

Standards Committee Report  
Report to the Annual General Meeting  
Psychological Association of Manitoba  
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The Standards Committee reviewed two concerns from the public during the past year in relation to the use of the title psychologist and/or improper use of wording suggesting that the individual was a psychologist and/or providing psychological reports.

The first concern related to an individual who holds a psychology graduate degree but who does not hold PAM registration. This individual was engaged in preparing reports and using titling that clearly implied that he or she was a psychologist and that the reports prepared were psychological reports. Legal counsel forwarded a letter prepared by Standards outlining requirements for the use of the title psychologist and similar words under the *Psychologists Registration Act* to which the individual responded that the *Act* was not in force. Standards advised the individual that the *Act* was indeed in force at which point compliance with the *Act* was promised by this individual. Standards will monitor compliance with this.

The second issue related to the Canadian Professional Counsellors Association (CPCA) awarding a designation entitled “Master Practitioner in Counselling Psychology” (MPCP) to individuals who were not registered psychologists. The CPCA website states that it is a national association with head offices in British Columbia. After conferring with other psychology regulatory bodies in Canada, PAM Council decided not to proceed with further action on this, despite titling concerns, based in part on jurisdictional considerations and the absence of intent of other psychology regulatory bodies to proceed with action.

Dr. Jane Bow of the Continuing Education Committee (CE) reported no new developments with respect to the CE Committee. Dr. Bow is currently considering various means of improving the audit system regarding Member reports of CE credits that they have obtained.

Dr. Hal Wallbridge from the Jurisprudence Examination Committee reported that the Jurisprudence examination is now complete and applicants are studying for the examination. Although, no examination has been administered yet, administrations are anticipated in the near future. An official passing score has not yet been formally set. All new C. Psych. Applicants will be required to write the examination as part of the registration process.

Respectfully submitted,

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