

College of Psychologists of New Brunswick

**43rd VIRTUAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2022**

2022-05-18



AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Proof of Notice
3. Proof of Quorum
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Adoption of 2021 Annual General Meeting minutes
6. Welcome New Licenced Members
7. Congratulate Recent Retirees
8. Presentation for Years of Service
9. Presentation of Fellow
10. Election of President-Elect
11. Election of Members at Large
12. Receipt of Reports*
13. Financial Report 2021
14. Proposed budget (2023)
15. Professional Affairs Committee Presentation
16. Revised Code of Conduct
17. Welcome New President
18. New Business
19. Adjournment of Meeting

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- 12.1 * Council
 - 12.2 * Registration Committee
 - 12.3 * Complaints Committee
 - 12.4 * Hearing Committee
 - 12.5 * Professional Affairs Committee
 - 12.6 * Mediation Panel Annual Report

CPNB Virtual Annual General Meeting – May 18, 2022

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

1. Call to Order

Dr. Jane Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm and introduced herself as the moderator. Dr. Walsh then advised that the meeting will be recorded for minutes purposes and asked that participants take a moment to grant consent for the recording of the meeting.

**98% in favour
2% abstentions**

The CPNB President, Mathieu Gautreau, welcomed everyone to the 43rd Virtual Annual General Meeting and thanked everyone for participating.

2. Proof of Notice

Proof of notice was given by reading the “Official Notice” which was sent out to all members on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. The registration form was sent to all members on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 and again on May 4, 2022.

3. Proof of Quorum

Proof of quorum was established with at least 30 licensed members in attendance (126 members were present).

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Dr. Jane Walsh presented the Agenda for the 43rd Virtual AGM. One item was added under number 18, New Business – File Disclosure (requested by Dr. Yves Turgeon).

AGM: 01-CPNB-220518

Motion (L. Morin, F. Ramirez Hinrichsen)

“That the agenda for the 43rd Virtual Annual General Meeting be accepted as amended.”

**95% in favour
5% abstentions
Motion Carried**

5. Adoption of Minutes of the 2021 AGM

AGM: 02-CPNB-220518

Motion (C. Cormier-Rioux, L. Morin)

“That the minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting, held virtually on May 12, 2021, be accepted as presented.”

**88% in favour
12% abstentions
Motion Carried**

6. Welcome New Licensed Members

Registrar Dr. Jacques Richard welcomed new licensed members.

7. Congratulate Recent Retirees

President Mathieu Gautreau congratulated recent retirees.

8. Presentation for Years of Service

President Mathieu Gautreau acknowledged members who had 30+ years of service.

9. Fellow of CPNB Membership

President Mathieu Gautreau announced the CPNB Fellow member for 2022 – Bernard Galarneau.

10. Election of President-Elect

Dr. Theresa Fitzgerald, Chairperson of the Election Committee, in keeping with By-Law 86, presented the nomination of Dr. Angela Burbridge, proposed by Dr. Mary Ann Campbell, seconded by Susan Fry-Adair for the position of President-Elect. There were no nominations from the floor and Dr. Angela Burbridge was elected by acclamation.

11. Election of Members-at-Large

Dr. Theresa Fitzgerald, Chairperson of the Election Committee, in keeping with By-Law 86, presented the nominations of Dr. Melissa Burgess Moser (proposed by Mathieu Gautreau, seconded by Louise Morin) and Luc Dubé (proposed by Louise Morin, seconded by Carole Cormier-Rioux). There were no other nominations from the floor and Dr. Melissa Burgess Moser and Luc Dubé were elected by acclamation.

12. Receipt of Reports

The membership was provided with electronic copies of the reports listed in items 12 and 13 via e-mail.

12.1 Council Report

President Mathieu Gautreau presented Council's report.

AGM: 03-CPNB-220518

Motion (W. Rogers, T. Fitzgerald)

"That the report from Council be received as presented."

**93% in favour
7% abstentions
Motion Carried**

12.2 The Registration Committee Report

12.3 Complaints Committee Report

12.4 Hearing Committee Report

12.5 Professional Affairs Committee Report

12.6 Mediation Panel Annual Report

AGM: 04-CPNB-220518

Motion (C. Cormier-Rioux, M.-A. Hébert)

"That the reports from the Registration, Complaints, Hearing, Professional Affairs and Mediation Panel committees be received as presented."

**88% in favour
12% abstentions
Motion Carried**

13. Financial Report 2021

Ms. Caroline Roy of Allain & Associates presented the accountant's report and financial statement. Copies of these reports were sent to membership by e-mail on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. In 2021 there was an excess of \$31,204 in the General Fund. The net assets at the end of 2021 were \$31,417. Cash and cash equivalents at the end of 2021 were \$338,496.

AGM: 05-CPNB-220518

Motion (R. Monette, M. Noël)

"To receive the financial report and statements for 2021 as submitted."

**93% in favour
7% abstentions
Motion Carried**

14. Proposed budget (2023)

Executive Director Mandy McLean presented the 2023 proposed budget. Copies were sent to membership by e-mail on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. Ms. McLean advised that the legal levy for 2023 will remain at \$150.00 for all practicing members. It was suggested by several members, that, because the legal fund is depleted, Council should perhaps consider increasing the amount of the legal levy. Ms. McLean noted that she cut the PayPal charges in half as we will be introducing a new payment option for membership fees this coming Fall. Members will be encouraged to pay their fees by e-mail transfer or by cheque at no cost to them, and a fee of 3.25 percent will be charged to members who wish to continue to pay via PayPal. Ms. McLean agreed to bring all the comments regarding fees and legal levy to council to consider for next budget year.

AGM: 06-CPNB-220518

Motion (L. Morin, S. Fry-Adair)

“To approve the 2023 proposed budget.”

**86% in favour
5% against
9% abstentions
Motion Carried**

15. Professional Affairs Committee Presentation

Dr. Janine Olthuis did a presentation on the work that the Professional Affairs Committee has done since the last AGM.

16. Revised Code of Conduct

Dr. Jacques Richard presented the revised Code of Conduct. At the 2021 AGM, it was announced that a committee would be created to review the code of conduct. The revised document was then forwarded to members for their input and the document presented today is the final version. The goal today is to vote on this version. He explained that this is a working document and if anyone has any suggestions or recommendations in the future, they should feel free to submit it to Council for their consideration.

AGM: 07-CPNB-220518

Motion (S. Fry-Adair, M.A. Campbell)

“To accept the revised CPNB Code of Conduct as presented.”

**88% in favour
12% abstentions
Motion Carried**

17. Welcome New President

President Mathieu Gautreau gave special thanks to the Past President, Louise Morin, for all the hard work she contributed in the past 3 years. He then invited the new president, Felipe Ramirez Hinrichsen, to say a few words.

President Felipe Ramirez Hinrichsen stated that he was honored to be part of this amazing college and thanked Council & staff for all of their hard work and dedication to the College. He also thanked members who volunteer their time on committees for the College.

18. New Business

One item was added to New Business: File Disclosure. Dr. Yves Turgeon explained that as a forensic psychologist, he is often asked to produce his files directly to lawyers. We have provisions in our Act and in the code of conduct to disclose our files to psychologists, but the only way to disclose our files to non-psychologists is through a court order. Council needs to discuss this important topic and provide clear guidance on procedures to follow in these circumstances. Dr. K.T. Harker stated that the legal advice he received from BMS Insurance was that there is no law in New Brunswick to specifically protect that information and if asked to provide it, we are required to do so. He added that perhaps Council can approach government and request that a law be put into place to provide protection.

19. Adjournment of Meeting

President Felipe Ramirez Hinrichsen thanked the group again for participating in this year's AGM and then gave a special thanks to members who have terminated their mandates for their hard work and contributions – they are Dr. Paul King and Susan Fry Adair. He congratulated the new President-elect as well as the new members of Council. He then proceeded to move that the meeting be adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Council members were then reminded to log in to a brief meeting after adjournment of the AGM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jeanne Lirette
Administrative Assistant