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1. Following from discussion by the Committee of possible public policy speakers for the 2007 convention, I contacted the following people to invite them:

- Sherri Torjman, President of the Caledon Institute of Social Policy and Co-Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee on Tax Measures for Persons with Disabilities
- Brian Wilcox, Director of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Center on Children, Families and the Law, past Director of Public Policy for the American Psychological Association, Past President of APA's Division of Child, Youth and Family Services, and Co-Chair of the Society for Research on Adolescence's Committee on Research, Policy and Public Information.
- Faye Crosby, social psychologist specializing in social justice. She is an expert on affirmative action, individual attitudes in the context of social change and stability, and work-life balance.
- Susan Fiske, a social psychologist from Princeton, and Past President of APA. Fiske won the 1991 American Psychological Association Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology in the Public Interest, Early Career, in part for her work on expert testimony. She also won, with Peter Glick, the 1995 Gordon Allport Intergroup Relations Award from the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues for work on ambivalent sexism. She won, with Shelley Taylor, the 2003 Thomas Ostrom Award from the Person Memory Interest Group for work in social cognition.

None of these individuals was available for 2007, but we are have begun approaching them to try to make arrangements for the 2008 convention.

1. Although the Committee has not been successful at finding a policy speaker for this year, the 2007 Institute of the Section on Women and Psychology (SWAP) is focused on public policy. It is entitled *Advocacy, Activism and Policy Change: Is feminist psychology making a difference?* It will be a full-day Institute held on Wednesday, June 6, 2007, the day immediately preceding the CPA Annual Convention in Ottawa.
2. I was pleased to learn that John Hunsley has a special section coming out in the second issue of *Canadian Psychology* this year, called "Implications of psychological research for public policy:"
 - Autobiographical memory, eyewitness reports, and public policy, D. S. Lindsay
 - Memory and aging: Selected research directions and application issues, R. A. Dixon, T. B. Rust, S. E. Feltmate, & S. K. See
 - Symptômes comportementaux et psychologiques de la démence : Liens entre la recherche psychosociale et les politiques, A. Bédard, M. Lemay, P. Landreville et V. LeBlanc
 - Understanding bullying: From research to practice, W. M. Craig & D. J. Pepler

3. Ian Nicholson and I have also been actively involved with PREVNet in the collaborative working group to promote public education on bullying and its prevention. PREVNet psychologists will also be giving talks on bullying in several provinces during Psychology Month this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wendy Josephson, Chair