

**PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA
Annual General Meeting of the Membership
April 25, 2012**

Present: John Arnett (Chair), Neal Anderson, Grace Tan-Harland, Andrea Kilgour, Jennifer Laforce, Bruce Hutchison, Alan Slusky (Registrar), and 55 members

The meeting was brought to order at 6:00 p.m.

I Opening Remarks & Approval of Agenda

Dr. Arnett greeted the Membership and introduced members of Council and the Registrar. Dr. Arnett then reviewed efforts by PAM Council to continue negotiating with the Manitoba Association of School Psychologists towards an agreement which would bring school psychologists under regulation by PAM. Dr. Arnett also reviewed other initiatives of Council over the past year including reviewing proposals from the Manitoba Association of Behavior Analysts, a request from the local chapter of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists to potentially enter into a regulatory agreement with PAM, efforts to craft a code of conduct, and finally the launch of the new Registry Information Management System (RIMS). In discussing these initiatives Dr. Arnett thanked the other members of the executive Council, the registrar, and the many committee volunteers who give of their time in the service of the Association. The proposed agenda for today's meeting was reviewed.

**MOTION (Brolund/Newton) that the proposed agenda be accepted.
CARRIED.**

2 Greetings

2.1 Manitoba Psychological Society

Dr. Andrea Piotrowski, President of the Manitoba Psychological Society, brought greetings from MPS. Dr. Piotrowski thanked PAM for the work done over the past year and took a moment to review her organization's accomplishments as well. Included amongst these was the announcement of the appointment of Dr. Teresa Sztaba as new Executive Director for MPS. Dr. Piotrowski also reminded those in attendance to enrol for the upcoming Spring Institute. Dr. Piotrowski also indicated that MPS is actively engaged in meetings with government to continue to advocate for an increase in psychology representation in health care, particularly within primary care centers. Finally Dr. Piotrowski thanked Dr. Len Greenwood for his many years of volunteer service to MPS as its first Executive Director.

2.2 Manitoba Association of School Psychologists

Ms. Mary Markestyn, President of the Manitoba Association of School Psychologists brought greetings on behalf of MASP. In so doing Ms. Markestyn reiterated Dr. Arnett's earlier comments regarding the excellent progress being made by PAM and MASP towards an agreement for the regulation of school psychology in Manitoba. Ms. Markestyn reviewed a recent workshop which was exceptionally well attended, featuring Dr. Dawn Flanagan. Finally Ms. Markestyn highlighted further initiatives being taken up by MASP including ongoing development of its website. Ms. Markestyn wished PAM all the best in the 2012-2013 year.

2.3 Canadian Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology

Greetings from CRHSPP were brought by Dr. Craig Turner (President). Dr. Turner reviewed CRHSPP initiatives, including on-line CE modules through collaboration with the NRHSPP. Dr. Turner also indicated that CRHSPP is embarking on the development of a new logo and website. Finally Dr. Turner offered his organization's support of PAM's efforts to develop a roster-based approach to registration. Dr. Turner wished PAM well in the upcoming year.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting: April 27, 2011

The Minutes were reviewed for the 2011 Annual General Meeting.

MOTION (Frain/Shady) that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of April 27, 2011 be accepted. CARRIED.

4. President's Report

Dr. Arnett presented his report and updated the Membership on activities of the Association during the past year. After briefly summarizing the contents of his report Dr. Arnett called for questions. A discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of PAM regulating non-psychology practitioners and the provision of the Psychologist title to non-doctoral psychology practitioners. Although not unanimous, there was general support for PAM's approach to be more inclusive in its registration of psychology practitioners. Dr. Arnett stressed executive Council's commitment to ensuring that all those who are granted the title Psychologist meet the highest possible education and training standards for their respective roster area.

MOTION (Stambrook/Tefft) to receive the President's Report. CARRIED.

5. Treasurer's Report & Budget

5.1 Auditor's Report

Dr. Tan-Harland presented the Auditor's Report and Audited Financial Statement for the 2011 fiscal year.

Dr. Tan-Harland presented the Treasurer's report for the year ending December 31, 2011.

MOTION (Tan-Harland/Sztaba) that the Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports for the year ending December 31, 2011 be received. CARRIED.

Drs. John Walker and Jacqueline Walker (PAM Lay-Auditors) were thanked for their work this past year.

5.2 Budget for 2012

Dr. Tan-Harland highlighted several points on the budget. The budget is based upon a twelve month period ending December 31, 2012.

MOTION (Tan-Harland/Newton) that the budget for 2012, ending December 31, 2012 be received. CARRIED.

6. Registration & Membership Committee

Dr. Kilgour presented the report of the Registration and Membership Committee and welcomed new members to PAM.

MOTION (Kilgour/Milliken) to receive the report of the Registration and Membership Committee. CARRIED.

7. Committee Reports

The following reports (prepared by the committee chairs, in parentheses) were distributed to members prior to the meeting for review: *Complaints (Dr. M. Stambrook), Inquiry (Dr. J. Newton), Standards (Dr. N. Anderson), Publications (Dr. N. Anderson), Examinations (Dr. N. Berger), and Legislative Review (Dr. J. Brolund).*

Members were given the opportunity to provide comments, corrections, and further discussion on these reports. There was no discussion.

MOTION (Sztaba/Greenwood) to receive the reports of the Complaints, Inquiry, Publications, Examinations, Standards, and Legislative Review Committees, without amendments. CARRIED.

8. Adjournment

A **MOTION (Turner/Sztaba)** was made to conclude the business portion of the meeting, at 7:00 p.m. **CARRIED.**