

Standards Committee

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During the past year, the Standards Committee has contacted several organizations and individuals not registered with P.A.M. who were presenting themselves to the public in ways that contravened Section 11(1) of the Psychologists Registration Act. Where Standards becomes aware of such situations, we first seek to educate parties (through letters and follow-up conversations) about appropriate and inappropriate use of terms and titles under terms of the Act. Standards did follow up with The Sport Medicine and Science Council of Manitoba (SMSCM) around its presentation of a "Sport Psychology" Program, providing "Sport Psych" Skills Development Modules and other "Sport Psych" services, but without the involvement of registered psychologists. SMSCM has sought further guidance from us and, at the time of this writing, has committed to correcting its print materials and website.

Two Subcommittees of Standards continued important work this year, and a working group reached a milestone. The Continuing Education Committee, under the leadership of its Chair, Dr. Jane Bow, completed another audit of CE claims for a sample of the P.A.M. membership and reported her findings to Council, and the Jurisprudence Examination Subcommittee began work on a revision of the examination given to would-be Registered Psychologists as an assessment of working knowledge of Manitoba law relevant to practice.

And, this year, the hard work of the Code of Conduct Working Group was extended forward, as P.A.M.'s new Code of Conduct document passed various Committee reviews, underwent review by P.A.M. members, survived final review by Executive Council: as I write this, P.A.M.'s Code of Conduct, given first life by this working group, is strong and healthy on the Association website as a guide to professional practice appropriately concerned with public protection.

So as I write this, my third report to an AGM as Chair of P.A.M.'s Standards Committee, I write with deep gratitude for the hard work and commitment of the following Committee, Subcommittee, and Working Group members: Drs. Gary Shady, Jane Bow, Don Stewart, Hal Wallbridge, Lesley Graff, and P.A.M. Registrar, Dr. Alan Slusky.

Respectfully,

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