



## Notes from the College November 24, 2015

**Purpose:** To provide information to members about professional regulation, the functions of the college and its committees, practice guidelines and practice advisories. Each email will highlight one committee, one professional practice guideline, and one practice advisory. Committee highlights will give you some idea of what kind of commitment a member makes to serve on a committee, or council.

### **Discipline Committee:**

The Discipline Committee is charged with the responsibility to adjudicate complaints against members that have been investigated by the Professional Conduct Committee, and recommended by them to proceed to a formal hearing. The work of the Committee is challenging, and their decisions are made in consideration of the College's legislative and regulatory authority and its responsibilities. The Committee is comprised of senior members of the profession and a public representative appointed to the Executive Council by government. Hearing panels of three Committee members are convened when a hearing is recommended by the PCC. Hearings typically are a full day. On average the Committee adjudicates 3 cases a year.

### **Professional Practice Guidelines:**

With the holiday season upon us, a practice guideline, and an ethical standard that are particularly relevant are as follows:

In the spirit of giving, this from the guidelines:

5.9 Gifts: A member must not accept a gift of more than token value from a client. Items accepted should not be more than of nominal value and should not enhance a member's financial, professional, or personal status. Bartering for services is not viewed as applicable to this guideline.

And from the Canadian Code of Ethics for Psychologists (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition): Principle IV: Responsibility to society: Beneficial activities-IV.12 - Contribute to the general welfare of society (e.g., improving accessibility of services, regardless of ability to pay) and/or to the general welfare of their discipline, by offering a portion of their time to work for which they receive little or no financial return.

### **Practice Advisory:**

Did you know you may not simply quit being a member of the College, even if you do not pay your fees? Members must submit a written request to the Registrar to resign and then Executive Council must approve it. The rationale for this process is explained in the "Term of Membership in the Saskatchewan College of Psychologists" advisory.

Cheers,

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