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REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Saskatchewan College of Psychologists (SCP) exists to regulate the profession of psychology in Saskatchewan for the purpose of public protection. Public protection is accomplished primarily through registering competent individuals, and the investigation and discipline of incompetent or unethical practices and behaviours of members. Any and all activity associated with the SCP should be linked in some way to this purpose.

The Psychologists Act, 1997 prescribes the role of Executive Council as one to “govern, manage and regulate the affairs and business of the college”. It is Council’s responsibility to consider on a regular basis how we can “manage and govern” in a way that best allows the College to achieve its purpose. The past year saw a significant change in how Council operates. Based on a strategic plan developed in 2008, Executive Council in 2009 changed its governance structure and policies to focus on more strategic and policy related matters and to be “hands off” when it comes to daily operations. As you will read in the Executive Director/Registrar’s report, there are major developments occurring at inter-provincial and national levels that will likely have significant implications on the control we have over “who gets registered” as a psychologist in this province. This change goes to the heart of our ability to maintain legitimacy as a self-regulating profession. Our new governance structure allows Council to focus on this, and other, important issues.

On a daily basis the most obvious reminder of our new approach to governance is that Karen Messer-Engel, formerly our Registrar, now fulfills the roles of Executive Director and Registrar. We are extremely fortunate to have a person of Karen’s ability and commitment in such a challenging position. Karen’s report identifies additional changes in the office structure and staffing. I would be remiss, however, if I did not acknowledge how fortunate we are to be making better use of Wendy Petrisor’s skills in her new role as Assistant to the Registrar.

Given our mandate, it is particularly important that the organization has effective and efficient Registration and Oral Examination Committees (jointly responsible for evaluating

the suitability of applicants), Professional Conduct Committee (PCC – our investigative body), and Discipline Committee (our adjudication and sanctioning body). The hard work of individuals who contribute to these committees is invaluable and appreciated greatly. We are constantly reviewing and considering better ways for these committees to achieve their purpose. At the PCC’s initiative, an *ad hoc* committee to review the functioning of the PCC was struck and is in the final stages of bringing a proposal to Executive Council. As seen in the Executive Director/Registrar’s report, new initiatives are underway in relation to the registration and oral exam processes. The Discipline Committee met many days in 2009 and has advanced greatly our understanding and experience with the discipline process.

Part of our mandate is to help ensure members behave competently and ethically. To this end we have, through the good work of various *ad hoc* committees, supported the development of materials designed to educate and inform members of practice issues and standards. A Standards of Conduct document, developed by the Third Party Payer Committee (dissolved in 2009), is in the final stages of revision and will be introduced soon. This document addresses a variety of practical issues in the provision of psychological services and will serve as a companion document to the Canadian Code of Ethics for Psychologists 3rd Edition. Another initiative related to supporting the provision of competent and ethical practice is the recently established *Ad hoc* Committee on Privacy Issues. This committee, while just forming, has been provided with terms of reference that direct it to review issues, and develop materials and policy, to guide and support members on record keeping, privacy, health information, and access to information matters. We expect these initiatives and materials will result in discussion and input from other committees necessary to support the functioning of the college, namely the Professional Practice and Ethics Committee and the Legislation and Bylaws Committee. The work of these committees is important and appreciated.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank members who support various other activities that assist in representing and advancing the views and role of psychology in the community. This includes members involved as representatives on the SGI Rehabilitation Advisory Board, the Saskatchewan Partnership

for Children and Youth, the University of Saskatchewan Senate, and other members who are consulted from time to time and give generously of their time. In addition, our Public Representatives provide a very useful perspective and make our functioning as a self-regulating profession more accountable and transparent. Their dedication to a profession not their own is admirable.

Every year Executive Council is responsible for reviewing all fees associated with the College. Council has decided not to propose an increase in the 2010 membership fees. Fees related to some other activities (e.g. the application process, time limited register, etc.) are proposed to increase to amounts closer to those found in other provinces and/or to a cost recovery level.

Finally, I would like to thank and acknowledge the work of the Nominations Committee. Their success is evidenced by our need to hold an election for several positions on Executive Council for the first time in many years. I thank those who have indicated their willingness to serve and wish them the best of success. I hope all members who find a way to contribute to the College enjoy their involvement. I have enjoyed, and wish to thank, other members on Council for their hard work. It has been a pleasure to serve my profession.

Executive Council financial status: Annual Expenditure \$9354

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Stevens, Ph.D., R.D. Psych.
President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ REGISTRAR'S REPORT

The 2009 practice year was a very busy and productive year for the College. The office has continued to operate with 2.1 FTE staff positions. Anita Miles joined the College office in November in the Administrative Assistant / Receptionist position on a temporary basis. I am pleased to announce that she recently accepted the position on a permanent part-time basis. Wendy Petrisor continues to very ably serve in the capacity of Assistant to the Registrar. The Registrar position was recently expanded to add the role and responsibilities of the Executive Director. The change was a result of a remodel of the governance structure of the College which was a product of the strategic planning process in 2008.

The work of the College could not be fully accomplished without the continued support and volunteerism from the membership. I have been incredibly fortunate to have had the opportunity to work directly on various committees with a number of highly committed and competent members. The activities of the committees have been numerous and will be highlighted in the various committee reports. I believe that the Public has been well protected and that the membership's interests have been fairly and transparently addressed. I also would like to acknowledge the work of the Executive Council,

who very ably dealt with many significant and difficult issues, and whose support has been invaluable to me in my work.

The membership numbers have remained relatively stable over the last year and a balance appears to have been struck between those leaving the profession and those entering the profession. The following demographic information provides an overview of the current status of the profession in the province:

Member Category	January 2009	January 2010
Full Practice	392	401
Provisional Practice	52	56
Non-Practice	40	37
Total Members	484	494

* = 45 members did not declare their employment status as either full or part-time

Membership Information	Number
Masters	326
Doctoral	165
Other (Ed.D)	3
Rural (outside Regina and Saskatoon)	322
City	172
Part-time (self-declared)	74*
Full-time (self-declared)	356*
Leave	19*
Private Practice (as primary employment)	120

Some of the significant issues addressed by the College since the last AGM are as follows:

The world of professional regulation is changing and the boundaries between jurisdictions are diminishing in part as a result of various trade/mobility agreements promulgated by both provincial and federal governments. Perhaps the most important of those agreements is the federal/provincial Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT), specifically amendments to Chapter 7. The amendments to this chapter of the AIT essentially require regulatory bodies to accept Full Practice registrants from other jurisdictions without question or additional requirements other than perhaps a local jurisprudence examination. It is unclear how title differences between jurisdictions will be addressed. The only possible exceptions to the non-contested mobility required in the amendments may be those individuals previously known to a receiving jurisdiction, or those with a formal discipline history, or those not in "good standing" in their home jurisdiction. The College filed a "legitimate objective" with government regarding Authorized Practice Endorsement (APE) which would have allowed the College to assess for diagnostic competence in AIT applicants where this was questioned. The legitimate objective was initially approved by government, however, was withdrawn a few months later as it was determined that there was no real public safety issue with regard to diagnostic competency. An omnibus bill to amend

the provincial health legislation which would allow for the regulated professions in the province to comply with the AIT amendments has not yet been proclaimed, and thus at this time the College is not admitting individuals under the agreement. The agreement in most cases will be non-problematic and in fact I anticipate will be positive in terms of growing the profession. However another reality of the agreement is that control over who will be admitted to a jurisdiction is removed from the regulator in terms of individuals fully qualified in other Canadian jurisdictions. Thus the agreement will potentially require jurisdictions to admit to Full Practice individuals with credentials who otherwise might not qualify for licensure in the receiving jurisdiction if they were applying as new applicants and did not hold a Full Practice license in another jurisdiction. This has highlighted for the Canadian regulators the importance of working toward consistency in licensure practice.

A trade/mobility agreement recently signed that has the potential to impact regulatory work is the Western Economic Partnership (WEP) between Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia. It is unclear exactly how this will impact health regulation but our understanding is that the intent is to further reduce trade and economic barriers between the three provinces. Specific details regarding the agreement will be announced in the near future once the specifics are endorsed by the relevant government ministers. It is unclear as to whether this is a repackaging of TILMA which is the current trade/mobility agreement between Alberta and British Columbia. Another agreement which has the potential to impact professional regulation is the "Pan Canadian Framework" which is a federal provincial agreement to facilitate the licensure of foreign trained professionals and has the mandate of ensuring that assessment and recognition of foreign qualifications is fair, transparent, timely and consistent across Canada. Given the numbers who will leave the profession in the next 10-15 years due to retirement and mobility, immigration may be key to the growth of the profession in this province in the future.

The issue of distance education will ultimately be resolved through legislative/bylaw amendment. Distance Education is still very much an issue for psychology regulators in North America and it appears that there is only limited support for licensure of full distance degrees. In 2009 the Executive Council reviewed a report prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee on Distance Education (disbanded 2009) which recommended a significant period of residency in training programs for professional psychology. In addition the Registration Committee submitted recommendations to Executive Council with regard to the Academic Credentialing Policy of the College. The position decided by Executive Council is that any program that will be considered for licensure must contain a period of academic residency and that period of residency is not covered by practica or internships. Consultation has occurred with legal counsel regarding necessary legislative amendments, and the Legislation and Bylaws Committee is currently tasked with considering draft wording for the amendments.

The College's oral examination process is reviewed and

revised on a regular basis to ensure that it continues to meet the objectives established by Executive Council, is fair and consistent, and that the outcome of the process are members who are competent and ready to practice independently. To that end in 2009 the Oral Examination Committee received endorsement by Executive Council for a proposal that called for the reconfiguration of the examination process to improve its standardization, increase the frequency with which examinations are held, and increase the overall capacity of the examination process. The plan called for the establishment of set examination panels which will be comprised of two regular panel members, and a third member that will be chosen for each examination depending upon the declared/intended areas of practice of the examination candidate. The College is currently in the process of recruiting for the examination panels.

Over the last year the Association of Canadian Psychology Regulatory Organizations (ACPRO) focused significant attention on the AIT and its impact on the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA). The regulators agreed that there are elements of the MRA which will be maintained i.e. core competencies and the Foundational Knowledge requirement. ACPRO will be focusing much of its attention this year on standardization in licensure, and has received federal government funding to assist with this process. ACPRO is also currently working on the development of standards for the provision and regulation of tele-health services. The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) which represents 61 North American Psychology regulatory jurisdictions focused significant attention over the last year on issues such as continuing competence, mobility, and the need for greater consistency across regulatory jurisdictions in terms of licensure standards. ASPPB is very much interested in the impact of the AIT on standards and competency.

Significant review and rewriting has occurred with regard to the legislation and bylaws of the organization. The proposed amendments address areas of the legislation and bylaws in which the language has not been as clear as it needs to be, the gaps in the legislation, the addition of a Time Limited Register category of licensure, a separation of the fee bylaws from the administrative bylaw, and the increase of some administrative fees. Ultimately ratification of the bylaws by the membership and Ministerial proclamation of the proposed changes to the regulatory bylaws and legislation will need to occur.

During the last year the College has been involved in a number of initiatives that will enhance the competence and practice of the membership. In May the College hosted Dr. Carol Falendar who provided training for the membership on the topic of clinical supervision. This training event was funded under the Health Recruitment and Retention Grant awarded to the College by the Ministry of Health. A supervision manual is currently in development and is intended to build on the training provided by Dr. Falendar and to provide guidance to members who are providing supervision for the purpose of licensure. Due to resource and time limitations, not all of the projects proposed under the grant have been implemented. It is hoped that the College will

still be able to conduct a free training event for members sometime over the next few months on the topic of ethics in practice. The College has been consulted by various stakeholders regarding situations where the expectations of the stakeholder are in conflict with the ethical responsibilities of the profession/the expectations of the College. This is a reality of practice and the College has established the position that members should practice according to the higher standard. In 2008 the College participated in the development of the joint Saskatchewan Educational Psychologists Association (SEPA) and Ministry of Education document "Guidelines for the Practice of Profession Psychology in Schools within Saskatchewan". The College has continued to be involved in the revisions of that document. For the first time the College is conducting an audit of the continuing education activities of a randomly selected portion of the membership; the 2009 practice year is being audited. The audit is the first step in establishing a quality assurance plan for the College. Finally the initiatives referred to in the President's Report pertaining to the Standards of Conduct and the establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee on Privacy, I believe will be of assistance to the membership in their day to day practice.

I believe that the College, with your assistance, has accomplished a lot in this last year, and has worked diligently to ensure that the practice is honorable and competent, and the Public is protected. I sincerely hope that you are proud to identify yourself as a member of this organization. I would like to encourage you to contact the College office should you have any concerns or questions with regard to the regulation of the profession, or should you have an interest in serving on any committees of the College.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Messer-Engel, M.A., R.Psych.
Executive Director / Registrar

TREASURER'S REPORT

Stepping into the position of Treasurer, a position long-held by Judy Curry, has been a very steep learning curve indeed! It is with the utmost appreciation I acknowledge the support of Wendy Petrisor who so competently manages the daily accounting as well as her many other duties as Assistant to the Registrar. Salary costs continue to be our largest budgeted expense, but without the intense dedication of our office staff, led by our newly reconfigured Registrar/Executive Director, Karen Messer-Engel, we would not be able to function in our capacity as the College of Psychologists. I would also like to acknowledge the hiring of Anita Miles, Receptionist/Admin Assistant.

Our overall operating budget continues to increase on a yearly basis. As well as salary costs, we are facing large increases in legal expenses as we continue to fulfill our mandate of protection of the public. Executive Council strives to ensure that our membership are informed through notifications on the website, ongoing professional development opportunities and access to consultation and advice through the structures of

standing and ad hoc committees. We are attempting to maintain current committee costs through the establishment of procedures guiding teleconference and electronic meetings.

The experience on Council has again this year been an interesting and rewarding one with an opportunity to participate in the College business and to work with committed professionals. I would like to thank our outgoing President, Greg Stevens for all his wise guidance and congratulate Karen Todd as she tackles her new role. I would encourage all members to consider involvement with committee work and the Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Hengen, M.Ed., R. Psych.
Treasurer

FINANCE/PERSONNEL REPORT

Members on committee: There are four members on the Committee comprised of: Karen Todd (Chair); Jenny Keller; Gordon Glaicar (Public Representative); Shelley Hengen

Number of meetings held: Four meetings were held; one in person, with the remainder by teleconference.

Highlights/Concerns: The Committee is grateful to Greg Stevens (President) who joined two meetings as ex-officio and provided valued insight and guidance given his experience on the Committee the year previous. A major task for the Committee this year was to refine job descriptions for the newly combined position of Executive Director/Registrar in collaboration with the incumbent for the position and Executive Council. Other highlights for the Committee included reviews of staff contracts, benefits and salaries.

Recommendations for next year: The Committee will continue to address finance and personnel matters in accordance with the Committee's terms of reference. It was great to work with Committee members this past year, all of whom extended effort and conscientious though on matters discussed.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen L. Todd, R. Psych
Chair, Finance/Personnel Committee

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Members on committee: Dave Gorrie (Chair); Joan Dudgeon (Public Representative); Terrie Dumelie; Nathalie Berard; Tammy Ferguson; Liz Ivanochko; Carmel Kleisinger; Karen Messer-Engel (ex-officio member).

Number of meetings held: The Committee meets on average once a month, approximately two hours per session. The

Committee takes a one month break during the summer months.

Number of cases/items addressed:

- Completed: 127 file reviews
- 5 Oral Exam reviews.

Financial status: Annual Expenditure \$4066

Highlights/Concerns:

Items discussed included:

- Legal Counsel's recommendation re: Academic Credentialing Policy
- Pre-Doctoral internship hour applications/issues.
- Foreign credential applications.
- Decisions related to repeated extensions due to life circumstances or medical issues.
- Discussion related to the lack of regulation for students in Pre-Doctoral Internship Psychology programs and potential related public safety issues.
- EPPP scores – whether to accept scores from other jurisdictions which have a lower pass point
- Competency
- What constitutes an acceptable program in Psychology – recommendations for revisions

Recommendations for next year:

Continue as is. Thanks to Karen Messer-Engel for all her support and to each of the Committee members for their insights and service. You are all great to work with!

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Gorrie, M. Ed., R. Psych.
Chair, Registration Committee

**PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Members on committee: Linda Arnot, Chair; Joanne Frederick; Sandy Gardiner; Valerie Morrissey; Jason Peebles; Jim Arnold; Holly Huyghebaert; Jennifer Chalmers; Samuel Morgan. Alternates are Don Berg, Ruth Wong; Ruthanne Bell; Carol Eaton; Deborah Parker-Loewen; Bryan Acton.

Expired term: Marilyn MacDonald, 2008.

Number of meetings held: Monthly

Number of cases/items addressed:

- Completed: 5
- In progress: 11
2009 cases – 8
Pre-2009 cases – 3

13 new complaints were received in 2009.

None of the files from 2009 were referred to the Discipline Committee, although 5 open cases from previous years went to Discipline (three cases were combined for one hearing).

Financial status: Annual Expenditure \$8,839

Highlights/Concerns:

The Professional Conduct Committee has an onerous task of investigating complaints received. The complexity of complaints, the need for proper and timely investigation, and the recognition of the stress to members and the public when a complaint occurs, needs mention. Despite a heavy burden of responsibility, Committee members have worked diligently as volunteers to carry out their work and to adopt improvements to the process. The Committee Chair met with Executive Council in the fall of 2009, with the request that an Ad Hoc Committee be formed to consider improvements in the investigation process in order to improve time lines, ensure consistency, and to recognize the special demands on this Committee. As a result, an Ad Hoc Committee was formed to address these concerns and to improve the resources available. The PCC looks forward to these discussions. Thanks are due to the PCC lawyer, Karen Prisciak, QC, Karen Messer-Engel and Wendy Petrisor of the College who have proved invaluable assistance and support to the Committee. Thanks are due as well to the PCC members who have provided loyal and dedicated service to the College.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Arnot, M. Ed., R. Psych.
Chair, Professional Conduct Committee

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORT

Members on committee: Mary Hampton (Chair), Wayne Schlapkohl, Angelina Baydala, Patricia Cressweller, Gordon Glaicar (Public Representative), and Marlene Harper. Carl Von Baeyer is our alternate.

Number of meetings held: We met to conduct three discipline hearings in 2009: two took place in Regina and one was completed in Saskatoon. We thank Merilee Rasmussen, QC, counsel for the discipline committee, for her assistance in our work.

Number of cases/items addressed:

- Completed: 3 hearings were completed.
- In progress: 0 hearings in progress.

Financial status: Annual Expenditure \$47,679

Highlights/Concerns: The discipline committee's decisions are posted on the college website when complete.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Hampton, Ph.D., R.D. Psych.
Chair, Discipline Committee

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Over the past few years SCP members appear to have been hesitant to let their names stand for election to the provincial Council. Formed early in November 2009 this year's nominations committee included: Renee Schmidt, Leslie Young and Rik Cherland. The committee first met on November 9, 2009 to review the duties required and to choose some means that might best promote more member involvement.

In consideration of the Polling date designated by Council and the materials needed, a timeline was formed of the needed preparations and a designated schedule to follow. Assignments were chosen for the actions to be completed. Given the short time available before the 'Call for Nominations' letter and materials were to be created and mailed, the committee recommended that the Council be asked to ensure future committees were in place by September.

In the hopes of inspiring greater SCP participation the committee decided to look for added ways to enhance the letters and notices that would urge member action. The theme "*Make your mark, shape our future!*" was chosen to highlight the individual opportunity available. It was hoped that such a phrase might serve as a basis to challenge members to seek out a colleague who could best contribute to the office. This saying may speak to the importance of each member casting her/his vote. Committee members agreed to consider using language that affirmed this sense of contribution and searching for insightful candidates. It was further agreed that key issues facing the College, as were noted in the SCP Registrar's fall letter with its license renewal materials, could be accentuated to underscore areas for needed member contribution and leadership through Council. In addition, committee members affirmed that it was only fitting for nominations to come from individuals outside of the nomination committee. On this basis of operation the elections process would be best served with proper neutrality and objectivity.

Subsequently on November 20, 2009, the Call for Nominations was mailed to the membership. Nominations closed on January 26, 2010. We were honored to have 5 members nominated for the two Member-At-Large positions and 2 for President-Elect post. Unfortunately no nominations were received within the designated time for the essential position of Secretary. The present SCP Council was asked to assume the task of seeking an appointment for this Secretary post, as directed by the SCP Administrative Bylaw 12 (4).

On behalf of the SCP membership the nominations committee extends a very special "Thank You" to each individual who agreed to let her/his name be put forward for possible election to serve on the Council. Your willingness to serve provides a meaningful example to all of us. You honor the work we

share and the commitment needed by each member. Only with the readiness you demonstrate will our profession and

practice of Psychology make its mark and contribute much good in service to the people of our Province.

Finally we voice our great appreciation to Wendy Petrisor, the Assistant to the Registrar. Her steady and efficient work was most essential for success at the functions basic to nominations committee work.

Financial status: Annual Expenditure \$19

Respectfully submitted,
Rik Cherland, M.Ed., R.Psych
Renee Schmidt, M.Ed., R.Psych
Leslie Young, M.Ed., R.Psych.
Nominations Committee

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT

The role of the Professional Practice and Ethics Committee is to provide input and opinions to Executive Council and SCP members regarding professional practice and ethical issues. I have been the Chair of this committee for the past four years. I want to thank the other members of this committee, Francis Stewart (Moose Jaw), Evelyn Steginus (Regina) Doug Jurgens (Prince Albert), and Keith Powell (Prince Albert), who have generously donated their time and expertise. This year, our committee has met in Regina, as well as completed work through electronic discussions.

In the past year, the committee provided feedback to members and Council on a number of issues, including;

- a) the Standards of Professional Conduct document
- b) the maintenance of client records
- c) the role of the Professional Practice and Ethics Committee in the development of practice advisories

We look forward to continuing to provide assistance to Executive Council and members of the College regarding professional practice and ethical questions.

Financial status: Annual Expenditure \$231

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Loutzenhiser, R.D.Psych.
Chair, Professional Practice and Ethics Committee

ORAL EXAMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Members on committee: Don Berg, Tammy Dusterbeck-Colhoun, Ian MacAusland-Berg, Mona Flood, Kristin Bellows, Iris Rowlett, Karen Messer-Engel (ex-officio member)

Number of meetings held: Four meetings plus two Oral Exam days

Number of cases/items addressed:

- Completed: 20 Interviews
- In progress: Policy updates, handbook provision, initiative for new panel structures

Financial status: Annual Expenditure \$5,347

Highlights/Concerns:

1. Commitment to improve process in terms of wait times and consistency
2. Training for supervisors

Recommendations for next year:

1. Resources allocated to training opportunities for supervisors

Respectfully submitted,
Don Berg, M.Ed., R. Psych.
Tammy Dusterbeck-Colhoun, M.Ed., R. Psych.
Co-Chairs, Oral Examination Committee

LEGISLATION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Members on committee: Laurie Garcea, Ken Hardy, David Randall, Theresa Zolner, Gayleen Robertson

Number of meetings held: 3

Number of cases/items addressed:

- Completed:
 - In progress:
1. **Motion: 55-09-C** *move to task the Legislation and Bylaws Committee to develop draft wording for the legislation which would allow the SCP to determine the acceptability of the particular programs for licensure.*
 2. **Motion 56-09-C** *move that the Legislation and Bylaws Committee be tasked with developing draft wording for bylaws that would establish residency as a necessary element of acceptable program for licensure.*

The committee will also look at legislation in other jurisdictions given the impending changes to the Agreement on International Trade.

Financial status: Annual Expenditure \$285

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Garcea, M.Ed., R. Psych
Chair, Legislation and Bylaws Committee

SASKATCHEWAN PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH REPORT

The Saskatchewan Partnership on Children and Youth was formed to promote the interests of children, youth, families and communities in Saskatchewan. We are a multidisciplinary group, chaired by Deborah Parker-Loewen, representing the Saskatchewan College of Psychologists. This year the group was asked by the Ministry of Social Services to act in an advisory capacity to the development of the independent Child Welfare Review being undertaken in Saskatchewan. This work is in a very preliminary stage at this time and there will be a more comprehensive report next year. A full description of the mission and goals of the Partnership is available and questions are welcome. Please contact the Chair, Deborah Parker-Loewen at any time. (Email: drdparloe@sasktel.net).

Financial status: Annual Expenditure \$404

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Parker-Loewen, R.D. Psych

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN SENATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The Saskatchewan College of Psychologists continues to have a representative on the University of Saskatchewan Senate. Due to limited involvement, other agencies/colleges have recently lost the privilege of having a representative on the Senate. Our representation allows the college a voice on matters under consideration by the Senate.

The current representative continues to attend the twice-annual meetings and be an active member of the Senate's non-academic student discipline and appeals committee and the honorary degrees committee. If any member of the college has questions regarding who is eligible for an honorary degree, or the honorary degree nomination process, please contact me.

Financial status: Annual Expenditure \$0

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Stevens, Ph.D., R.D. Psych.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PRIVACY ISSUES

Members on committee: Glenn Pancyr, Stephen Shaw; Heather Brenneman; Larry Shepel; Michelle Shaw; and one additional member to be appointed later.

The committee's first meeting was held February 1, 2010.

Financial status: Annual Expenditure \$0

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Pancyr, Ph.D., R.D. Psych.
Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Privacy Issues

SGI REHABILITATION ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

No developments in 2009.

Financial Status: Annual Expenditure \$0

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Adams, M.Ed., R. Psych.

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Number of members: Three public representatives serve on Council. A new appointee, Marion McKenzie, has joined two returning appointees, Joan Dudgeon and Gordon Glaicar. The public members have been appointed by Order-in-Council of the Government of Saskatchewan.

Number of meetings held: Public representatives attend all face-to-face meetings in Regina or if necessary, by electronic means. They also serve on various committees of Council where they participate in decision making regarding the issues of that committee. A list of committee involvement and qualifications of the public members appears on the Council's website.

Recommendations for next year: We will continue to represent the views of the public. We commend the professionalism of the members of the Saskatchewan College of Psychologists and thank the administrative staff for their support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Dudgeon, Gordon Glaicar, Marion McKenzie
Public Representatives