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PAM is legally constituted by the Psychologists Registration Act (R.S.M. 1987) as the regulatory body for the practice of all branches of Psychology in Manitoba

PAM COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

PSYCHOLOGISTS REGISTRATION ACT

As noted in the previous issue of *Manitoba Psychologist*, an amended Act was passed on July 6th, 2001 to bring our act into compliance with the Agreement on Internal Trade and to increase consistency in the regulation of health service providers. PAM Council, in collaboration with the Legislative Review Committee and our legal counsel, continues its work on the development of the necessary by-laws and regulations required to put the amended Act into practice.

Meanwhile, government has turned over work on the draft Psychologists Act to a new interdepartmental committee, which will have its first meeting in April, 2002. Dr. Stambrook will update members on this at the AGM.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY TRAINING IN MANITOBA

The University of Manitoba Faculty of Educational Administration, Foundations, and Psychology has discontinued its Master of Education program in School Psychology. The current cohort of students will therefore be the last graduates of this program, which has been in existence since the 1970s and has trained many of this province's school psychologists.

Due to anticipated future shortages of school psychologists, a multidisciplinary Working Group on Proposing a School Psychology Training Program and Certification Guidelines

was struck as a result of contacts among leaders representing Child Guidance Clinic, Manitoba Education, Training, and Youth, and school superintendents and administrators.

The working group is composed of representatives from Child Guidance Clinic, University of Manitoba Faculty of Education, U of M Psychology Department, Brandon University, rural school divisions, Manitoba Education, Training, and Youth, Manitoba Association of School Psychologists, and PAM.

The goal of the group is to meet to identify potential ways of addressing the school psychology training dilemma and to enlist the support of group members' respective constituencies in advancing any consensually-derived solutions. Embedded within this are a number of complex issues involved institutional support, resources, and legislation regarding the regulation of school psychologists. Dr. D. Stewart, Vice-President of PAM, is our representative in this working group.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be held on Thursday, April 25th, 2002 at the Viscount Gort. The meeting is scheduled from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m., with a dinner served at approximately 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served free of charge to members. The President's and Treasurer's reports will be presented to the membership. Committee reports will be distributed at the meeting. After dinner, an open forum and networking will occur.

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Disciplinary Proceeding

The following summary of a disciplinary proceeding is intended to serve an educative function for members:

A member of PAM was charged with professional misconduct in connection with his therapeutic relationship with a ward of Child and Family Services. The charges specified that the member failed to fully assess and critically analyze the potential consequences of his conduct by failing to recognize that the number and nature of community outings with the child, introducing the child to the member's family, and the number and value of his gifts to the child were outside the limits of a useful therapy or treatment program. The charges alleged that the member failed to recognize that he was entering into a series of multiple relationships with the child which might impair his professional judgment.

The charges arose out of a complaint that the above actions could have misled the child as to the nature of the relationship, increasing the risk of harm. It was not alleged that the member had any improper motive.

Counsel for the Discipline Committee and the member provided PAM Council with a joint submission as to disposition. PAM Council heard about the high level of cooperation and professionalism shown by the member throughout the investigation and disciplinary process, and the proactive steps already taken by the member to address issues related to the charges.

PAM Council accepted the guilty plea and the joint submission as to disposition, which included attendance at an appropriate educational course agreeable to the Discipline Committee and a six-month period of supervision.

Membership Announcements

Welcome to new C.Psych. members Neil Anderson, Susan Holm, Michelle Haugen, Wiebke Peschken, Daniel Marr, and Diane Hiebert-Murphy

Welcome to new C.Psych. candidates Lawrence Ellerby and Jason Brown

The following members are lapsed as of April 5th, 2002:

Marita Breed (P.A.)
Kurt Brenner (C.Psych. Candidate)

The following members have resigned, effective April 5th, 2002

Glenn Allard (P.A.)
Bettina Nyman (P.A.)
George Nyman (P.A.)
Robert Roy (P.A.)
John Schallow (C.Psych.)
Joanne Swain (P.A.)

The following members have resigned, effective September 28th, 2001:

Aaron Brodsky (C.Psych.)
Yan Cao (C.Psych.)
Michelle Pearson (P.A. Candidate)

