



Psychologists' Association of Alberta
Annual General Meeting
Minutes
08 September 2023
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Interactive Online

The Annual General Meeting achieved quorum. 77 members were in attendance.

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 is 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.

President's Report

Claire Petersen, PAA Board President:

- Introduced the PAA Board and board executives
- Welcomed the newest board-elect members, Christopher Pawluk and Dr Quintina Bearchief-Adolpho
- Extended gratitude to the three outgoing board members, Heather Gower, Dr Sally McLean, and Dr Jaqueline Linder for their service and leadership
- Congratulated PAA CEO Dr. Judi Malone for her recent distinguished awards and accolades

In closing, she offered gratitude to PAA members for their hard work and dedication to psychology.

CEO Report

Dr. Judi Malone, PAA CEO, presented the PAA "Year at A Glance" video highlighting PAA's accomplishments over the 2022-2023 year:

- Recognizing the 2022 award winners for their exemplary leadership in psychology.
- Highlighting the many Advocacy platforms targeted including family violence, addiction, medically assisted dying, federal mental health transfers, and primary health care systems, just to name a few.
- Recognizing Psychology Month with multi-media appearances, province-wide town halls, over 80 social media posts, and a successful February PAA open house.
- The Disaster Response Network, PAA/CAP Task Force on Reconciliation, and the Psymposium Reconciliation Issue were some of the major PAA Health Highlights.

- PAA’s efforts to advance connectivity took form in Professional Ethics Round Tables, New Member Match Program, Communities of Practice, and a new Volunteer Program launch.
- PAA will continue to release educational videos on the value of psychology, launch a new “Find a Psychologist” platform, and has launched a Professional Guidance Program.

Dr. Malone mentioned the written annual report is readily available to use as a tool to celebrate what a strong, growing profession we are provincially.

Treasurer’s Report

Chris Pawluk, PAA Board Treasurer, provided a detailed financial summary as was presented in the 2022-2023 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 2023-2024 fiscal year.

CARRIED

Special Resolutions

Mira Singh, PAA President Elect, called the membership to vote on special resolutions to modify the Association Bylaws:

Motion Add a bylaw 4.9 Non-Practising Membership (non-voting) is open to an individual who:

- a) was previously but is no longer registered with the College of Alberta Psychologists
- b) was previously a PAA member for at least two years since 1996
- c) is of good character and reputation and pays the prescribed dues
- d) non-practicing members are not eligible to use the PAA Referral Service
- e) must only list PAA membership as “non-practicing status.”

CARRIED

Motion Add a bylaw 4.10 Professional Counselors Membership (non-voting) is open to individuals who are:

- a) Counsellors or Psychotherapists registered with the College of Alberta psychologists who are not also registered psychologists.
- b) is of good character and reputation
- c) pays the prescribed dues
- d) Professional Counsellor members are not eligible to use the PAA Referral Service or access the CPAP/CPA Professional Liability Insurance Program

CARRIED following vote audit removing ineligible votes

The meeting concluded with all members being invited to the 2023 PAA Gala, The Ripple Effect: Celebrating Leaders in Psychology and Welcoming Newly Registered Psychologists on 29 September 2023 in Edmonton, along with a beautiful recognition video showcasing the 2023 award winners.