

# The CAP Monitor

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## CAP Annual Meeting and Professional Development Sessions

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On September 15, 2007, the College held its Annual Meeting at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton. The meeting was attended by over 60 members and was well received.

In conjunction with the Annual Meeting, several professional development sessions were provided for attendees. The College was pleased to have Alberta's information and privacy commissioner, Mr. Frank Work, address attendees in the morning. Mr. Work spoke to members about his role as commissioner, and discussed the various legislative enactments that deal with issues of privacy in the province and how these pieces of legislation affect psychologists in their practice.

In the afternoon, members had the choice of several sessions to attend, including:

- **Third Party Payers** presented by Lois George.
- **Continuing Competence** presented by Paul Jerry and Jana Hyer Davies.
- **Ethical Issues in Supervision**, presented by Bob van Mastrigt and John Pearce
- **Administrative Law & Regulation** presented by James Casey, Q.C., Craig Boyer, Thomas Marriott and Julie Gagnon.

- **Third Party Payers** presented by Lois George.
- **Continuing Competence** presented by Paul Jerry and Jana Hyer Davies.

Over 100 members attended the professional development sessions and the feedback was very positive. All those in attendance appreciated the lively discussions, interesting information and timely topics. Presentation handouts from each of the sessions are available on the CAP website.

At the end of the day a wine and cheese reception was held in honor of the many members who give their time, expertise and professional experience to the work of the College.

If you haven't already completed your evaluation form, please take a few moments to submit your thoughts about the sessions presented, the location, or any other comments. If you have some thoughts about the type of regulatory information you would be interested in for future sessions, please let us know. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

### PLAN TO ATTEND IN 2008!

CAP Annual Meeting &  
Professional Development Day  
Saturday, September 27, 2008  
Calgary AB

# Calendar of Meetings

## Credentials Evaluation Sub-Committee Meetings

<i>Meeting Date</i>	<i>Deadline for Application</i>
November 9, 2007	November 2, 2007
December 7, 2007	November 30, 2007
January 25, 2008	January 18, 2008
April 18, 2008	April 11, 2008
May 30, 2008	May 23, 2008
September 5, 2008	August 29, 2008
November 7, 2008	October 31, 2008

## Registration Approvals Sub-Committee Meetings

<i>Meeting Date</i>	<i>Deadline for Submissions</i>
November 23, 2007	November 16, 2007
December 17, 2007	December 10, 2007
January 14, 2008	January 7, 2008
February 25, 2008	February 19, 2008
April 14, 2008	April 7, 2008
May 26, 2008	May 20, 2008
June 23, 2008	June 16, 2008
August 18, 2008	August 11, 2008
September 29, 2008	September 22, 2008
October 20, 2008	October 10, 2008
December 8, 2008	December 1, 2008

Note: Dates are subject to change if scheduling conflicts occur. The most up-to-date calendar is available on the CAP website under "upcoming events."

## Oral Examinations

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Deadline for Application</i>
January 28 - February 1, 2008	December 3, 2007
April 21 - 25, 2008	February 25, 2008
June 23 - 27, 2008	April 28, 2008
October 27 - 31, 2008	August 22, 2008

## Resources CAP Publications

Available on a cost-recovery basis from the College office as well as on our website:

- a) copies of CAP professional guidelines for psychologists (individually or as a package)
  - Addressing Recovered Memories
  - Advertising and Other Public Communication
  - The Use of Aversive Techniques in Behaviour Management
  - Child Custody Assessment
  - The Control and Use of Tests by Psychologists
  - Non-Discriminatory Practice
  - Release of Confidential Information: Special Issues in Client and Third Party Requests
  - Service Fees for the Provision of Copies of Client Files
  - Psychological Evaluations for Child Protection Decisions
  - Limits to Confidentiality and Consent for Services: Special Issues in Working with Minors and Dependent Adults
  - Dual Roles: Guidelines for Conducting Assessments and Providing Therapy with the Same Client
  - Supervisors and Registered Provisional Psychologists
- b) "Status of Regulatory Documents in the Regulation of the Psychology Profession in Alberta"
- c) "Receiving Services from a Registered Psychologist..." (brochure)

## Strategic Planning *Looking to the Future*

by Bonnie Rude-Weisman, Past-President

The role of the Council for the College of Alberta Psychologists is to “develop and implement the vision, policies, bylaws, regulations and legislation required to serve the interests of the public and to guide the profession of psychology”. For the last several years, the Council’s tasks have focused on preparing the College for the impending proclamation of the profession of Psychology under the Health Professions Act. After many delays, the legislation relevant to our profession was proclaimed on January 15, 2006.

With the proclamation, the Council needed to set a new direction to guide the activities of the College. Consequently, once the council was established in September of 2006, arrangements were made to have Mr. Bill Page facilitate a day-long meeting with council members. We met on November 18, 2006 at which time council members and key administrative staff of the College established six priorities to guide the Council over the next three years. After receiving Mr. Page’s summary report of our session, we confirmed our commitment to these priorities at our March, 2007 Council meeting.

The six priorities are as follows:

- A.) fulfill our mandate relating to the application, registration and discipline of Members
- B.) implement the Continuing Competence program by 2011 and ensure it’s continuance beyond 2011
- C.) develop a supervision program in conjunction with PAA
- D.) engage and involve members from all demographic groups across the province
- E.) increase government awareness of our profession
- F.) increase public awareness of our profession

To determine whether we have the organizational capacity to carry out these priorities, we asked Mr. Page to conduct a review of our current staffing structure (roles, tasks, responsibilities, etc.). This review has now been completed, and we are in the process of implementing his recommendations. The Council adopted a Strategic Plan to guide the College over the next few years. That plan is included as an insert in this edition of *The CAP Monitor*.

*We welcome the involvement of each of you in assisting us in achieving Priorities D, E and F especially.*

### MEMBER CONSULTATION ON DRAFT GUIDELINE

The Practice Advisory Committee is requesting feedback from members on a document entitled “Guidelines for Psychologists regarding Informed Consent: Ethical Guidelines, Principles and Standards.” An Ad Hoc Committee of the Practice Advisory Committee, chaired by Ann Marie Dewhurst, developed this guideline. The guideline can be accessed in its entirety on the CAP website [www.cap.ab.ca](http://www.cap.ab.ca), or interested parties may phone the College office and request a hard copy.

Members are asked to provide their written feedback to Dr. Dewhurst’s attention via email ([psych@cap.ab.ca](mailto:psych@cap.ab.ca)), or to the College office, by **November 30, 2007**.

# Examination Results

## Examination for Professional Practice of Psychology

A total of 56 candidates wrote the EPPP examination between May 1, 2007 and September 15, 2007.

Pass	37	(66%)
Fail	19	(34%)

## Oral Examinations

A total of 30 candidates undertook the oral examination between May 1, 2007 and September 30, 2007.

Pass	30	(100%)
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## FEE INCREASE FOR EPPP

Provisional Psychologists should take note that the examination fee set by the Professional Examination Service for the Examination for Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP) will be **increasing to \$400 U.S.** as of January 1, 2008

# Register Updates

## New Members

Congratulations and welcome to the 52 new registered psychologists who have been added to the Register between **May 1, 2007 and September 30, 2007.**

Jac. J.W. Andrews  
Ryan Ashuk  
Deborah Bird  
Roxalyn Boldt Ginter  
Katherine Boyd  
Tavis Campbell  
Jennifer Chalmers  
Lisa Cohen-Wallis  
Katherine Diskin  
Ivana Djuraskovic  
Zahra Domingo  
Gordon Drybrough  
Leanne Edwards  
Julie Egers  
Michelle Farkas  
Marilyn Farmer  
Stephanie Foster  
Emma Geoghegan  
Darren George  
Beverly Harnaha  
Brad Hempel  
Roché Herbst  
Stephen Jukes  
Rachel Keaschuk  
Ronda Knowles  
Stephanie Lavis

Sophia Macrodimitris  
Meghan Mak  
Stacey Mansell  
Kristinn Meagher-Hicks  
Renee Meggs  
Shauna Metz  
Inamarie Opperman  
Christopher Pawluk  
Dusana Plechlo  
Tara Power  
Paula Remus  
Marc Roy  
Wally Rude  
Elisabeth Saxton  
Margret Simon  
Shannon Simpson  
Vikki Small  
Ella Solin  
Susan Stretton  
Bonnie J. Sullivan  
Jeff Sych  
Vinod Verghese  
Glenn Watterberg  
Jocelyn Wilkie  
Stanley K. Wong  
Yuko Yoshinami

## Reinstatements

### Registered Psychologists

James W. Barton  
Tania Corbett  
Sandra Delon  
Frances J. Evans  
David Peat  
Diane E. Rickards  
Trina Roll

## Deaths

*The College has learned, with regret, of the deaths of Mr. A. Blair McPherson and Mr. L.M. Bob Taft. We extend sincere condolences to their families, friends and professional colleagues.*

## Changing Your Address?

Please notify the College promptly in writing of changes in your address, phone/fax numbers or e-mail address.

A change of address form is provided on the College website.

# News & Announcements

## Committee News

### Complaint Review Committee/Hearing Tribunal

Welcome to new members Sharon Cairns, David Hodgins and Gregory Schoepp. Joanna Dabrowski, panel chair and Kelly Schwartz, member, were reappointed for another term.

### Credentials Evaluation Committee

Welcome to new members Marta Edgar, Lori Rossi, Olga Sutherland and Jessica Van Vliet. Ali Al-Asadi and Lee Handy were reappointed as panel chairs and Michelle Tsutsumi, current member was appointed as a panel chair. Vivian Steele was reappointed as a member for another term.

### Oral Examinations Committee

Welcome to new member Lynda Phillips. Judy Chew, panel chair, was reappointed for a further term. Andre Masson and Neil Mulholland, members, were reappointed for another term.

### Practice Advisory Committee

Welcome to new members Stephanie Mitchell and May Caprio. James Evans, current member, was appointed as Chair.

### Publications Committee

Horst Mueller was reappointed for another term.

### Registration Advisory Committee

Welcome to new member Melody Hopchin. Jean Pettifor, Chair was reappointed for a further term.

### Registration Approvals Sub-Committee

Lisa Clyburn, Michaela Kadambi and Nina Khehra were reappointed for another term. Patricia Schuster was reappointed as a panel chair. Melody Hopchin was appointed as Chair and Gregory Schoepp, member was appointed as a panel chair.

## Thanks!

Each of the volunteers named in this section is very much appreciated - in fact, the work of the College could not continue without their active participation.

## Council News

### CAP Council Elections

Over the summer, members voted to elect three new members to the College Council: Roy Frenzel, Paul Jerry and returning member Tita Jose. They have all begun their terms as of September 15, 2007.

### Profile of New Council Members

**Roy Frenzel** is currently employed with Capital Health in Forensic Services. Roy also teaches one or two courses yearly for the Department of Psychology, University of Alberta. Roy has extensive experience on College committees, including as a member and Chair of the Registration Committee and is very familiar with the regulatory obligations of the College and the operational aspects of College processes.

**Paul Jerry** is currently an Associate Professor of Applied Psychology in the Graduate Centre for Applied Psychology, Athabasca University. He served as a member of the Practice Advisory Committee for 2 years and as Chair of the Committee since 2004. He runs a private practice in clinical, educational and forensic psychology in Medicine Hat.

**Tita Jose** is currently employed with Alberta Mental Health. Tita also holds an appointment as an Adjunct Associate Professor with the University of Calgary's programme in Clinical Psychology and Division of Educational Psychology. Tita has served on the College Council for many years and will serve this term as President-Elect. Tita has also contributed to the oral examination process as an examiner over the last 8 years.

The Council, as laid out in the bylaws and policies, also elected from amongst Council a new President-Elect and Treasurer. Congratulations to Tita Jose who was elected to the position of President-Elect and to Wayne Wright, Public Member, who was re-elected as Treasurer for a further term.

Thank you to departing Council members Wendy Hawkins and Past-President, Horst Mueller. Wendy and Horst both served for many years, and made significant and valuable contributions to the College and the profession.

# NOTICE TO MEMBERS

## Infection Prevention & Control

September, 2007

Over the past several months, concerns have been raised about inadequate infection prevention and control procedures in Alberta hospitals and other settings where health care services are provided. The Minister of Health and Wellness has requested all regulatory colleges to respond to this issue by raising the awareness of members to the requirements of the Public Health Act, section 26, which states:

'A physician, a health practitioner, a teacher or a person in charge of an institution who knows or has reason to suspect the existence of a communicable disease in epidemic form, another illness or health condition occurring at an unusually high rate, or a communicable disease or another illness or health condition that is caused by a nuisance or other threat to the public health shall immediately notify the medical officer of health of the regional health authority by the fastest means possible.'

We have further been asked to request that members review the infection prevention and control practices in their workplace settings. Some general preventative measures can be utilized in any practice setting, including:

1. Keep a stock of personal protection equipment such as
  - a. Alcohol wipes and hand cleaner
  - b. Tissues
  - c. Antiseptic cleaning solution
  - d. Gloves for surface cleaning
2. Wash your hands often with soap and water. This simple step is the single most effective means of preventing the spread of viruses and other germs.
3. Avoid close contact with others when you, or they, are sick.
4. Clean public surfaces with appropriate antiseptic cleaning solution.

This is an opportune time to raise our awareness of the importance of taking simple measures to help stop the spread of infections. There is an expectation that an influenza pandemic will face us at some time in the future. Health practitioners have an important role in limiting the spread of disease.

For further information, visit the Health Canada website at: <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca>.

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### On-Line Resources

The College's website at [www.cap.ab.ca](http://www.cap.ab.ca) serves two purposes: communication with the public and communication with College members. The website is updated regularly and is a good source of information for everyone.

Other useful websites for CAP members:

- Health Professions Act, [www.gov.ab.ca/qp](http://www.gov.ab.ca/qp)
- Psychologists' Association of Alberta, [www.psychologistsassociation.ab.ca](http://www.psychologistsassociation.ab.ca)
- Canadian Psychological Association, [www.cpa.ca](http://www.cpa.ca)
- Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards, [www.asppb.org](http://www.asppb.org)
- Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner: [www.oipc.ab.ca](http://www.oipc.ab.ca)

# Did You Know?

## Use of Title

Registered members of the College are reminded that with the change to the *Health Professions Act* of legislation governing the profession of psychology in Alberta, there is a change to the “title” for regulated members. The term “chartered psychologist” is no longer recognized in Alberta. Psychologists should refer to themselves, both verbally and in writing, as “Registered Psychologists,” or with the abbreviation “R. Psych.” Registered provisional psychologists should similarly use the title “Registered Provisional Psychologist” (no abbreviation).

*For more detailed information, please review the practice bulletin entitled “Public Statements About Academic and Professional Credentials,” which can be found on the CAP website.*

## Mutual Recognition Agreement Eligibility

For those registrants who were registered prior to July 1, 2003, and who were therefore not assessed on the agreed upon competencies under the MRA, to determine your eligibility for registration in a new jurisdiction, please note the following information.

If you are already licensed or registered for the independent practice of psychology in a jurisdiction and have **five years of licensed practice immediately preceding the date of your application for registration in a new jurisdiction**, you will be licensed in the new jurisdiction without further assessment, subject to certain provisions set out in the MRA.

“Licensed Practice” means that a registrant has a valid practice permit **and** is actively engaged in professional practice at the time of application and for the 5 years immediately preceding the date of application (without breaks). Do not cancel your registration in Alberta prior to applying for registration in the new jurisdiction.

Registrants who have been registered on the College’s previous “non-practicing” register or who are currently listed on the “non-regulated retired” register will **NOT** be eligible for reciprocal registration under the MRA unless they fall within one of the exceptions noted below:

If you are already licensed or registered for the independent practice of Psychology in a jurisdiction and

- a. were originally registered in that jurisdiction on the basis of a graduate degree in Psychology from a program accredited by the Canadian or American Psychological Associations, or
- b. are listed in the Canadian or National Register of Health

- Service Providers in Psychology, or
- c. hold a valid Certificate of Professional Qualifications issued by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards, you will be registered in the new jurisdiction without further assessment, subject to the further provisions set out in the MRA.

For more details, please review the Mutual Recognition Agreement on the CAP website.

## REMINDER – PRACTICE PERMIT RENEWAL COMING IN THE NEW YEAR!

Members are encouraged to watch their mail at the beginning of February to make sure they receive their application to renew their Practice Permit before March 31, 2008 for the upcoming 2008/09 fiscal year. The *Health Professions Act* requires the College to issue practice permits for members. Without a valid practice permit, members cannot engage in the practice of the profession. To ensure your application for renewal is processed in a timely and efficient manner, please note the following:

- a **completed** Application for Renewal of Practice Permit **must be completed and received** at the College office by **March 31st**.
- Members will be asked to complete a declaration regarding criminal record on the application.
- Members must also provide evidence that they maintain professional liability insurance in an amount of at least \$1,000,000. We do not require a copy of your insurance documents; rather, members must fill out a portion of the renewal application regarding their insurance. *Members may have adequate coverage from an agency or institution that they work for. However, members who also engage in private practice must maintain liability insurance for work engaged in outside of the agency or institutional setting.*
- A **late fee** of \$100 will be assessed to all renewal applications received after March 31, 2008. The College office mails the renewal application forms no later than the 1st of week of February each year. If you have not received your notice by the end of February, you should call the office to follow-up. If you have a change of address, please make sure it is received in time to be processed at the college office prior to the time of this mail-out.



## Council 2007-08

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Chair, Registration Advisory Committee

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## Supervision Consultants

Jon Amundson and Walter Goos, Supervision Consultants for the College, provide consultation to provisional psychologists and supervisors, and assist in the resolution of conflicts between provisional psychologists and supervisors.

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