



**Psychologists' Association of Alberta**  
Annual General Meeting  
Minutes  
06 September 2024  
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  
Interactive Online

The Annual General Meeting achieved quorum. 112 members were in attendance.

### **Opening**

Introductions from Lori Pratt, Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Psychologists' Association of Alberta (PAA) representing former CEO Dr. Judi Malone (acting PAA CEO during this reporting fiscal year), and Mira Singh, PAA President, welcomed attendees to the annual general meeting. President-elect, Dr. Quintina Bearchief-Adolpho 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**

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

### **Presidents Report**

Mira Singh, PAA Board President:

- Introduced the PAA Board and board executives.
- Welcomed the newest board-elect members, Dr. Allison McNeil, Carmen Bellows, Lisa Kaldenbach, Rashmani Chakrabarty, and Stacey Steele.
- Extended gratitude to the outgoing board members, former President Claire Peterson and Past President Nicki Wilson.
- Acknowledged the resignation of PAA CEO Dr. Judi Malone and highlighted her accomplishments spanning over 11 years of hard work and dedication to the Association.

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

### **CEO Report**

Lori Pratt reported on behalf of Dr. Judi Malone, former PAA CEO, and presented the PAA "Year at A Glance" video highlighting PAA's accomplishments over the 2023-2024 year:

- Attaining record membership of over 4000 members during the 2024 renewal period.
- Recognizing the 2023 award winners for their exemplary leadership in psychology.
- Highlighting the many Advocacy platforms targeted included 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, numerous social media posts, and two successful February PAA open houses.
- PAA’s efforts to advance connectivity took form in Professional Ethics Round Tables, Member Match Program, and Communities of Practice.
- PAA’s Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program continued to flourish as it enhanced the development of psychologists by increasing its online library to 24 courses.
- PAA’s Professional Guidance Program celebrated its 1 year with continued success by responding to over 200 requests, launching the Psychology Unboxed Podcast, and creating an online library with ethics-related resources for members to access.

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

**Summary of Financial Information**

Chris Pawluk, PAA Audit Committee Chair, provided a detailed financial summary as was presented in the 2023-2024 Annual Report. To receive the full financial summary, please contact the PAA office.

**Motion:** To appoint Mahon & Associates Chartered Professional Accountants to prepare an independent financial report for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

**CARRIED**

**Special Resolutions**

Dr. Quintina Bearchief-Adolpho, PAA President Elect Called the membership to vote on special resolutions to modify the Association Bylaws:

**Motion** Add a bylaw change 10.2.5.as per the following:

Strategic discussions of the Board are open to approved or invited delegates, except for motions and for when a majority of the Directors vote to meet “in camera”.

**CARRIED**

**Motion** Add a bylaw amendment 8.1.3 as per the following:

Candidates for election shall be eligible voting members in good standing with the Association at the time of nomination. No elected leader of the PAA may be concurrently an elected leader or staff member of the College of Alberta Psychologists.

**CARRIED**

The meeting concluded with all members being invited to the 2024 PAA Gala, Building Together Tomorrow: Celebrating Leaders in Psychology and Welcoming Newly Registered

Psychologists on 27 September 2024 in Calgary, along with a beautiful recognition video showcasing the 2024 award winners.