Report of Examinations Committee Psychological Association of Manitoba

The Examinations Committee of the Psychological Association of Manitoba is charged with organizing, implementing and reporting the results of oral examinations of candidates seeking registration to practice psychology independently in Manitoba. In addition, the Examinations Committee organizes, implements and reports on oral interviews for psychologists registered to practice independently in other jurisdictions, who are now seeking to be registered in Manitoba under the terms of the Agreements on Internal Trade.

Two Thousand and Eleven was a busy year for the examinations committee, with nine oral examinations and two oral interviews taking place. Moving forward into 2012, two exams have already been administered, with others set to occur in the spring.

Sincere thanks are extended to the following volunteer oral examiners, who generously gave of their time and expertise to support the work of this committee: Drs. Paula Battle, Michael Burdz, Karen Dyck, James Ediger, Ali El-Khatib, Lesley Graff, Cynthia Jordan, George Kaokis, Glenna Lambert, Solange Lavack, Carey Mintz, Bailley Rayter, Linda Rhodes, Lorne Sexton, Gary Shady, Richard Shore, Teresa Sztaba, Michael Teschuk, and Norah Vincent.

The Examinations Committee is fortunate to have a strong and committed roster of volunteer oral examiners. However, to alleviate the demand on these individuals, additions to the examiners' roster are always welcomed. Interested psychologists are encouraged to contact me for details.

Special recognition is also due to the members of an ad hoc committee aimed at standardizing the scoring of the oral examination. Thanks are extended to Drs. Michael Burdz, James Ediger and Carey Mintz, who have worked tirelessly on this project. I am pleased to report that we have made substantial progress in developing standardized scoring criteria. We hope that, with the approval of P.A.M. Council, a standardized approach to evaluation of oral examinations in Manitoba will be implemented in the near future.

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