

Election to Council

Election to Council was held on March 31, 2016 for positions in three districts: Electoral Districts 1 (North), District 2 (Southwest) and District 3 (Central).

The College wishes to congratulate:

District 1 (North)

Elizabeth Levin, Ph.D.,C.Psych. - Acclaimed

District 2 (Southwest)

Lynette Eulette, Ph.D.,C.Psych. - Elected
Mustaq Khan, Ph.D., C.Psych.

District 3 (Central)

Dorothy Cotton, Ph.D.,C.Psych. - Elected
Wanda Towers, Ph.D.,C.Psych.

To introduce these members of Council, reproduced below are the Biographical and Candidate Statements which they submitted as part of the election process.

Elizabeth Levin, Ph.D., C.Psych. – District 1 (North)

Biography

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the CPO for the past year. I filled in when a vacancy arose midway through the term and I now seek to complete a full term as your representative on the CPO. I believe in protecting the public and in advancing the profession and I believe these goals to be compatible. I also believe that we face unique challenges living in the North and it is my responsibility to bring these issues and your concerns to the College.

I have been a registered psychologist for almost twenty-five years and I have been teaching child development to undergraduate students and psychological assessment to graduate students for over thirty years. Professionally I have been able to work at the two things I love most,

teaching, and working with youth of all ages for my entire career. In my clinical work, I have had the opportunity to work with many psychologists around Northern Ontario and to consult at many agencies ranging from local school boards and hospitals to children's aid and children's mental health. I have consulted to a traveling team that provided services to children in remote locations. I currently provide assessments of students with learning disabilities for NOARC. For almost half of my academic career I was the chairperson of the psychology department at Laurentian University and during that time I worked to develop a clinical graduate program. I have supervised and continue to supervise many graduate students as they complete(d) their degrees and I now meet them (you) regularly as you work in

our profession. Several years ago I became the Division Head of Human Sciences at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine and I now divide my time between NOSM and the university. The medical school appointment allows me to further our interdisciplinary and interprofessional collaborations. Informing medical students about the value of psychology enhances our profession and should lead to better working relationships.

I graduated with an HBSc in psychology from McGill University and obtained my MA and PhD in developmental psychology from the University of Waterloo. My research interests center on parenting styles and children's conceptions of parenting, learning disabilities, and youth mental health. I enjoy speaking to the media and the public on parenting and child development issues. I co-edit the newsletter of the clinical section of the CPA.

Candidate Statement

I would now like to continue to represent the North at the CPO. During the past year I have served on the College Council, and as an oral

examiner, and have worked on the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee and the Quality Assurance Committee. There is much more work to be done.

Both my clinical and academic experiences have helped foster my interest in serving on the CPO. I know the challenges and limitations as well as the advantages of working in the North and I would like to be able to foster greater communication among our members. I have a strong interest in professional practice issues such as integrating newcomers to the profession and providing supervision. I would like to facilitate more opportunities for those engaged in professional practice to get together either in person or electronically to share issues and concerns.

I hope to use my willingness to work hard, my enthusiasm and judgment, and my ability to see the big picture as your representative to the CPO. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have issues you would like to be discussed at the CPO. I can be reached at elevin@laurentian.ca or at elevin@nosm.ca.

Lynette Eulette Ph.D., C. Psych. - District 2 (Southwest)

Biography

I completed my B.A. Honours in Psychology at the University of Saskatchewan and my Masters and Doctoral degrees at the University of Waterloo. I have been registered with the College of Psychologists of Ontario since 1991. I have worked in Ontario's public sector in both health care and education, as well as within the private sector. My career started in hospitals, first at Calgary Children's Hospital, and then at the Children's Hospital of Western Ontario. Subsequently, I was a therapist at Counselling Services at the University of Waterloo. During this time I was also the Campus Sexual

Harassment Counselor and was a trained Mediator within the University. From 2002-2009, I was the Chief Psychologist at the Waterloo Region District School Board. Since then I have been Part Time Faculty in the Clinical Psychology program at the University of Waterloo. I am also working as an Implementation Coach with School Mental Health ASSIST, a Ministry of Education initiative to support school boards as they orient towards student mental health and well-being. Finally, I maintain a private practice.

In my community, I have been a Board member for three terms with Waterloo Regional Homes for Mental Health, an agency that provides support and housing for adults with significant mental health concerns. I have also served as co-chair of the Health Professionals Advisory Council for the Waterloo Wellington Local Health Integrated Network.

Prior to being elected to the College Council in 2013, I was an oral examiner a number of times and was on the Quality Assurance Committee for one year. Since being on Council, I have served on Executive as Vice-President (current), on ICRC (1 year) and Registration (2 years); I also volunteered to fill a gap on the Client Relations Committee last year when a Council member resigned. As part of the Discipline Committee, I have been involved in four hearings, two of which I have chaired.

Candidate Statement

As stated above, I have served on Council for the past three years and have gained experience working on six of the Council Committees. Further, I understand the issues

that are currently before the College such as re-vamping the supervision guidelines, reviewing and updating the Standards, working through the implementation plan for entry to practice requirements, and endeavoring to be more transparent and accountable. I believe that the resolution of each of these issues will impact providers of psychological services, and is an opportunity to promote high quality services to individuals, institutions, and communities. I believe that with my Council experience I have a working knowledge of how the College operates, and that I am able to contribute meaningfully to its work in addressing these important practice and service issues.

I am passionate about psychology and the added value that providers of psychological services bring to individuals, institutions, and communities. I believe that maintaining high standards for the provision of psychological services is critical for the public and for the integrity and growth of the profession. I am committed to the work that the College does in upholding the profession of psychology because self-regulation is integral to the health of the profession, which in turn benefits the public

Dorothy Cotton, Ph.D., C. Psych. - District 3 - Central

Biography

My career in psychology has been long and varied, which has allowed me to develop a degree of perspective about how broad the reach of our profession can be. I initially practiced at the masters level, after obtaining degrees from McGill and Purdue University; then subsequently returned to school to obtain a PhD from Queens. My early career days were spent in a provincial psychiatric hospital, working in areas that included general adult psychiatry, psychogeriatrics and forensics. In mid career, I took on the role of chief

psychologist, a position that evolved into a program manager position. However, management was not really for me; I preferred front line service provision and progressed to a psychologist position in a correctional facility. Throughout all these years, I had a hand in teaching, at both the college and university and level, and remained active in training students. In my current capacity I focus on early career development—including recruitment and retention activities, and coordinating a CPA accredited internship program. I have also maintained a small private practice, particularly working in the area of police psychology. I have

a few peer reviewed publications, do a bit of public speaking, and write for magazines to bring psychological knowledge to the public domain. I have also served on the Board of Directors of CPA in the past. Overall, the breadth of my career has allowed me to develop a knowledge base that encompasses a variety of perspectives, from many areas of practice in our complex profession.

Candidate Statement

These are interesting times for self-regulating professions, including psychology. Governments are playing an increasingly active role in professional regulation; the ongoing implementation of the Agreement on Internal Trade and an increased focus on “transparency” are a couple of examples of complex issues that the CPO has been dealing with in recent years. There remain issues around implementing a

common entry to practice to standard, fair mechanisms for registering people trained abroad, how to introduce new areas of practice into the profession while maintaining strong occupation values, helping to maximize public access to skilled and appropriate psychological services provided by well qualified and competent practitioners-and what to do with technology and cross jurisdictional practice by telepsychology. These are all issues the Council has been dealing with during my recent (and current) term of Council, and I would welcome the opportunity to continue the work I am currently involved with. I feel I can bring to Council the ability to see things from a wide variety of perspectives and practice areas, as well as a high level of familiarity and experience with the issues.