

# **College of Psychologists of New Brunswick**

**36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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**Delta Brunswick Hotel**

**Saint-John, NB**

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May 8, 2015, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Delta Brunswick Hotel, Saint-John, NB*

### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Proof of Notice (5 min)
3. Proof of Quorum (5 min)
4. Adoption of the Agenda (5 min)
5. Adoption of Minutes of AGM 2014 (5 min)
6. Election of President-Elect (10 min)
7. Receipt of Reports\* (10 min)
8. Receipt of Reports of ad hoc and other Committees\* (5 min)
9. Current status regarding the revised Act (15 min)
10. Confirmation of amendments to the By-Laws (15 min)
11. Financial Report 2014 (15 min)
12. Proposed budget (2015) (15 min)
13. Election of Members-at-Large (10 min)
14. New Business (20 min)
  - 14.1 Request for information on new proposed CRA changes to HST/GST
15. Adjournment of Meeting

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  - 7.1 \* Council
  - 7.2 \* Registration Committee
  - 7.3 \* Complaints Committee
  - 7.4 \* Discipline Committee
  - 7.5 \* Professional Affairs Committee
  - 8.1 \* ASPPB and ACPRO
  - 8.2 \* CPA-Practice Directorate

**CPNB Annual General Meeting – May 8, 2015**  
**Delta Brunswick Hotel, Saint John, NB**

*The meeting was chaired by the CPNB President, Jean-Robert Roussel,  
and moderated by Dr. Jane Walsh.*

1. Call to Order  
Dr. Jane Walsh called the meeting to order at 1:58 pm and introduced herself as the moderator.

The CPNB President, Jean-Robert Roussel welcomed everyone to the 36th Annual General Meeting and addressed the passing of Michelle Daigle. A moment of silence was held in her honour.

2. Proof of Notice  
Proof of notice was given by reading the “Official Notice” which was sent out to all members on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015. The registration form was sent to all members on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, 2015.
3. Proof of Quorum  
Proof of quorum was established with at least 1/8 of licensed members in attendance (at least 52 members).
4. Adoption of the Agenda (5 min)  
Dr. Jane Walsh presented the Agenda for the 36<sup>th</sup> AGM.

**AGM: 01-CPNB-150508                      Motion (Pierrette Richard / Geneviève Dubé)**  
**«That the agenda for the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting be accepted as presented.»**

**Motion Carried**

5. Adoption of Minutes of AGM 2014

**AGM: 02-CPNB-150508                      Motion (Dr. Janet Krantz / Erica McGregor Keenan)**  
**«That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held in Moncton, NB on May 2, 2014, be accepted as presented.» (One Abstention)**

**Motion carried**

6. Election of President-Elect

Bill Morrison, Chair of the Election Committee, in keeping with By-Law 91 presented the nomination of Dr. Jeffrey Landine, proposed by Christophe Surette and seconded by Eugene LeBlanc for the position of President-Elect. There were no nominations from the floor and Dr. Jeffrey Landine was elected by acclamation. Dr. Landine was said to send his regrets at being unable to attend this meeting.

7. Receipt of Reports

The membership was provided with electronic copies of the reports listed in items 7 and 8 via email. Only the Council's report prepared by President Jean-Robert Roussel was presented orally at today's meeting.

7.1 Council Report

President Jean-Robert Roussel presents Council's report.

**AGM: 03-CPNB-150508 Motion (Erica McGregor Keenan / Dr. Rebecca Mills)  
«That the report from Council be received as presented»**

**Motion carried**

7.2 The Registration Committee Report

7.3 Complaints Committee Report

7.4 Discipline Committee Report

7.5 Professional Affairs Committee Report

**AGM: 04-CPNB-150508 Motion (Art Lamrock/ Camille Martin)  
«That the reports from the Registration, Complaints, Discipline and  
Professional Affairs Committees be received as presented» (One abstention)**

**Motion carried**

8. Receipt of reports of ad hoc and other Committees

8.1 ACPROP & ASPPB reports

8.2 CPA Practice directorate

**AGM: 05-CPNB-150508 Motion (Geneviève Dubé / Suzan Fry-Adair)  
«That the reports from ASPPB, ACPRO and CPA-Practice directorate be  
received as presented»**

**Motion carried**

9. Current status regarding the revised Act

Dr. Douglas French summarized the current status of the Act revisions. He noted that in July, 2011 it was accepted by the majority of members that entry level in order to gain licensure in New Brunswick would be changed to that of a doctoral degree. Subsequently, it was deemed that there would be need for a transition period for those in the process of getting licensed as a Psychologist. In 2011, a subsequent By-Law was ratified that added an additional subsection, which extended the deadline until 2014 for those currently in the process of achieving a Master's degree. In 2013, it was indicated that despite the support of membership for moving to the doctoral level, there remained some obstacles for this movement, including the College's ability to move to the doctoral level for profession entry, while under the current Act. It was determined that a task-force be formed to address this issue. This was said to have been conducted in 2013. Legal counsel was sought in regards to this issue. The first official meeting was in Nov. 2013, and most recently three meetings were held in 2015. There was found to be a discrepancy between the English and French Acts, which had to be addressed. At present, 2020 is the proposed extended deadline for making a doctoral degree required for entry into the profession. A revision to the By-Law was proposed; council voted to start enforcing the By-Law to require doctoral training to enter the profession in NB. The By-Law was modified, however, to allow until 2020 before the doctoral requirement would take effect. The grandfather clause reportedly remains, whereby all currently licensed members remain as such, and all interim members will continue to be eligible for membership regardless of their past training/degree.

Isabelle Cowen from Moncton area asked a question about section 12.1 of the By-Laws. Jean-Robert Roussel noted that in regards to the discrepancy between the English and French versions, the broader interpretation was taken to be the correct one. The By-Laws are intended to narrow the definition and specify what the training requirements are in order to become a Licensed Psychologist in New Brunswick.

Frederick McElman (CPNB Lawyer) reported that a meeting with government will be held, likely within the next two weeks. It was further noted that while the government may make regulations, the membership of the College are considered to be in the best position to make determinations regarding the regulation of the profession.

In regards to the wording of the By-Law, Dr. David Clark asked for clarification as to what “work experience” means, and what would be the power of the Registration Committee to turn down applicants without relevant work experience? Carole Cormier Rioux noted that the Registration Committee does have the power to make determinations as to what work experience is sufficient and relevant. Dr. Jean Craven noted that the By-Law specifies more specifically in another section what requirements are needed for licensing.

Dr. Paul Roach provided some history on the context of the By-Laws. He noted at a meeting in 1980, the By-Laws were identified as the way to specify the requirements for membership in the College, so as to allow the College to define what “graduate level” meant, and to have the ability to make changes to what those requirements are.

Jean-Robert Roussel affirmed that the Council has already voted to start enforcing the previously ratified decision to move profession entry to the doctoral level. The present concern involves extension of the deadline (to 2020) for this to take place for those currently in the registration process (rather than leaving it as is, which would require those changes to have taken effect in 2014).

Dr. Elizabeth Hall asked how many people are currently in the process of Master’s training. Carole Cormier-Rioux stated that she is unaware of this number, but there does exist some individuals in this situation.

Gaetan Losier noted that his understanding was that the current regulations allow for a period of 5-years for those currently interim members to become licensed.

Carole Cormier-Rioux indicated that the 5-years only applies to those who are interim members; the present By-Law proposal would also allow individuals who become interim members later (up until July 1, 2020) to then still have 5-years to complete the licensure process.

Dr. Mary Ann Campbell indicated that according to the Registration Committee report, 13 individuals were granted interim status this past year; she noted it to be likely that at least half of these would be Master’s level candidates. Giving these individuals 5-years before the doctoral level entry requirement takes effect would allow such individuals to be licensed, rather than leading to dismissal of all future such applications.

10. Confirmation of amendments to the By-Laws  
On April 23, 2015, the By-Law amendments were sent out to members. Carole Cormier-Rioux presented the following proposed amendments to the By-Law regulations; Helene Gendreau presented the proposed amendments concerning Professional Affairs.

**AGM: 06-CPNB-150508 Motion (Dr. Janet Frantz/Art Lamrock)**  
**«To amend the Admission Requirement By-Law in order to extend the deadline for requiring doctoral level training in order to gain licensure.» (1 opposed, 3 abstentions)**

**Motion carried**

**AGM: 07-CPNB-150508 Motion (Dr. Mary Ann Campbell / Dr. Douglas French)**  
**«To amend the Fee By-Law 3. (3) (b) pertaining to Annual Renewal Fees for non-practicing member status.»**

**Motion carried**

**AGM: 08-CPNB-150508 Motion (Dr. Rebecca Mills / Erica McGregor-Keenan)**  
**«To amend the Fee By-Law 5. pertaining to non-practicing retired members.»**

**Motion carried**

**AGM: 09-CPNB-150508 Motion (Dr. Mary-Ann Campbell/ Erica McGregor-Keenan)**  
**«To amend the Fee By-Law 3. (3) (b) pertaining to non-practicing member status (the six months minimum add-on to be able to qualify for the non-practicing member status).»**

**Motion carried**

**AGM: 10-CPNB-150508 Motion (Eugène LeBlanc/ Bernard Galarneau)**  
**«To amend the Appendix 2 Summary of Fee ByLaw 3. 3) and 4) pertaining to Annual Renewal Fees.**

**Motion carried**

**AGM: 11-CPNB-150508 Motion (Dr. Gary Fecteau / Dr. Rebecca Mills)**  
**«To add the new Registration By-Law for Student member application.»**

**Motion Carried**

Dr. Janet Krantz noted a concern that the department head would have all of the power to determine whether a referral letter would be given. Mary Ann Campbell clarified what exactly a Student Member is. The Department Chair

would simply be asked to confirm that they are a student in a Psychology graduate program.

**AGM: 12-CPNB-150508 Motion (Dr. Theresa Fitzgerald/ Erica McGregor-Keenan)  
«To amend the Supervised Experience Requirement By Law 2. (2) .»**

**Motion Carried**

**AGM: 13-CPNB-150508 Motion (Dr. Janet Krantz/ Bernard Galarneau)  
«To amend the Complaints By-Law 2. (1)(f)(iii).»**

**Motion Carried**

**AGM: 14-CPNB-150508 Motion (Bernard Galarneau / Nadia Baribault)  
« That a By Law concerning CPNB's representation be added to the  
miscellaneous section.»**

**Motion Carried**

**AGM: 15-CPNB-150508 Motion (Nadia Baribault / Bernard Galarneau)  
« That a By-Law concerning CPNB's logo be added to the miscellaneous  
section.»**

**Motion Carried**

**AGM: 16-CPNB-150508 Motion (Camille Martin / Nadia Baribault)  
«That a By Law regarding the use of CPNB's logo by its members (licenced and  
interim) to indicate their status of member be added to the Miscellaneous  
section.»**

**Motion Carried**

11. Financial Report 2014

Ms. Caroline St.-Pierre of Allain & Associates presented the accountant's report and financial statement. Paper copies were made available of these reports. In 2014 there was a deficit of \$58,193. The net assets at the end of 2014 were \$52,947. Cash and cash equivalents at the end of 2014 were \$215,175.

Nadia Baribault asked a question pertaining to the legal fees noted in the report. Ms. St. Pierre provided further clarification as to the figures in the report.

**AGM: 17-CPNB-150508 Motion (Christophe Surette / Nadia Baribault)  
«To receive the financial report and statements for 2014 as submitted.»**

**Motion carried**



14. New Business

14.1 Request for information on new proposed CRA changes to HST/GST

Jean-Robert-Roussel presented proposed CRA changes to HST/GST. Erica McGregor-Keenan asked whether CPNB is working with CPA in regards to the CRA changes on taxes being collected on Psychologist fees. Jean-Robert Roussel stated that all members of CPNB were invited to give their feedback/opinion as to these tax changes, and that the College has been working collaboratively with CPA. Karen Cohen has reportedly informed Jean-Robert Roussel that there have been some progress on this matter. Some form of tax is likely, but efforts are being made to limit this, according to Jean-Robert Roussel.

14.2 Dr. Janet Krantz noted that she had planned a gathering for Psychology month which was cancelled due to weather last February. This is expected to be rescheduled for the fall of 2015.

15. Adjournment of Meeting

Jean-Robert Roussel was invited by Dr. Jane Walsh to close the meeting. Jean-Robert Roussel thanked all members who attended the meeting, as well as those members of council who are terminating their mandate. Louise Morin was presented with a gift. Bill Morrison, incoming president was thanked for organizing the conference. Dr. Bill Morrison spoke and thanked all those who planned the event with him, and expressed his appreciation of those involved today. A gallery tour was said to be planned at 4:50; council members were asked to meet prior to leaving.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 pm.

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Dr. Joe Trainor