

**HPP-CPA Section Business Meeting**  
Minutes Prepared by Ric Hohn (Treasurer-Secretary)

CPA Convention 2017, Toronto, ON  
June 10th, 10:45am

**In Attendance**

Kathleen Slaney (Chair); Cor Baerveldt (Fmr. Chair); Jeffery Yen (Chair-elect); Ric Hohn (Secretary-Treasurer); Raffi Aintablian (Co-program Chair); Marissa Barnes (Editor of the *Bulletin*); John Connors (Member); James Cresswell (Member); Zhipeng Gao (Student Affiliate); Vickie Richard (Student Affiliate); Ian Davidson (Unreg.); Garri Hovhannisyan (Unreg.); Susannah Mulvale (Unreg.); Fred Whitesman (Unreg.); Garri Hovhannisyan (Unreg.); Madeline *no last name given* (Unreg.)

**Executive/Positions Absent**

Wanda Power (Co-program Chair)  
Eric Oosenbrug (Webmaster)  
Fran Cherry (Archivist)

**Meeting**

***Executive Reports***

- Members of the executive each gave summaries of their reports...
  
- **Marissa Barnes (editor of the *Bulletin*)**
  - A structure for a “revamped” Bulletin was outlined, consisting of several recurring sections:
    - Editor’s Corner – Addresses what is current happening with the section.
    - From the Chair – Interview, or merely some content, with the current Chair.
    - Spotlight On – Featured bios and content, first supplied by the executive and eventually reaching HPP members.
    - On the Road – Future events, news and notes, basically what is happening with HPP
  - A goal was mentioned of getting the Bulletin launched by the fall, with hopes of facilitating it online and “building an online presence.”
    - This includes maintaining a searchable ‘database’ of previous issues.
    - A special thanks to Cor for making previous issues searchable!

- A call for help was initiated by Marissa, particularly for the aesthetic aims and technical sides of launching the bulletin online. These positions would be deemed “Editorial Assistants” with eventual progression into editor roles.
  - It was suggested by Cor (and Kate) that MJW Award papers be included in the Bulletin. For the first few issues, past winners could be selected.
- **Ric Hohn (Secretary-Treasurer)**
    - The section financials are healthy and increased spending is needed by the section to conform with CPA banking guidelines. More awards (elaborated later) have been proposed to facilitate more spending. Several caveats were offered:
      - Recent gains by the section have materialized from book royalty donations from book published very recently. As these books age, their royalty donation will decrease. The section should monitor this and not consider royalty donations as a stable income stream.
      - Section Membership is down to 51 total members, down from 68. Kate mentioned this was section-wide. This impacts revenue from membership fees. If the section continues to shrink, so will the membership generated income.
        - Ric stressed that the success of future section projects depends on membership and that recruiting new members should be a priority of the section.
        - Ric suggested a “grassroots” effort of building members through home universities, via members recruiting at their universities through department emails with news about awards and calls for papers, etc.
        - James stressed that retention of membership now largely depends on social media presence.
        - Cor raised the issue that being a CPA is a necessary condition of being an HPP member, which entails more cost for the students and that a general CPA membership be worth the money.
          - Cor suggested diverging from CPA in some ways, such as offering “pre-conferences” to attached members from outside the CPA network. This could reach other theoretical communities.
          - Cor also suggested reaching out to other communities to offer packages with them, so that CPA membership might become more attractive for potential HPP members.
          - Kate suggested viewing Div24 of APA as a model organization HPP should attempt to emulate.
          - **These items were decidedly left for the next executive.**

- Jeffery suggested the formation of a “membership subcommittee” to focus of these issues.
    - Ric suggest exploring advertising opportunities, given we have money to spend. Possibly through CPA or other organizations.
  - MJW Endowment was reported to be healthy and capable of providing an increased award amount. PFC seems ok with increasing the award amount.
    - Cor voiced concerns given the account is conservative.
- **Raffi Aintablain and Wanda Power (Co-program Chairs)**
  - CPA was reportedly difficult to work with, but manageable.
  - A special thanks to Raffi for organizing the section dinner!
- **Kate Slaney (Chair)**
  - Concerning the CPA Chairs Meeting:
    - Sections will no longer have their own bank accounts, but will still be offered autonomy regarding their spending. Booking will be done using some other process. We have to opt in by 2019, with an option to opt in for 2018.
      - The section needs to maintain balance below \$5000, lest any funds over that amount be donated to CPA.
    - The next CPA convention will be held in Montreal and will be a partnership between CPA and the International Conference for Applied Psychology.
      - Kate noted that the advantage of this partnership was not made clear in the Chairs Meeting. It is not clear if a section similar to HPP exists for the ICAP, which might potentially isolate our section.
      - The cost has increased dramatically to ~\$575 for members and \$200-\$275, with subsidies offered for students. **No clear justification for the increased was offered by CPA.**
      - Ultimately, the section was not optimistic about how the logistics of the 2017 convention will affect CPA, due to cost and no guarantee of section autonomy for our program.
      - The possibility that CPA might not offer HPP a program was discussed.
        - Cor expressed concerns about this and suggested the section consider holding its own conference separate from CPA2018. This suggestion was welcomed by those present.

### ***Mary J. Wright Award***

- Congratulations to Susannah for winning the 2017 MJW Award!

- A motion was proposed to increase the award to \$150, which was approved unanimously.
  - Caution was offered about the health of the endowment, particularly that if we offer all interest for the MJW, the endowment will not grow.
- Ric reported that the interest acquired from the previous year was ~\$450.

### ***Proposed Student Award***

- A special thanks to Vickie for helping with the creation of this award proposal.
- A motion was proposed to create the award to be offered for the upcoming year. Award criteria has previously been circulated to the executive. The motion passed.

### ***Executive Election Results***

- Chair-elect: James Cresswell
- Co-program chair (junior): Susannah Mulvale
- Webmaster: Ian Davidson

**Meeting Adjourned**