

College of Psychologists of New Brunswick

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April 16, 2016, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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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 2015 (5 min)
 6. Election of President-Elect (5 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 (30 min)
 10. Confirmation of amendments to the By-Laws (20 min)
 11. Financial Report 2015 (20 min)
 12. Proposed budget (2016) (20 min)
 13. Election of Members-at-Large (10 min)
 14. New Business (20 min)
 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

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*The meeting was chaired by the CPNB President, Dr. William Morrison,
and moderated by Dr. Jane Walsh.*

1. Call to Order

Dr. Jane Walsh called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. and introduced herself as the moderator.

The CPNB President, Dr. William Morrison welcomed everyone to the 37th Annual General Meeting.

Art Lamrock presented Dr. Maurice Boulay with a certificate as our newest Honorary Member. Dr. Boulay said a few words to members.

2. Proof of Notice

Proof of notice was given by reading the “Official Notice” which was sent out to all members on March 31st, 2016. The registration form was sent to all members on March 4th, 2016.

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

Dr. Jane Walsh presented the Agenda for the 37th AGM.

AGM: 01-CPNB-160416 Motion (Dr. Mary Ann Campbell, Art Lamrock)
«That the agenda for the 37th Annual General Meeting be accepted as presented.»

Motion Carried

5. Adoption of Minutes of AGM 2015

AGM: 02-CPNB-160416 Motion (Dr. Joe Trainor, Dominique Eddie)
«That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held in Saint-John, NB on May 8, 2015, be accepted as presented.» (1 abstention)

Motion carried

6. Election of President-Elect

Dr. Joe Trainor, Co-chair of the Election Committee, in keeping with By-Law 91 presented the nomination of Dr. Douglas French, proposed by Jean-Robert Roussel and seconded by Art Lamrock for the position of President-Elect. There were no nominations from the floor and Dr. Douglas French was elected by acclamation.

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 Dr. William Morrison was presented orally at today's meeting.

7.1 Council Report

President Dr. William Morrison presents Council's report.

**AGM: 03-CPNB-160416 Motion (Dr. Janet Krantz, Diane Michaud)
«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-160416 Motion (Dr. Jacques Richard, Erika MacGregor Keenan)
«That the reports from the Registration, Complaints, Discipline and
Professional Affairs Committees be received as presented.»**

Motion carried

8. Receipt of reports of ad hoc and other Committees

8.1 ACPRO & ASPPB Reports

8.2 CPA Practice Directorate Report

**AGM: 05-CPNB-160416 Motion (Laurent Maillet, Christophe Surette)
«That the reports from ASPPB, ACPRO and CPA-Practice Directorate be
received as presented.»**

Motion carried

9. Current status regarding the revised Act

Mr. Frederick McElman and Ms. Sheila Lanctôt of Stewart McKelvey went through the revised draft Act section by section. The French translation is in process and there will be a bilingual teleconference at a later date to provide feedback.

Dr. Gary Fecteau doesn't agree with the line under 4(4)(b) on page 7 which states "shall not be effective or be acted upon until approved by the Minister" which is the Minister of Health. Mr. McElman responded that the Act will not get approved if this statement is missing.

Dr. Gary Fecteau also questioned 4(6) also on page 7. His interpretation of this item is that a member can make decisions without membership vote. Mr. McElman clarified that this only applied to 4(5) with regards to housekeeping (i.e. signature changes).

Dr. Gary Fecteau also questioned 4(1)(m)(ii) on page 6 as this would be costly for members with regards to them being responsible for the cost of the inspection with regards to a complaint filed against them. Mr. McElman replied that this refers to more of a "practice" inspection as a protection to the public. He added that this new Act is also there to protect members and all members will be allowed to vote on By-Laws. No By-Law will be introduced with regards to inspections without a membership vote.

Dr. Gary Fecteau brought up item 8(3) with regards to the Director of Complaints not having to be a psychologist. Mr. McElman replied that this is more of an administrative role (logistics, tracking, etc.) and that's why it does not need to be a psychologist.

Dr. Gary Fecteau mentioned that the Act that was approved in 2012 had a clause that if a member is sued civilly, the complaint cannot go through the complaints process. He doesn't see this clause in this new draft of the Act. In the new draft, he sees that the Registrar can dismiss a complaint. If the member is not happy with the decision, can he or she request a committee? What is going to stop it from going through the back door?

Dr. Gary Fecteau also brought up item 39(12)(l) on page 21 with regards to cost. He reads it as it being the member's responsibility to cover costs even if he or she is found not guilty. He has gone through this in the past and malpractice coverage will not cover regulation matters. Mr. McElman responded that this new Act is meant to make the complaints process faster and less costly. As indicated on page 26 in item 57(1)(a), there will be no cost to the member if the complaint is unwarranted and dismissed. Dr. Gary Fecteau feels the membership did not have enough time to review the Act prior to the AGM and would like more time before we go to membership vote.

Lise Godbout questioned item 57(1)(a) on page 26 where it refers to "completely dismissed". She explained that psychology is not a pure science. She feels Mr. McElman should look at previous complaint files to see if we could come up with a more cooperative solution. Mr. McElman replied that this is standard clause that appears in all Health/Medical Association Acts (10 other Acts) and this has never been an issue.

Lise Godbout also feels that we could do a better job of the language of the Act. She would like a stronger "safety net" and supports Dr. Gary Fecteau. Mr. McElman replied that the language used is appropriate and similar in all Acts.

Art Lamrock informed the membership that the Task Force, which has been working on the Act for the past two years, was composed of five senior psychologists. At this point, the Task Force still wants suggestions from members. Members may address their input to Council or the Task Force.

Dr. Janet Krantz asked whether or not members of the Task Force had been subjected to a complaints process. She feels we need additional comments before going forward. Members have paid a lot of legal costs already and there was the legal levy added on to this year's membership dues. Mr. McElman reiterated that this new Act is meant to protect members so this doesn't happen again. The 1980 Act drives it to go to process and makes it costly.

Dr. Jacques Richard agrees with all comments/questions, but wants to proceed with the vote.

Jean-Robert Roussel questioned the psychological testing referred to in Part 1 as it doesn't exclude other professions from doing testing. Mr. McElman replied that this is standard in all Acts and there is an overlap.

AGM: 07-CPNB-160416 Motion (Carole Cormier-Rioux, Dr. Mary Ann Campbell)
«That The College of Psychologists of New Brunswick make application to The Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick for the enactment of a bill entitled the “Psychologists Act ” in the form circulated to its members, with such additions, deletions or variations as may be approved by Council, for the purposes of advancing and maintaining the standard of psychological services in the Province, governing and regulating psychological services provided to the public and providing for the welfare of members of the public and the profession. » (2 against, 2 abstentions)

Motion carried

10. Confirmation of amendments to the By-Laws

On March 31st, 2016, the By-Law amendments were sent out to members.

AGM: 08-CPNB-160416 Motion (Camille Martin, Dr. Joe Trainor)
« That all amendments to the By-Laws be ratified as a block, except if there are objections. These will be dealt with after the vote. »

Motion Carried

«That the Guidelines for Licensing By-Law pertaining to Education Requirements 2. Doctoral Level Program (4) (a) Foundational knowledge and 3. Master`s Level Program (4) (a) Foundational knowledge be modified by deleting the following: Successful completion, at the graduate level, of a minimum of 6 credits in at least two of the following content areas, and a minimum of 3 credits in each of the two remaining content areas is required.»

«That all references to MRA be changed to AIT in the By-Laws.»

«That the Complaint By-Law 2. Complaints pertaining to the complaints process be changed to Complaint By-Law 2. Resolution respecting complaints and local mediation panel. Therefore, the subsequent section will become the Complaints By-Law 3. Complaints.»

«That the Complaints By-Law 3. pertaining to Complaints be modified by deleting paragraph (9) and replacing it with: The final response of the complainant shall be forwarded to the member with no opportunity to respond.»

«That the Elections By-Law 4. Voting (1) pertaining to membership voting be modified by deleting the word Only and changing to All.»

«That the Fee By-Law 5, Non-Practicing (retired) member in New Brunswick pertaining to Annual Renewal Fees be modified by adding the same paragraph as included in our Fee By-Law 3. (b) Non-Practicing member in New-Brunswick.»

«That the Membership By-Law 2. Membership (2) (b) pertaining to conduct and practice be modified by adding a reference to the Code of Conduct.»

«That the Fee By-Law 3. (3) (b) pertaining to Annual Renewal Fees be modified by adding a paragraph that reads: Reinstatement is not in effect until the membership fee has been paid as prescribed in Appendix 2-Summary of Fee By-Law.»

«That the Fee By-Law 5. Non-Practicing (retired) member in New Brunswick pertaining to Annual Renewal Fees be modified by adding the same paragraph as included in our Fee By-Law 3. (b) Non-Practicing member in New-Brunswick.»

AGM: 09-CPNB-160416 Motion (Carole Cormier-Rioux, Laurent Maillet”
« That all nine above modified By-Laws be ratified.»

Motion carried

11. Financial Report 2015

Mrs. Caroline St.-Pierre of Allain & Associates presented the accountant’s report and financial statement. Paper copies were made available of these reports. In 2015 there was a deficit of \$32,804. The net assets at the end of 2015 were \$52,947. Cash and cash equivalents at the end of 2015 were \$252,864.

AGM: 10-CPNB-160416 Motion (Dr. Gary Fecteau, Mélanie Babineau Ross)
«To receive the financial report and statements for 2015 as submitted.»

Motion carried

12. Proposed budget (2016-2017)

Dr. Mary Ann Campbell presented the 2016/2017 proposed budget. Paper copies were made available. There will be no legal levy or increase in membership fees for 2017.

AGM: 11-CPNB-160416 Motion (Dr. Mary Ann Campbell, Erin Coates)
«To approve 2016/2017 proposed budget.»

Motion carried

13. Election of Members-at-Large

Erin Coates, Co-chair of the Election Committee, presented the nominations of Isabelle Cowan (proposed by Laurent Maillet and seconded by Lise Roy) and of Lise Godbout (proposed by Mylène Deveau and Graeme Dyck) for the positions of Members-at-Large. There were no further nominations from the floor and they were elected by acclamation.

14. New Business

There was no new business.

15. Adjournment of Meeting

Dr. William Morrison was invited by Dr. Jane Walsh to close the meeting. Dr. William Morrison thanked all members who attended the meeting, as well as those members of council who are terminating their mandate. Jean-Robert Roussel was presented with a gift. Dr. Jeffrey Landine, incoming president was thanked for organizing the conference. Dr. Jeffrey Landine spoke and thanked all those who planned the event with him, and expressed his appreciation of those involved today. Council members were reminded to stay for a brief meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Suzie Despres
Administrative Assistant

Renée Turner
Assistant Registrar