

**Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association
School Counsellors Chapter
President's Report
May 27, 2023**

2022 – 2023 Chapter Officers and Executive Members:

Janice Graham-Migel (NS), President
Lisa Cheyne-Zanyk (SK), Past President
Anne Madore (NB), Vice President
Melissa Falconer (NB), Secretary
Julie Lindsay (PE), Treasurer
Aron Reusch (BC), Member-At-Large
Carol-Anne Haring (AB), Member-At-Large
Danielle Savage (MB), Member-At-Large
Margot Beech Kennedy (ON), Member-At-Large
Celeste Alberga (QE), Member-At-Large
Belinda Josephson (NS), Member-At-Large
Boyd Perry (NL), Member-At-Large
Katelyn Munn (NB), CCPA Board Liaison

Chapter Membership:

As of May 27, 2023, there are 657 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 bi-monthly throughout the school year via Zoom with subcommittee meetings held on an as-needed basis. Additional meetings are also held in preparation for special events or specific projects. Since the 2022 Chapter Annual General Meeting, the following meetings were held:
 - June 13, 2022 (Meeting of the new 2022-2023 Chapter Executive)
 - September 26, 2022 (Chapter Executive Meeting)
 - October 12, 2022 (Chapter Executive Subcommittee Meeting)
 - November 28, 2022 (Chapter Executive Meeting)
 - December 12, 2022 (Chapter Subcommittee Meeting)
 - January 30, 2023 (Chapter Executive Meeting)
 - February 27, 2023 (Chapter Executive Subcommittee Meeting)
 - March 27, 2023 (Chapter Executive Meeting)
 - April 17, 2023 (Chapter Executive Subcommittee Meeting)
 - May 27, 2023 (Chapter Annual General Meeting)(Meeting of the new 2023-2024 Chapter Executive will be held June 12, 2023)

- At the request of Stephanie Procyk (Director, Policy and Research, Medow Consulting, Toronto), members of the Chapter Executive participated in a focus group on October 12, 2022, regarding post secondary scholarships and bursaries. This research is being conducted by Medow Consulting for RBC Future Launch.
- 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 tenth Canadian School Counselling Week was held February 6 – 10, 2023. The week was recognized in the House of Commons on February 9, 2023, by Patricia Lattanzio, Member of Parliament, Saint-Léonard—Saint-Michel, Quebec. During the week, many education and awareness campaigns were held at the local, provincial and federal levels and on various social media platforms and websites. A complete summary of events is provided in a separate report on the AGM agenda. The School Counsellors Chapter appreciates the support from Lindsey Thomson (CCPA Director of Public Affairs, CCPA National Office) and Sophie Normand (Director of Strategic Communications, Impact Public Affairs) with the promotion of 2023 Canadian School Counselling Week.
- Members of the School Counsellors Chapter Executive continue 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.
- Julie Lindsay is Treasurer for the School Counsellors Chapter and will be presenting the Treasurer's Report at the AGM, indicating the closing bank balance on May 1, 2023 (\$30,635.50). The signing officers for the Chapter continue as Lisa Cheyne-Zanyk, Janice Graham-Migel, and Belinda Josephson. Julie Lindsay will be added as a signing officer for the Chapter.
- The Chapter Presidents of each CCPA Chapter participate in bi-monthly Zoom meetings to discuss the work of the association. As Chapter President, Janice Graham-Migel attended the following meetings: November 21, 2022; January 16, 2023; and March 21, 2023. The School Counsellors Chapter continues to establish itself as a highly professional and progressive Chapter within CCPA.
- Two of the goals from the Chapter Strategic Planning Session that was held on May 19, 2022, was to conduct a survey of Chapter members and to explore the possibility of hiring a Co-Op university student to work on some of the Chapter initiatives.
- Margot Beech-Kennedy (Member-At-Large) and Melissa Falconer (Secretary) developed a survey over the summer months. It was reviewed by the Chapter Executive on September 26, 2022, and e-mailed to Chapter members. We appreciate the great response to the Chapter Member Survey that was held in the Fall, 2022. Data collected will assist with the needs assessment of the School Counsellors Chapter.

Thank you to Margot Beech Kennedy and Melissa Falconer for developing the survey and analyzing the data. For Chapter members who participated in the survey, their names were entered into a draw. Congratulations to Tania Dietzoy (Alberta) who won the draw (payment of her CCPA annual membership fee).

- Janice Graham-Migel corresponded with Acadia University in the Summer, 2022 to develop a proposal to hire a Co-Op Student during the Winter, 2023 semester. Assistance with the process was given by Tony Laderoute, CCPA Manager of Finance and Operations. The applicants for the Co-Op position were interviewed by Julie Lindsay, Margot Beech Kennedy, and Janice Graham-Migel. Aya Nakamoto (fourth year BSc, Psychology student) was hired as a Researcher to update an environmental scan on the School Counselling profession in Canada and completed a fifteen-week Co-Op work term from January to April, 2023. Janice Graham-Migel supervised the Co-Op work term and had weekly supervision meetings with Aya Nakamoto.
- Janice Graham-Migel contacted Kim Hollihan, CCPA Chief Executive Officer, regarding the possibility of establishing an "Affiliate Membership" with the School Counsellors Chapter. This membership would be similar to the Affiliate Membership with the American School Counselor Association. As stated on the ASCA website, Affiliate Membership is established for "Individuals interested in school counseling, who are not eligible for any other type of membership, may become affiliate members. This is a non voting category." The Affiliate Membership would be for professionals who champion the work of school counsellors in Canada.
- The Chapter Executive continues to review and revise the Chapter website to better meet the needs of the School Counsellors Chapter.

I would like to thank the 2022-2023 Chapter Executive and the CCPA National Office for their contributions and professional guidance over the past year in supporting the School Counselling profession in Canada.

Respectfully submitted by:

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