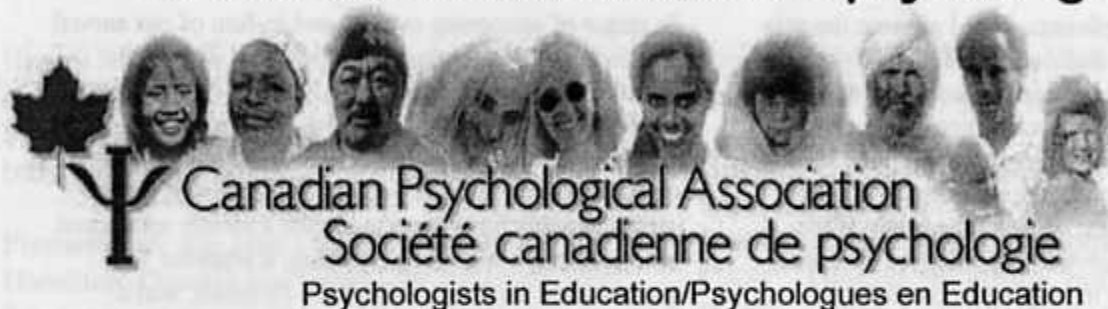


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Bonjour! Welcome to the Winter 2003 issue of our newsletter. Yes, it's hard to believe that it is time for another issue! So much has happened but yet summer has not arrived - and don't blame us if this newsletter arrives with the cold/rain/hail/snow. Ted continues on with his new column, *Wrinkles in Practice*. Let's hope that it will be as popular and successful as *180°*. Thank you to those who have submitted material for this issue and previous issues. As promised, *Salmigondis* or *Gallimaufry* has reappeared - just barely.

Merci!

In addition to being our resident humour and advice columnist, Ted has set up a network of school psychology correspondents from just about every province and territory. Reports from several appear in each issue, we hope!! (hint, hint ...) Joe tries to solicit original articles and collect relevant news items - and does the layout. Read this newsletter. Enjoy it. If not, please help to change future issues for the better.

Submit copy for the Fall issue by the end of September. Submit ideas anytime.

Ciao!

Joseph Snyder & Ted Wormeli

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President's Message

It is with considerable pleasure that I assume the role of President of CASP. Following the lead of those who preceded me in this office, I would like to introduce the other newly elected members of the Executive. I am extremely pleased that Hank Janzen has agreed to serve us once again in the capacity of Member-at-large. As one of first co-editors of the *Canadian Journal of School Psychology*, Hank was extremely instrumental in helping to create a publication that is widely respected and serves as the centerpiece of our organization. Joining Hank, as a second newly elected Member-at-large, is Jeff Derevensky. I worked with Jeff for many years in our dual capacity as co-editors of the Journal, and I was deeply gratified that Jeff offered to remain on board to share with us his considerable organizational skills. I was equally pleased that Frieda Hjartarson was elected to the position of Secretary and agreed to take on the additional role of Membership Chair. Frieda has also served the organization in the past as Member-at-large and her many suggestions have proven very helpful in enabling us to achieve our goals.

In addition to the new members, I would also like to welcome our returning members. Ron Martin, who did a wonderful job in helping to organize our last annual conference in Newfoundland, will now assume the role of Past-president. Sandy Stanton, our continuing treasurer, has provided us with a very much appreciated service by keeping close track of all of our income and expenses. Moreover, Sandy has graciously agreed to expand her role during the coming year as we consolidate our bookkeeping practices. Previously, the Journal's account was housed separately at McGill while the dues account was housed with the treasurer. Because both accounts will now be housed in a single location, this will make our two major financial operations far easier to manage. Finally, I also extend my appreciation to Ted Wormeli and Don Saklofske who have agreed to continue on as Newsletter co-editor and Member-at-large, respectively. In addition to collecting relevant material from across the country and writing serious articles for the Newsletter, Ted has always provided us with some lighter fare to brighten our day. Don, of course, has favored us for many years and in many important capacities with his good advice and strong sense of commitment and so we welcome his continuing involvement in the governance of our organization.

In terms of upcoming events, and in-lieu of our annual Conference, I am pleased to report that we will be taking a very active role in the NASP Conference to be held in Toronto in April (see the flyer in the centre of this Newsletter; for an updated four-colour brochure, contact Marcia Harvey – mharvey@naspweb.org). Arrangements have been made for a jointly sponsored symposium on high stakes testing, a separate presentation on the CANSTART Program, and a conversation hour on the changing role of school psychologists from tester to collaborator. We will also have a booth at the conference so please stop by to visit, or better yet, to volunteer your services while those of us "behind the counter" take a break. This year's AGM will also be held during the Conference starting at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11. The location of the meeting will be announced in the Conference Program. We hope that many of you will be able to attend.

Speaking of NASP, we are exploring the possibility of a dues reduction for CASP members who also wish to become members of NASP. Given the current U.S./Canadian exchange rate, the present NASP membership fee of \$170 (US) for Canadian residents could pose a financial burden for many. We are also exploring the possibility of establishing an e-mail network that will enable us to discuss important issues with all of our members on an ongoing basis. The aim of the network is to generate greater membership involvement in the daily operation of our organization. Finally, arrangements are being made to have CPA assume responsibility for the CASP web site. Once the arrangements are finalized our web site will be housed in a permanent location rather than one that is dependent largely on the good will of our web master's employer.

Lastly, and on behalf of the CASP Executive, I am extremely pleased to announce the appointment of Drs. Donald H. Saklofske and Joseph Snyder as the new co-editors of the *Canadian Journal of School Psychology*. Following a division of labour that was established a number of years ago, Don will serve as submissions editor and Joe will act as production editor. Needless to say, both Joe and Don bring with them to their respective roles many years of experience and we are very grateful that they are willing to assume these responsibilities.

Marvin L. Sinner, President

Chair's Message - Winter 2003

Happy New Year to all! Although this is my first message to you as Chair of the Section on Psychologists in Education, it has already been a busy fall for the Section.

Preparing for the June CPA convention in Hamilton, Ontario has topped the list of projects for this year's executive. We are very excited about the excellent program that awaits members this year. Dr. Jean Pettifor, a member of the Section, will be a CPA Invited Speaker – quite a coup for the Section, and a treat for all CPA members who know and appreciate the quality of Jean's work. Jean's topic will be "Professional Ethics Across National Boundaries". We will also have Dr. Tom Oakland as our Section Guest Speaker. Tom comes to us from the University of Florida, Gainesville, and will present on "The Impact of Temperament on Students' Learning Styles". He will also join Don Saklofske, Fred French and myself in a Conversation Hour on the Future of School Psychology in Canada, a session which we hope will generate a number of directions for forward thinking practitioners and academics alike. The Section program also holds a number of symposia and workshops on topics as diverse as emotional intelligence and assessment and collaborative consultation, as well as a number of excellent paper sessions. All in all, the program this year is an excellent source of professional development and exchange of ideas with other Canadian psychologists interested in education. Please plan to attend!

The Section is also involved in supporting and advising CPA on issues relevant to Education. The Position Paper on School Psychology in Canada that was developed by the Section last year has now been accepted by CPA. The Section was also consulted about the new definition of Specific Learning Disabilities, developed by the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada in collaboration with a number of Canadian psychologists. The definition, which was

approved by the LDAC in January 2002, can be found on the LDAC web page.

Ongoing collaboration of the Section with CASP holds extra promise this year, since our own Dr. Marvin Simner assumed the position of Chair of CASP. Through his efforts, both CASP and the Section will be well represented and participating in joint ventures at the NASP Convention in Toronto in April 2003. This should be an excellent opportunity for Canadian practitioners to share experiences and best practices with our American counterparts. The NASP Convention never fails to disappoint, and I would urge any of you in the area to consider attending.

And last but hardly least, the Canadian Journal of School Psychology has two new editors! Dr. Joe Snyder of Concordia University and Dr. Don Saklofske of the University of Saskatchewan have agreed to co-edit the Journal. Our thanks to Dr. Marvin Simner and Dr. Jeff Deverensky, past co-editors, for their excellent work in making the Journal a credible and valuable contribution to Canadian psychology. We know Joe and Don will carry on your work with pride and dedication.

Membership is always our first concern for the Section for Psychologists in Education. We would like to see our members able to share ideas and concerns through ongoing "virtual" conversations, since distance prohibits our actually getting together but once a year. We maintain a members' list serve, and would like to see it used as a dynamic information exchange. Please don't hesitate to send any questions or comments you might like to share with me at Juanita.mureika@gnb.ca and I'll be sure they're posted for all members to consider.

All the best to each of you in the Spring school term. I look forward to meeting you in June in Hamilton!

Juanita Mureika, Chair

