

Notice of the 2010 Annual General Meeting and Notice of Motion

The seventy-first Annual General Meeting of the members of the Canadian Psychological Association will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Friday, June 4th, 2010 at 5:30 p.m., in room 2 E-F of the Winnipeg Convention Centre for the purposes of:

1. Receiving and considering the annual report of the President and Committees of the Association, and approving the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting;
2. Receiving and considering the financial statements, the report of the Auditor and any change in Membership and Affiliation Fees;
3. Appointing an Auditor;
4. Considering the proposed revision to the CPA By-Laws approved by the Directors of the Association. The proposed amendments to the By-Law are published in this issue.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, on the twenty-first day of March 2010.

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2010 CPA PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

The following proposed amendments have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Canadian Psychological Association on the recommendation of the Committee on By-Laws, Rules and Procedures.

(New wording is **underlined** and **deleted** wording is in **red**)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1 By-Laws I and II RATIONALE

In reviewing the membership application process for the purposes of creating an online application system, the Membership department identified variances between the actual procedures for acceptance versus the stated ones in the By-laws. Most of the substantive changes relate to the Affiliate class of membership, and especially the international and special affiliates, where the current process for acceptance is both time consuming and the criteria is vague.

Since there are a number of corrections to these bylaws, the proposed amendments are presented as an omnibus bylaw amendment rather than a long series of small bylaw amendments each with a minor single-sentence change. This will also include typographic changes to formalize and normalize the language of Bylaws I and II.

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Laws I and II be amended to read as follows:

BY-LAW I – MEMBERSHIP

The following shall be the (**classes**) categories of membership in the Association:

1. Fellows

Fellows shall be Members of the Association who have made a distinguished contribution to the advancement of the science or profession of psychology or who have given exceptional service to their national or provincial associations.

The Committee on Fellows shall review nominations for the status of Fellow in CPA and make recommendations for election to Fellow status to the Board of Directors, which ultimately shall elect the nominees to Fellow status.

- a) The Committee on Fellows shall consist of the Chair and six members.
 - b) The Chair of the Committee on Fellows shall be the most immediate Past-President of the Association, whether or not a Fellow himself or herself.
 - c) Only CPA Fellows shall be eligible to serve as members on this committee.
 - d) All Fellows shall be invited by the Chair to nominate Fellows to serve on the Committee on Fellows.
 - e) The Chair and the Members of the Committee on Fellows shall not be nominators or proposers of nominees during their term.
 - f) Appointments to the Committee on Fellows shall be made by the Board of Directors from the nominations submitted by the Chair of the Committee.
 - g) The Committee on Fellows shall, as far as practicable, be formed with due regard to gender balance, linguistics balance, geographical balance, academic and practitioner balance, and degree level balance (Masters and doctoral), so as to have representatives from three constituencies: 1) Practice, 2) Science, and 3) Education and Training.
 - h) Members shall serve for terms of three years, rotating so that one-third of the membership is reconstituted each year. Terms of members shall be renewable, but only after a hiatus of at least three years following the end of one's term.
2. Members
- Members shall be psychologists in Canada or abroad.
- (i) Applicants for membership must submit an application to the Head Office of the Association. Applica-

tions are to be reviewed in accordance with procedures to be established from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors. (The applicant shall be sponsored by a Fellow or Member of the Association. The sponsor shall attest to the correctness of the information provided by the applicant and endorse the application. The requirement of sponsorship may be waived in the case of a person who is a member of another national psychological association, a provincial or state psychological association, or who is a registered or certified psychologist in any province of Canada, provided that the applicant meets the following requirement.)

- (ii) Applicants for membership must possess at least a Masters degree in psychology, or its academic equivalent, conferred by a graduate school of recognized standing. Students of psychology, whether or not they have a qualifying degree, shall apply to be student affiliates.
- (iii) (The) Applicants (shall) must be sponsored by a Fellow or Member of the Association. The sponsor shall attest to the correctness of the information provided by the applicant and endorse the application. The requirement of sponsorship may be waived in the case of an applicant (person) who is a member of another national psychological association, a provincial or state psychological association, or who is a registered or certified psychologist in any province or territory of Canada or any state of the United States. (provided that the applicant meets the following requirement.)
- (iv) (These procedures are intended to ensure that the) Applicants must be (is) of good character and reputation. In the event that a new applicant has in the past been suspended or expelled from a professional association for unethical or unprofessional conduct, the circumstances shall be

reviewed prior to making a decision on admission to membership in CPA. In the event that an applicant is currently under investigation for alleged unethical or unprofessional conduct, a decision on admission to membership in CPA shall be delayed until such time as the adjudication is completed.

- (iv) In the event that the President becomes aware that a CPA member or affiliate is expelled from another professional organization for unethical or unprofessional conduct, the President shall direct the Committee on Ethics to review the circumstances and make recommendations to the Board for disposition.)
- (v) The application requirements for Members apply to all categories of members and affiliates, unless otherwise stated.

3. Joint Members

Members of the American Psychological Association (APA) residing in the United States who pay full dues to the APA are eligible to pay one half the regular full CPA member dues and assessments with full privileges as CPA members and shall be known as 'APA Joint Members' or 'APA Joint Fellows' as the case may be.

(3) 4. Honorary Life (Fellows and) Members

At age 70, full members for at least 25 years shall be known as 'Honorary Life Members' or 'Honorary Life Fellows' as the case may be and are eligible to continue as members without payment of fees. (At age 70 or thereafter, Fellows and Members who have normally been members of the Association for at least 25 years immediately preceding the year in which they attain the age of 70 years shall continue as Fellows and Members without payment of fees and shall be known as Honorary Life Fellows or Honorary Life Members as the case may be.)

The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, confer Honorary Life status on

any Fellow or Member (upon) after retirement.

(4. Honorary Fellows

Honorary Fellows shall be distinguished members of other disciplines or psychologists whom the Association wishes to honour for their contribution to Canadian psychology. They may be elected at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a three-quarters vote of the Directors present at such meeting. Honorary Fellows shall not be eligible to vote or hold office in the Association.)

(6) 5. Retired Members

(Retired Members and retired Fellows shall be full members or Fellows who are retired and who are not yet 65 years of age. A reduced membership fee shall be offered to retired Members and retired Fellows.)

Upon retirement, members shall be known as 'Retired Members' or 'Retired Fellows' as the case may be and are eligible for a reduced membership fee.

BY-LAW II – AFFILIATION

The following shall be the categories of affiliation in the Association. Affiliates shall not represent themselves as members of the Association. They shall, however, enjoy privileges of membership in the Association other than participation in its governance through voting and holding office. The only exception is the elected student representative on the CPA Board of Directors who participates in governance, but who does not vote in elections or in the Annual General Meeting. Persons qualified for membership in the Association are not eligible for Affiliate status. Affiliates do not need a sponsor upon application.

1. Student Affiliates

Student affiliates shall be enrolled in full-time or part-time attendance at a recognized university in Canada or the United States and be engaged in the study of psychology or a related field. Upon graduation, student affiliates who want to

continue their membership with CPA must reapply in their new membership category.

(Student Affiliates may be admitted into affiliation with the Association. Application for Student Affiliation may be made at any time to the Head Office of the Association by graduate or undergraduate students (Honours or equivalent) in their upper years, who are enrolled and in full-time or part-time attendance at recognized university and who are engaged in the study of psychology. Applications are to be reviewed in accordance with procedures to be established from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors.)

2. International Student Affiliates

International student affiliates shall be enrolled in full-time or part-time attendance at a recognized university outside Canada and the United States and are engaged in the study of psychology or a related field.

(International Student Affiliates may be admitted into affiliation with the Association. Application may be made by graduate or undergraduate students from foreign countries, who are enrolled and in full-time or part-time attendance at a recognized university and who are engaged in the study of psychology. Applications are to be reviewed in accordance with procedures to be established from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors.)

3. International Affiliates

International Affiliates shall be psychologists residing outside Canada and the United States who can provide evidence of education in psychology, membership in their national psychological association, or registration with their national regulatory body of psychologists. Applicants with education at a Canadian university, membership with a Canadian psychological association or registered with a Canadian regulatory body may apply to be full members instead of as international affiliates.

(International Affiliates may be admitted into affiliation with the Association. Application may be made by psychologists resident outside Canada, who can provide evidence of membership in the psychological association of their country of residence. In the event that such an association does not exist, or that the applicant is not a member, he/she must provide evidence of his/her qualifications and apply for membership in the regular manner. Applications are to be reviewed in accordance with procedures to be established from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors.)

4. Special Affiliates

Special Affiliates shall be persons residing in Canada or the United States who have shown an active interest in psychology, either as a profession or as a science, through work or study in psychology or a related field.

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5. Honorary Fellows

Honorary Fellows shall be distinguished members of other disciplines or psychologists whom the Association wishes to honour for their contribution to Canadian psychology. They may be elected at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a three-quarters vote of the Directors present at such meeting. (Honorary Fellows shall not be eligible to vote or hold office in the Association.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2 BY-LAW IV - DIRECTORS RATIONALE

This motion is designed to clarify the change that was approved at the 2009 AGM. It is a cosmetic rather than a substantive change.

(New wording is **underlined** and **deleted** wording is in **red**)

Be it resolved that By-Law IV – Directors be amended to read as follows:

1. Board of Directors

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of:

- a) The immediate Past-President;
- b) The President;
- c) The President-Elect;
- d) Three Directors, one of which to represent each of: Scientists, Scientist-Practitioners, and Practitioners. As far as practicable, at least one of these directors will be elected each year for a term of three years by the Fellows and Members of the Association as hereinafter provided.
- e) A Director who is an experimental psychologist conducting basic research
- ef) Three Directors-at-large, one being elected each year for a term of three years by the Fellows and Members of the Association as hereinafter provided.
- f) ~~A Director-at-large reserved for an experimental psychologist who is conducting basic research.~~
- g) A presidential officer or other designated elected officer of the Council of Professional Associations of Psychologists (CPAP).
- h) A presidential officer or other designated elected officer of the Council of Canadian Departments of Psychology (CCDP).
- i) A presidential officer or other designated elected officer of the Canadian Psychological Association's Section on Students.