

Post Secondary Counsellors Chapter

This report covers the period of: October 2020 to March 2021

Submitted by: Jen Davies, President

Chapter Officers

POSITION	NAME
President	Jennifer Davies (moving to Past President at AGM)
President Elect	Sheldon Hill (moving to President at AGM)
Past-President	June Harper (term ending at AGM)
Secretary	Vacant (was Lu Ann Dietrich thru Dec 2020)
Treasurer	Vacant
Member at Large - 1 year	Jeananne Robertson (end AGM 2021)
Member at Large	Annelise Lyseng (end AGM 2021)
Member at Large	Vacant
Board Liaison	Cynthia Schoppmann

Folks are of course welcome to re-run for roles. At our AGM as usual we have several opportunities for folks who are interested in what we are doing.

Membership

163 as of March 2021 data report.

Past activities (last 6 months or whole year)
(*Newsletters, meetings, special project, surveys, etc.*)

We published a Fall newsletter, and aimed to publish a Winter newsletter however it got bogged down in translation and as of reporting time has not yet been sent out to members.

As an outcome of the member survey conducted and reported on last year, a small but mighty committee of execs and members has begun to draft a series of 4 issues paper. The first paper is already available as a first draft, and parties interested in reviewing it for us can reach out to Annelise Lyseng at lysenga4@mcewan.ca

The issues papers examine the challenges associated with post-secondary counselling from the perspectives of counsellors, students, post-secondary institutions, and members of the public, respectively. In addition to the issues paper series, the working group is creating a research survey to examine the experiences of post-secondary counsellors and anticipates that this survey will be shared for data collection in Summer 2021.

In addition, and with the kind consent of the Career Counsellors Chapter, we have borrowed their idea for a small Practitioner Research Grant. We have received feedback on it from relevant CCPA head office colleagues, and we are just about ready to submit it for final approval at the AGM in spring.

Chapter Finances

There is \$4,135.58 in our bank account, and we have no recurring expenses except for the monthly bank fee. To that end, we have proposed the Practitioner Research Grant described above.

Planned Activities

(Newsletters, meetings, special project, surveys, etc.)

The activities that have been described above will continue.

We are striving to circulate a once/semester newsletter (ie, 3 times/year), aligning with typical post-secondary rhythms. The newsletter will update members on our activities, promote opportunities for contributing to chapter efforts, and share resources that our colleagues may find valuable.

Other

(Committees or initiatives yourself or your Chapter might be involved with, etc.)