Treasurer for a third term since there were no nominations. Andrew Potter Cogan moved and Belinda Josephson seconded that Jean's offer to stay on for another term be accepted. Motion was passed.

The remaining Executive officers for the next year are:

President – Patricia Wentzell

President-Elect – Gary Owen Porter

Past President – Nick Zwaagstra

Coordinator for Professional Development – Kim MacDonald

Coordinator for Professional Identity and Advocacy – Andrew Potter Cogan

Student Counsellor Representative – Criss Hochhold

School Counsellor Liaison – Belinda Josephson

Members-at-Large – Derek Smith and Shane MacDow

CCPA Board Liaison – George Maringapsi

The President's Report for the 2020-2021 year was presented by Pat Wentzell.

Highlights of Chapter Activities:

In the past year, a committee of the executive developed and circulated a survey to help the executive determine future projects, based on responses from members. The executive has focused on the following initiatives and activities:

- A Professional Development Committee, under the leadership of Kim MacDonald, is planning for a future full-day professional development workshop on the topic of *Counselling Indigenous Peoples Through the Lens of the Newly Revised CCPA Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice*.
- We planned two virtual Networking sessions for members:
 1. March 16th during which there was informal sharing of professional development activities and resources that members recommended as helpful in their professional practice
 2. A networking event to follow this meeting with a focus on exploring some of the new components of the CCPA *Code of Ethics* published last year, through small and large group discussions around a case study
- We offered bursaries for members and executive to attend the CCPA National Conference that will be held virtually this year in May to support NS Chapter members as well as the CCPA conference.

- Coordinator for Professional Identity and Advocacy, Andrew Potter Cogan, presented on the benefits of membership in CCPA to a group of Acadia M.Ed. Counselling students via Zoom last summer that was well-attended and another is being planned for this spring.
- The Chapter president attended quarterly meetings with CCPA National Office staff and other Chapter presidents throughout the year.

Membership numbers grew by 35 this past year and we currently have 331 NS Chapter members.

Pat ended by expressing appreciation for the support from CCPA Staff in our work for Chapter members: sharing our communication memos with members, providing advice and support on various projects, as well as Zoom access and technical support.

Nick Zwaagstra moved and Gary Porter seconded the adoption of this report. Motion Carried.

George Maringapasi presented his report as the Nova Scotia Director for CCPA. His update on board activities included mention of the following initiatives:

- third party billing issues
- the Talking Can Help Social Media Campaign
- the BIPOC panel
- George mentioned that he is involved in groups looking at streamlining the CEC process and the creation of an Anti-Racism Advisory Group to support the association's work.
- The revised Standards of Practice have been approved by the CCPA Board and are being sent for translation into French.

Belinda Josephson moved and Gary Porter seconded the adoption of this report. Motion Carried.

On behalf of everyone on the executive team, Pat expressed appreciation to Lita Llewellyn as she completes her term as Secretary.

Nick Zwaagstra moved and Shane MacDow seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned: 11:50 a.m.