



Psychologists' Association of Alberta
Annual General Meeting
Minutes
09 September 2022
12:00 – 12:30 p.m.
Online

The mission of the Psychologists' Association of Alberta is to advance the science-based profession of psychology and to promote the well-being and potential of all Albertans.

Opening

Dr. Judi Malone, Chief Executive Officer of PAA, and Claire Petersen, PAA President, welcomed attendees to the annual general meeting and acknowledged Alberta's Treaties 6,7 and 8. The PAA is dedicated to ensuring that the spirit of Alberta Treaties are honoured and respected.

Agenda

Claire Petersen, PAA Board President, welcomed attendees to the annual general meeting and provided a brief overview of the meeting agenda.

Presidents Report

Claire Petersen, PAA Board President, provided a brief report with highlights from the 2021-2022 Annual Report and introduced the PAA Board and board executives. She thanked PAA CEO and staff for the past two years for persevering through the pandemic and providing virtual ways to connect to all PAA members.

CEO Report

Dr. Judi Malone, PAA CEO, presented a brief report highlighting PAA's accomplishments over the last year:

- The PAA annual report has the highlights of main projects and events.
- Pandemic repercussions remained the association's primary objective.
- Advocacy work this year targeted mass graves at the residential schools, TRC responsibilities, and land-based mental health training.
- PAA's efforts to advance member connectivity took form in Professional Ethics Round Tables, Communities of Practice, and public education events highlighting the unique value of psychology.
- PAA will continue to release educational videos on the value of psychology, launch a new "Find a psychologist" platform and Professional Guidance Program.

Dr. Malone thanked everyone for attending the PAA's Annual General Meeting and for joining communities, connecting with peers, volunteering, and being leaders in the profession.

Treasurers Report

April Salciano, PAA Board Treasurer, provided a brief financial summary as was presented in the 2021-2022 Annual Report. To receive the full financial report, please contact the PAA office.

Motion: To appoint Mahon & Associates Chartered Professional Accountants to prepare an independent financial report for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

CARRIED

Special Resolutions

Heather Gower, PAA President Elect Called the membership to vote on special resolutions to modify the Association Bylaws:

Motion:

That PAA Extends Voting members to include Full, Life, and Early Career Members.

3.6 “Eligible voting members” are Full, Life, and Early Career Members of the Association.

CARRIED

Motion:

Retroactive to the 2021 PAA Membership Renewal Period, the Life Membership Policy & Bylaw will change as per the following.

4.2 Life Membership is open to any individual who, at the time of application.

- a) has reached the age of 70; and
- b) is, or has been, a registered psychologist in Alberta AND was an Early Career, Full, or Out of Province member in good standing with the Association for twenty years.

CARRIED

Motion:

That PAA adopts a process of delivering our Annual General Meeting Online/Virtually and amends Bylaws as follows:

6.3 Notification

Official notification of Annual or Special General Meetings shall be sent to all members at least twenty-one days before the date of the meeting, determined by the date of mailing. The notification shall include the purpose of the meeting and Special Resolutions, if any, to be voted on at the meeting. For purposes of official notification, “mailing” may include the use of Canada Post, email to members, posting on the PAA website, posting in PAA’s newsletter “Psymposium”, and by other means as appropriate.

7.1.1 Voting at Annual or Special General meetings shall be by a show of hands or an electronic equivalent unless a ballot is:

- a) directed by the chair of the meeting, or
- b) requested by at least 25% of eligible voting members present.

CARRIED

Motion:

PAA Updates Bylaw 4.4 as per the following:

4.4 Student Membership (non-voting) is open to an individual who upon application:

- a) is registered as a student in an undergraduate or graduate psychological program at a recognized university, college, or other institution of post-secondary education in Alberta and/or a student who is an Alberta resident completing psychology training elsewhere; and
- b) is of good character and reputation; and
- c) pays the prescribed dues.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded with all members being invited to the PAA Awards and Welcome to the Profession Banquet on 23 September 2023 in Calgary.

150 members were in attendance.