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October 2011 Newsletter

President, Executive Council

Fall is definitely here! We've enjoyed unseasonably warm weather (it was 34°C in Maple Creek on Sept. 25th) but the leaves are turning to gold and there's a chill in the air. As promised in the July 2011 Newsletter, the following items provide an update on College and Executive Council activities and priorities.

Membership Fee Increase

The Executive Council approved a three year fee schedule which increases the membership fee by \$50/year. This increase takes effect this fall for the 2012 membership fee.

2012 - \$700

2013 - \$750

2014 - \$800

Information regarding fees for psychology jurisdictions across Canada is attached. The fee increase will provide us with the financial resources to upgrade our electronic equipment, including computers and a membership database. Our lease for the College office expires in 2013 and we are anticipating a rent increase. We will also be exploring the possibility of relocating and obtaining more suitable office space. Our legal fees are a significant part of our budget and it is critical to ensure adequate financial resources to cover this ongoing expense.

We welcome Wanda Saul to the position of Secretary on the SCP Executive Council. Wanda works as a psychologist with the Regina Public School Board.

Professional Executor

You will be asked to identify a professional executor on your upcoming membership renewal form. This will be a person who can take responsibility for custody and dispersal of your professional files if the need arises. If you work for a large organization the organization can serve as the executor but you will still need to identify a contact person who will assume responsibility for the notification of clients regarding access to their health files. This requirement is in response to concerns expressed by the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner and referenced by the *Advisory*

for Saskatchewan Health Trustees for Record Disposition, April 12, 2011 (retrieved from www.oipc.sk.ca) and the SCP Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Privacy.

Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT)

The AIT came into effect on July 18, 1994 and there have been many subsequent amendments. Information regarding the AIT can be found at <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/ait-aci.nsf/eng/home>. Chapter 7 (Labour Mobility) of the AIT is the section that applies most directly to the certification and registration of psychologists. I am referring to the AIT because it governs our registration and certification process at the College for applicants who are licensed in other Canadian jurisdictions covered by the AIT. The College is continually in the position of having to reconcile provincial legislation and regulatory bylaws with the AIT within the framework of its legislated mission. Navigating through the AIT can be a confusing and complex issue for the regulatory bodies in Canada and the membership of those bodies.

The purpose of Chapter 7 is to ensure that any worker certified, licensed, registered or officially recognized in one province or territory, upon application, will be certified, licensed, registered or officially recognized for the same occupation by any other province or territory without the worker being required to undertake any material additional requirements, such as education, training, examination, or assessments. Retrieved from www.ait-aci.ca/labour_en/ on October 2, 2011.

If a person is registered as a psychologist in one province then they are eligible to be registered as a psychologist in another province, even if there are differences in provincial standards for certification or licensure. Standardization does not currently exist across provincial and territorial psychology regulatory jurisdictions. For example, there are differences between jurisdictions in terms of the use of the title “Psychologist”. Under the AIT, these differences become irrelevant for the Psychologist moving into another jurisdiction under the agreement. Members of jurisdictions where the title is not open to all registrants, regardless of the level of academic credential, will not have the benefit of the title. Whereas an AIT applicant from another jurisdiction that has afforded them the title of “Psychologist” and who has the same academic credentials will be licensed and receive the title.

I am providing clarification of the AIT because some of the members may recall the mobility clause of the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) which is no longer in effect as a result of the Chapter 7 amendments of the AIT. Some of the aspects of the MRA do remain in place: the core competencies, the Foundational Knowledge requirements, and the commitment to continue to work collaboratively around issues pertaining to the regulation of the profession. This information is also intended to provide an awareness of the national context of psychology regulation in which the College operates.

Title Usage

Correct title usage by members and non-members is governed by legislation and continues to be a priority for the College as a regulatory body with a mandate to “protect the public”. The use of the title “Psychologist” lends credibility to the practice of an

individual who provides psychological services and assurance to the Public that the individual has met the profession's standards for training, ethics and practice. It is critical to ensure that individuals using this title in our jurisdiction are registered with the College and are operating in compliance with the legislation, the bylaws, the Canadian Code of Ethics for Psychologists (3rd Ed.), and the SCP Professional Practice Guidelines. The title provision in the legislation also applies to individuals not registered with the College in that they are prohibited from using the title "Psychologist" or from holding themselves out as a member of the College and the College is obliged to pursue this infraction.

Protected title

24(1) Subject to subsection (3), no person other than a member shall use the title "psychologist" or any word, title or designation, abbreviated or otherwise, to imply that the person is a member.

(2) No person other than a member who is registered and licensed pursuant to section 20 or 21 and who holds a doctoral degree may use the title "doctoral psychologist" or any word, title or designation, abbreviated or otherwise, to imply that the person is a member who is registered and who holds a doctoral degree.

(3) A person who is not a member and who is employed as a psychologist at The University of Regina, the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Indian Federated College or the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology may use the title "psychologist" provided that that person is not providing or directing the provision of counselling, clinical psychology or psychological assessment.

The Psychologists Act, 1997 (Proclaimed 2002)

Fall SCP Activities

- Oral Exams – November 7, 2011, Regina, SK

The Executive Council meeting schedule is:

- Saturday, October 15, 2011
- Saturday, November 26, 2011

Highlights of Council meetings are provided on the website, www.skcp.ca, and meeting minutes are available upon request.

I wish you all the best for the remainder of the fall.

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Our **Vision** is that: *All psychological services in Saskatchewan are delivered by registered psychologists who are ethical and competent.*

Our **Mission** is: *To regulate the profession of psychology through the registration of psychologists and ensure the protection of the public through the ethical, competent practice of the members.*

Current Registration Fees Across Canada

Jurisdiction	Fees Charged (for FP, Active Members)	Juris'n	(CIHI Data 2004) # Members
BC	\$ 1,200	BC	944
MB	\$ 985	MB	181
NB	\$ 810	NB	276
NS	\$ 805	NS	405
ON	\$ 795	ON	2748
NL	\$ 725	NL	207
SK	\$ 650	SK	404
AB	\$ 625	AB	1722
QC*	\$ 604	QC*	7690
NT†	\$ 150	NT†	81
PEI‡	\$ 150	PEI‡	29

CANADA

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Average of fees charged across Canada	\$ 682
Average without PEI and NT	\$ 800

*Does not include other mandatory yearly fees

†Must have obtained licensure in a southern Canadian jurisdiction - this is an admin fee

‡Smallest psychology jurisdiction in Canada

**membership numbers are from <http://secure.cihi.ca/cihiweb/products/Psychologists.pdf>

