

# President's Message

Even though we thought it would never happen, summer is here! And, with it come the sounds of summer like splashing water and squeals from our neighbour's pool area. In a four season country like Canada, summer is the season that everyone anticipates before it is here and wished it would last longer when it is over.

In the life of the College, summer marks the beginning of a new operational year. In contrast to other years, there are no new members on Council this year; the three incumbents were acclaimed or re-elected and there have been no new public members appointed by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. As well, the College Executive will include the same people as last year, although there have been some role changes. I am pleased to have been elected to serve as President with Dr. Ruth Berman as Vice-President. The other members of the Executive are Mr. Robert Gauthier, Mr. Peter McKegey, Dr. Gilles Hébert, and Ms. Judy Cohen.

The new College year also involves changes to the College Statutory and Non-Statutory Committees. As in years past, we had more individuals volunteer than we had spaces to fill. Thanks to each professional member who volunteered for work on these Committees. The College could not do its work of regulating the profession without the assistance of you, its members. Your work is appreciated and valued.

On May 18th, the College held a reception in Ottawa that provided an opportunity for professional members of the College to meet the Council Executive and to network with each other. The reception was well-attended and I thought it had good energy. I heard comments such as, "I haven't seen you in ages!", "How come it takes an event like this to see each other when we live and work in the same city?", and "It was good to talk with you – let's get together again soon." This coming year, the Executive is planning to conduct two 'Out of Toronto' meetings to encourage stronger connections between the College Council and its members. Stay tuned for meeting location and dates.

As a first for the College, materials for the Council meeting of June 17 were posted on the College website a week before the meeting. This initiative is one of the steps the College has taken to enhance its transparency to the public and to its members. Other potential initiatives are being discussed at the Council table, and we will be consulting with you about these in the future. There are a number of current issues being considered by Council that will impact the professional practice of psychology. Member consultations are important to the process and I encourage you to take the time to consider the issues as they come forward, and to respond to any member consultations that you receive. These consultations are taken very seriously when the Council deliberates and makes decisions.

Often, the summer offers opportunities to connect with family, friends, and colleagues. It may even offer some time for personal reflection and renewal. I wish that you and yours are able to take advantage of whatever opportunities the summer affords to build memories and enjoy life.

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