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Achieving Gold in Ontario

celebrating fifty years of child and youth care association

One of the best experiences in life is seeing some one person or even generations of them achieve something of incredible value not in the usual measure of money or bricks and mortar or sales figures but in human terms. This can take the form of a man making good on his word for example, one telling a group he will commit an entire decade to their service and make it happen. Or perhaps, it can take the form of someone being invited to help form an organization because you had some meeting skills in your background five decades ago. Now imagine the one congratulating the other 50 and 10 years on respectively, still friends, still passionate about the task at hand and still building. For those of us lucky enough to be in the banquet room and well perhaps to have met or known each or both of these fine men somewhere along that journey it was truly a golden moment.

I am referring to Les Webber, who with a few colleagues, some of whom are now gone; pioneered so much back when including founding the first child and youth care association in Canada certainly and perhaps North America. And, of

course, to Dennis McDermott who built the Ontario Association of Child and Youth Care Counsellors into the largest such association in Canada and North America.

The OACYC were the Council's host this year for the annual meeting. For those who could stay for the provincial conference it was a celebration and a realistic one. Keynote speakers: Keith Lindsay reviewed *the past*, Kiaras Gharabaghi covered *the present* noting the numbers of young people being served has expanded yet the quality of their care may be diminished through weak supervision and diminished roles for the child and youth care practitioners in their lives and David Connolly taking on *the future* to remind that there was much to be done and that it begins with the action of becoming a member and then becoming active at any one of the initiatives to develop the profession.



Certainly, the example of Dennis McDermott working through his commitment to the association does illustrate the potential synergic power that could emerge if more gave of their time, skills and passion. It was so good to see this rewarded with an award for career service on behalf of the OACYC created in Dennis's name with himself as the first, truly surprised recipient. Throughout, he has been Ontario's representative to the Council, a staunch supporter of his association yet often of the field in the national context. His counsel has been appreciated and hopefully will continue.





The masthead image for this issue metaphorically represents the OACYC for me for it alone sets the standard for range and consistency of services to its members in addition to being 50 years old. Standing alone is something every child and youth care practitioner comes to know well in being personally responsible to one's clients, career and profession at all times.

This does not mean you have to stand alone as a CYC for as this issue will demonstrate you stand with many others across the country. The purpose of the Annual Meeting issue is to bring you a snap shot of the state of child and youth care associations for the year. The decision has been taken to include the names of the member association executive as well as their annual reports.

At the annual meeting, it was learned that our history is not necessarily passed on when representatives to the Council change. By including the minutes of the annual meeting, each issue will more truly reflect and inform the membership and potential future representatives.

On behalf of the Council, may I take this opportunity to extend our thanks to the OACYC for hosting our annual meetings again. Those meetings in Kingston, Sudbury, Hamilton and Toronto over the years have allowed the Council to truly share in the growth and development and now in the celebration of the OACYC at 50.

May I also take this opportunity to invite you to participate in the professional development of child and youth care by becoming an association member, surfing to CYC-net and subscribing to the Relational Child and Youth Care Practice.

Garth Goodwin Editor



Ontario Association of Child and Youth Care Counsellors



2009 Board Members

Dennis McDermott – Executive Director	Wanda MacArthur – President
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Dennis McDermott presented a verbal report on Ontario. The OACYC has hired an office management company to take care of membership and bookkeeping functions of the association. Conference organization has also been split off, and a conference organizer was hired for the provincial conference. Dennis will step down from his ED position on August 1, 2009. He will continue to do the newsletter for the OACYC. The board has expanded to 11 members, and there is now an elected rep from each sector in the province. Sectors include residential, school, hospital, educators, young offender, private practice, and mental health. All of the board reps chair a committee in their sector. The association is also starting to form committees around other issues, such as legislation and newsletter. They recently had Bill Shields present to their board on board governance, and the presentation was well received and highly recommended by Dennis.

The possibility of bringing Bill Shields to speak at a Council meeting was briefly discussed, with no resolution.

The OACYC has been increasing membership fees for the past three years, and has subsequently seen a significant drop in members, from approximately 2200 in 2005 to 1600 in 2009. The biggest loss has been in the student membership category. In Ontario, quite a few employers will only hire certified CYC's, which requires OACYC membership. The OACYC has been approached by college/university programs to certify some of their students. This has caused some conflict when it has been determined by the OACYC that the educational program does not meet their criteria to be considered a CYC diploma/degree.





**Child and
Youth
Care
Association of
British
Columbia**

Robert Bates, President of the Child and Youth Care Association of British Columbia reported on some of the initiatives the CYCABC will be tackling in the next 12 to 36 months.

Website redesign: Well, perhaps not redesign but certainly, updating. We have struck a sub-committee that will look into making the website a more useful tool for communication the members and also act as an effective conduit to relay job and professional development opportunities. Pictures and bios of the current Executive will be posted and links will be made so members can contact those Executive members they wish to. We also hope to tap into the powerful potential of social networking sites such as facebook™ as well, for an additional avenue to pass on announcements and events relevant to our profession including Executive meeting minutes and AGM announcements.

Membership: Another sub-committee has taken on the very important task of keeping track of our membership list and sending out notices for renewals and new member welcoming packages. This means connecting not only our post-secondary schools, but also our community agency and school based CYC practitioners.

Certification for CYC: I personally will be involved in this initiative and will be trying to advance the certification agenda for BC CYC workers. This includes lobbying the non-profit sector for support and to assist in reviewing and providing feedback to me about the applicability of the NACP competencies document in relation to the skills and duties required of the various roles within community agencies and the like. There is a significant number of Child Care Counsellors in the Maples Adolescent Treatment Centre who are passionate about obtaining certification in the absence of legislated requirements. I have reviewed the NACP document and feel this set of competencies does transcend contexts, appears to have the ability to be the document to unify North American CYC workers under a flexible yet rigorous set of standards. By November I will have feedback from the Federation of Community Social Services of BC and will move the agenda in a direction congruent with stakeholder feedback. I am very interested in the arguments that have favoured not adopting the NACP competencies as I have a lack of historical understanding of the issues.

Professional Development: Efforts are also being made to offer professional development opportunities for members. I have secured commitments from several administrators to put on workshops for CYCABC members for free. I have also contacted the Executive Director of the Federation of Child and Family Services to organize a mentoring structure for current Executive members in order to develop the skill sets necessary to run a professional association. My hope is that this will lead to mentoring of all members if such a structure is successful.

Networking and relationship building opportunities: Along with a professional development calendar, the Executive is keen to plan and deliver a small conference next year in conjunction with our annual general meeting. This conference will not only feature workshops from our major stakeholder groups; students, practitioners, and educators, but also provide an opportunity for these stakeholder groups to spend time getting to know one another. Additionally, this is also an opportune time to become more involved in the direction and operation of this organization. The CYCABC will co-sponsor the next International/National (and I will be pushing the Provincial also) CYC conference in Nanaimo, BC in 2012.

This is a sample of the initiatives the new Executive has decided to work on. We have heard many accounts of frustration and scepticism regarding the revitalization of the CYCABC. We are working as diligently as we can, given the constraints of our lives. The Executive will meet again in West Vancouver on July 5, 2009 to discuss progress and planning associated with the aforementioned initiatives.

Association of Yukon Child and Youth Care Professionals

Mark Kelly reports the AYCYCP has lost some steam over the past 18 months. However, the next meeting of the board is in August to discuss a revitalization of the association and a recruitment strategy. The Yukon Government has begun to recruit CYC professionals and Yukon College is looking toward a CYC program as a part of an expanded Arctic University – this is all excellent news! The timing could not be much better to begin the recruitment process. Our Board has a quorum of three which means we can actually make decisions. The AGM will likely be set for late Sept/early October.

Executive: Mark Kelly

Brooke Alsbury

Dave Blottner





Child and Youth Care Association of Newfoundland and Labrador

Hugo McCarthy – President

Angie Squires – Vice President

Barb Phillips – Treasurer

Angela Short – Secretary

Lori Leonard – Representative to CCCYCA

It's been a very busy and productive year for the CYCANL. A lot of our focus has been on increasing our membership. Hugo and Angie made some presentations on the Association to the students at CompuCollege and the staff at the Newfoundland and Labrador Youth Centre. The response has been positive, and our membership increased this year to 67 full members and 57 student members.

Much of our time was spent planning our Annual Provincial Child and Youth Care Conference, which was held in May 2009. Our Keynote speaker was Thom Garfat. The conference was a huge success, with 162 delegates in attendance. The feedback from participants was very positive.

We also presented our third Provincial Child and Youth Care Worker Award. This year, the award went to Barb Phillips, who has been a child and youth care worker with the Newfoundland and Labrador Youth Centre for many years. Barb received many accolades for her work with the young people at the centre. She has also worked diligently to promote the association within the centre, and has been instrumental in bringing staff from the centre into the fold of the association.

Work has continued on the development of a Child and Youth Care degree program at Memorial University, and Heather Modlin has served as the contact person with the university in relation to this initiative.

We have been successful in publishing quarterly newsletters over the past year, and also distributed a hard copy of the National newsletter to all members.

We have been making progress with regard to setting up a provincial committee to develop standards for child and youth care workers in the province. However, this initiative has been stalled at the government level since last fall. A new Department of Child, Youth and Family Services have just been created, and we will approach them to try and resurrect this idea once they are through the transitional stage and full operational.

The CYCANL continues to grow and thrive, and we look forward to introducing new activities and services to our members in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted, Hugo McCarthy, President



Child and Youth Care Association of New Brunswick

Lise Babineau reports the association now has a board of seven active members. There was a mail out in April to recruit new members. To this date there are 18 individual members and two agency members.

A newsletter will be published in August. There are also plans underway for a one day conference on October 16th, 2009 at Community College of New Brunswick – Dieppe campus. So far there is one guest speaker booked to speak about intervention for adolescents diagnosed with Autism. The second speaker the association is looking at would be to discuss developmental assets and youth engagement.

The association will also be looking into insurance through Co-operators since they have a non-profit package. The by-laws are being reviewed with an eye toward recommending amendments for presentation at the annual general meeting in October.

Another outstanding goal would be to do a French translation of the website.

President:
Lise Babineau-Nowlan (Kent-County)

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Treena Smith reports it has been an exciting year here on PEI. In October we hosted the CYC National Conference and it was a smashing success. We had close to 425 delegates and everyone appeared to have a lot of fun and we learned some things along the way as well. Again big thanks go out to the National Board and all the people who got involved to make the National Conference so wonderful.

The Board of Directors of the CYCA of PEI has been working hard to continue the learning and success of the national conference. We have added two new members to the Board of Director's this year and are actively recruiting more people to join the group.

Some of the initiatives that the Board of Directors are working on include:

- Introducing Youth Workers as employees into hospitals on PEI. This continues to be challenging, although we are very hopeful that this initiative will be successful. We are in conversations with the union representatives and the administration at the hospital to see what can be done to introduce the field of youth work into such an important part of any community, the hospitals.
- We are working on our membership list and the possibility of expanding our membership and having a number of different "levels" of membership. These levels would serve a number of purposes which would include; promoting professional development with Youth Workers; encourage practitioners from the broader Mental Health community of PEI to join and participate in our organization; and to promote Youth work in the province. Again we are looking at a number of different models to make sure we implement what will work for our membership.
- We continue to try and validate professional development within the field of Youth Work. We are also looking at a Youth Worker having to have so many Professional Development hours throughout the course of the year to keep in good standing with the association. This, like many other initiatives, continues to be a challenge. We are talking with the Union representatives and the local government to push for legislation surrounding professional development hours for youth workers. The CYCA of PEI wants to continue to be a hub of Professional Development and learning.
- The CYCA of PEI was honored in the House by Minister Doug Currie, Minister of the Department of Social Services and Seniors. David Connolly, National President and

Treena Smith, Provincial President were in the gallery and received recognition for all Youth Workers on PEI in honor of International Child and Youth Care worker Week. Here is an excerpt from Minister Currie's speech: "This is international Child and Youth Care Worker week. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the many dedicated child and youth care workers on PEI, especially those working in the Department of Social Services and Seniors. Child and youth care workers are dedicated to helping children and youth who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. When they are faced with emotional issues, behavioral challenges, addictions, or problems fitting in at school, child and youth care workers help children cope and heal. They can be found in schools, hospitals, residential treatment centre's, group homes, youth custody facilities, foster care and outreach programs, and in many community agencies where youth services are offered. In my former life as a school principal, I worked closely with many child and youth care workers over the years. I have tremendous respect for the work these professionals do every day in the lives of youth. I would also like to take a moment to recognize Treena Smith, the newly elected president of the CYCA of PEI, and Dave Connolly, the association's past president, both whom I believe are in the gallery today." So this was a really nice recognition by the Government of PEI, which we are very proud of. It is only through the support of local government officials that we are going to be able to move the Association forward and have it grow.

- We are in the works to be launching a new, interactive website for our membership. Through this new website we will be able to get new and important information out to Youth Workers across the Island. We hope to have this website up and running by September.
- We are continuing to sponsor awards for both the local colleges that have Child and Youth Worker Programs at their colleges. We are recognizing the importance of students and new thinkers in the field of Youth Work. We are also giving out our Second "Award of Excellence" this year, to a person who continues to promote Excellence in the field of Child and Youth Work.

- Through continuing education and renewal conferences we become better Youth Workers. So with that philosophy in mind we were able to get Dr. Lorraine Fox to give a one day workshop to our members. This workshop was a huge success and we had around 100 participants. The Association is making a very big effort to collaborate with different associations on the Island to keep the cost of workshops down for our membership, but the caliber of the workshops very high. With having Dr. Fox here for a workshop really reiterated the importance and need for continuing education and learning for our members.

So as you can see we are busy here on PEI trying to promote the field of Child and Youth Counselling. We are always looking for new members and trying to get the word out to all Youth Workers that the Association is here for them. There are some challenges in the association, but with hard work and perseverance the Board of Directors is working through these challenges.

I would like to thank the National Board of Directors for their continued support and leadership to the provincial associations. It's only through working together and becoming a large voice that we will continue to see great things happen in the field of Child and Youth Counselling.

President: Treena Smith

Vice-President: Heather Power

Treasurer: Bob Doyle

Secretary: Janelle Bernard

Director: Sandra Campbell

Director: Wayne MacFarlane

Director: Pat Warren

National President and PEI Rep: David Connolly

Toronto is a city of villages, each with a unique atmosphere and often an ethnic colour that begs the tourist to explore. Kensington Market offers delights from fresh produce to vintage clothing and antiques. It borders on a vibrant Chinatown which in addition to other villages truly reflects the diversity of Canada in a substantial way similar to London.



Junk In – Junk Out

Child and Youth Care practitioners know the importance of good nutrition for growing young people. They plan healthy meals and snacks, work with eating disorder issues and encourage meal preparation experience.



Roger Fortin (seen above with Lori Leonard) presented verbally on Quebec. He was recently elected as President of the Association. The biggest issue in Quebec right now relates to Bill 21. The Government of Quebec is trying to pass this bill to give the professions more direct responsibility and force everyone into professional associations. With regard to child and youth care workers (Educators), they have actually taken away power. Currently, CYC's are considered part of the treatment team. With the introduction of Bill 21, government is trying to change this so that CYC's would just take orders from other professionals – they would not be considered professionals in their own right. Roger discussed some of the work the Quebec association has been doing to address this situation. The association also held an education session on Safety on the Internet, and is working on developing a policy on this topic to provide to agencies. The QAE currently has about 150 members.



Annual Meeting

The fine print...the minutes

Council of Canadian Child and Youth Care Associations

Annual Meeting

June 22-23, 2009, Toronto, ON

In attendance: Garth Goodwin (webmaster), Ken Lee (Manitoba), Kelly Shaw (Nova Scotia), Dennis McDermott (Ontario), Lori Leonard (Newfoundland and Labrador), Heather Modlin (past-president), Roger Fortin (Quebec), David Connolly (PEI)

Regrets: Lise Babineau (New Brunswick), Pat Foran (Alberta), Mark Kelly (Yukon), Rob Bates (British Columbia)

Welcome to new Council delegates Roger and Lori.

The minutes from 2008 Annual Meeting in PEI were read and reviewed.

Motion (Dennis) To amend the 2008 minutes re: Poster Project. Item #10 should read "172.38." **Second (Kelly) Carried.**

The 2008 minutes were previously approved by the Council during the teleconference in February.

Reviewed minutes from February 12, 2009 teleconference. A couple of amendments required: change 1010 to 2010, and add "teleconference" to the heading on the first page.

Motion (Ken) To approve the February 12, 2009 teleconference minutes as amended. **Second (Dennis) Carried.**

Provincial Reports: *Please see individual provincial reports as presented elsewhere in this newsletter.*

Treasurer's Report

Dennis distributed the Treasurer's Report during the meeting. The current bank balance is \$15,885.73.

The Treasurer's Report needs to be amended; on page 6, items #2 and #3, "50%" should be changed to "10%".

Motion (Ken) To accept the Treasurer's Report as amended and with the understanding that the current bank balance is \$15,885.73. **Second (Lori) Carried.**

It was decided that the hotel room for Phillip Alleyne in Florida would not be paid by the Council because Phillip did not attend the ACYCP-CCCYCA meeting.

Motion (Dennis) To retain Collins Blay and Co. as the auditors for 2009. **Second (Kelly) Carried.**

The number of hotel rooms the Council pays for when delegates attend the annual meetings was discussed. It was decided there would be a minimum of two and a maximum of three. This is dependant on the association dues being paid on time.

Motion (Dennis) The CCCYCA will reimburse delegates for a minimum of two and maximum of three nights to attend the AGM when the respective associations have paid their dues by the date of the meeting. **Second (Ken) Carried.**

Signing authority was discussed. Dennis and David will go to RBC in Toronto to change the signing authority from Heather to David.





Constitution

Dennis distributed the final version of the constitution as amended. All changes were approved in Calgary in 2004.

Start-Up Manual

David forwarded the start-up manual to Pat, as it will be the responsibility of the secretary to store and maintain. This will be a work in progress. Garth offered to work with David to "spice up" the manual. David will forward the manual to Rob in BC.

2008 National Conference Update

The 2008 conference was a huge success and the CYCAPEI made a significant profit. David thanked the Council for their support and stated that the PEI association would not have been able to do the conference without the seed money from the Council. The number of people who attended was approximately 427. David presented a check of \$3700 profit to the Council. Several Council members commended David and his team for a job well done.

2009 International Conference Update

Heather gave an update on the Florida conference. Several obstacles were encountered during the planning of the conference, but in the end the conference was a success. The Council will get back approximately \$2000 US of the seed money contributed. Heather commended Tony and Chip of the ACYCP for all of their help organizing the conference, and Juan and Margaret of Royal Connoisseurs and Ginny of Black Tie Promotions for their invaluable assistance in running the conference "on the ground," and consistently going beyond the call of duty.

Motion (Dennis) The CCCYCA will send thank you gifts to Black Tie and Royal Connoisseurs in appreciation of their contribution to the International conference, to a maximum of \$200 plus postage. **Second (Kelly) Carried.**

Heather will take care of purchasing and sending the gifts.

2010 National Conference Update

Ken gave an update on the conference planning. The CYCWAM ran into a problem regarding whether or not volunteers for the conference need to be members of the association, which took some time away from the conference planning. It was eventually decided that volunteers did need to be members. The issue of seed money then came up, and some board members questioned the expectation of the association paying back to the Council 10% of the profit from the national conference. This was also sorted out, and the association decided to accept the council's offer of \$5000 seed money. Having to deal with these issues slowed down the process somewhat, however they are now ready to move forward. The Call for Papers will be out on July 1, 2009, and the deadline for submissions will be October, 2009.

Garth distributed some ideas during the meeting re: website and postcards.

It was discussed that the Council should add more to the contract with the provincial associations re: the national conferences. This would include some kind of accountability mechanisms, such as timelines and deadlines for call for papers, public relations initiatives, and so on. It was agreed that the Council would develop a set of standards for conferences.

2012 International Conference

This conference will be held in Nanaimo, BC. Co-chairs are Varley Weisman and Rob Bates. Hosting this conference will be providing the BC Association with an opportunity to become revitalized. Heather commented on how well prepared Varley and Rob were to promote this conference while they were in Florida, with a visual presentation and postcards for delegates.





Educational Accreditation

Heather gave an overview of the Educational Accreditation sub-committee. A pre-conference day was held in Florida and a potential model for accreditation was reviewed. This has been put on the wiki. Heather will distribute the address of the wiki to all Council members so everyone can go on the site and review the material. The committee is looking for feedback from the Council, and from provincial association members.

Paid Council Position

It was decided that Heather, Dennis and David would meet to discuss this issue, and would then bring back recommendations to the rest of the Council at the next teleconference.

Conferencing Options

It was discussed how to involve delegates who are not able to attend the meeting in person. Various options were considered, including Skype™. The importance of physically attending the meetings was reviewed, in the context of the value of networking and informal social connections. It was decided that we would involve those who are not able to attend the annual meetings with a one hour overview of the meeting, using teleconference technology, if necessary.

CYC-Net

There was discussion around the idea of developing a more formal partnership with cyc-net and/or the RCYCP. Dennis mentioned that the OACYC was thinking of approaching the RCYCP for a bulk discount to distribute journals to all members. It was suggested that this would be useful to do for all provincial associations. Ideas were brainstormed on how to create mutually beneficial relationship and connections between the associations and cyc-net. Kelly said it would be interesting to know where the hits to cyc-net are coming from in Canada.

It was decided that the Council will include an article on cyc-net in the next national newsletter; Kelly will write this.

Heather will let Thom Garfat and Carol Stuart know, informally, about our intent to support cyc-net and the RCYCP, respectively. David will follow up with more formal correspondence.

Motion (Dennis) As members of the Council, all member associations are expected to annually support cyc-net and put a link to cyc-net on their association website. **Second (Roger) Carried.**

Motion (Kelly) To donate \$1000 to cyc-net for 2009. **Second (Roger) Carried.**

Strategic Plan

David identified some of the items already on the strategic plan:

- Assist all viable and sustainable provincial and territorial associations
- Share provincial newsletters
- Support provincial/territorial associations to develop standards of practice
- Expand poster project
- Expand start-up manual
- Provide stats and research info across provincial associations, i.e. pay scales
- Look at developing possible regional alliances

The various components of the strategic plan were reviewed. David asked if someone on the Council should be given the mandate to be more hands-on with the associations, and able to travel to the provinces to provide support. Roger suggested it would be helpful if the Council had names and contact information for the executive of each association, in the event that there is a need to



contact someone other than the Council delegate. It was decided that all associations will provide a list of their executive members to the Council by the end of July. It will be the responsibility of the Council president to contact delegates and/or the executive of provincial associations if there are prolonged absences of the Council delegate or issues that need to be addressed.

David and Garth will revise the start-up manual into an Operational Manual by the next teleconference.

The Council newsletter was discussed. Ideas focused on including news stories from each province, i.e. residential standards in NS, a synthesis of "headlines" from each province, and so on. David will support Garth in "bugging" people to write articles for the newsletter. Possibilities might include a profile of each Council delegate, national conference update, and profile of provincial award winners. Deadline for the next issue is September 15, 2009.

The board reviewed the idea of sharing data between associations, e.g. salary scales. All delegates will send the information regarding pay scales for child and youth care workers in their province to Garth by September 15. The information provided should include the range of pay rates along with the work locations.

The idea of establishing regional alliances was not seen as really relevant at this time, considering that the Council has become stronger as a whole since this goal was identified.

Certification

David asked if it was possible to come to consensus on a common national certification model. The NACP was discussed. It was decided that the Council would re-open a dialogue with the ACYCP and the NACP certification board, which would include seeking clarification on the process that has already occurred in the past re: the NACP in Canada. The OACYC is specifically interested in finding out who has been involved, from Canada, in the NACP.

The relationship between the Council and the ACYCP was discussed, along with ways to strengthen this relationship and continue to work in collaboration with each other.

Motion (Kelly) To formally re-establish dialogue about the NACP with the certification board. **Second (Dennis) Carried.**

David has already initiated contact with Jean Carpenter of the ACYCP, and will follow up with her re: the above.

Association Names

The names of the provincial associations were discussed, and the need for there to be more congruence across provinces. Currently, there are several different names – i.e. association of child and youth counselors; child and youth care association, child and youth care workers association. The majority of delegates preferred "child and youth care association." The variation in job title was also discussed, with the majority preferring "child and youth care worker." It was agreed that we would come back to this issue at our next teleconference.

Meeting adjourned.

The next teleconference will be held in the fall, 2009; date and time to be announced at a later time. The next annual meeting will be held May 24-25, 2010 in Winnipeg, Manitoba in conjunction with the 16th National Child and Youth Care Conference – Making Connections.



Child and Youth Care Workers' Association of Manitoba

To represent and promote excellence in the professional practice of Child and Youth Care
in the Province of Manitoba

2008-2009

Report to the Annual Meeting of Council of Canadian Child and Youth Association

- We are now planning to host the National Child and Youth Care conference in May 2010 at the Delta Winnipeg.
- Our Newsletter, "Life Space" is published biannually spring and fall.
- We have a new Website that can be accessed through CCCYCA website or you could go to www.cycwam.ca.
- We continue with our regular board meetings.
- We had our third annual fundraising social last October. Numbers were not as we expected. We are having another one next October which will be a Halloween Social. Numbers are expected to be much higher this time.
- We did some other fundraising by selling Chocolate Covered Almonds. It went fairly well and we will be doing it again this year.
- We co-hosted the eleventh Annual Grad Luncheon with the Red River College for the 2009 Child and Youth Care Workers grads. Our keynote speaker this year was Dave McPherson.
- We continue to attend the Red River College Child and Youth Care Diploma Advisory Committee meetings.
- We have approximately 40 individual members, 30 RRC student members/grads and 12 corporate sponsors.

Respectfully Submitted
Ken Lee
CYCWAM Representative to the CCCYCA

CYCWAM released its Call for Papers and this conference logo and this was received by email during the meeting. Visit cycwam.ca to learn more about the next national conference.





Child and Youth Care Association of Alberta

Executive Board Members:

President: Jenny McGrath, Vice-President North: Carmen Robters-Kowalchuk, Vice-President South: Tara Reimer, Treasurer: Donna Jamieson, Recording Secretary: Morag Rempel, Directors: Lynn Gillis, David Rantucci, Donna Renton, Lawrence Haroun, Sylvia Storry, Erin Kellas, Krista Tincher, Stacey Supina, Karie Hollman.

This has been an exciting year for the Child and Youth Care Association. On May 17th we had our AGM where Jack Phelan was the speaker at the AGM and gave an inspired presentation on "Explaining our Profession". The Annual General Elections also occurred at that time. We have had a lot of new members join the board and there has been a lot of interest in people participating in committees.

On May 18th, the new board met for a Strategic Planning Day facilitated by a community development officer from Community and Voluntary Services through the Alberta government. The main objective of this venture was to formalize goals for the upcoming year but also to look at successes and challenges within the board. Some of the key goals identified were to 1) Achieve legislation under the HPA and promote the value of mandatory certification to agencies and government 2) promote and provide ongoing educational opportunities for practitioners including an annual conference and 3) Develop and implement a structured committee process to ensure accountability and communication in the CYCAA. The Board left the session with renewed commitment and energy to meet the fore-mentioned goals.

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a provincial conference in partnership with all Child and Youth Care programs in Alberta from May 5-7, 2010 in Edmonton. Dr. Lorraine Fox will be the Key note speaker. We will be providing updates about the conference on our website throughout the coming year.

We are also trying to rejuvenate our committee structure to include membership/PR, legislation, finance/fundraising, newsletter and conference. All committees will be working hard to promote the mandate of the CYCAA, provide educational opportunities, increase membership and apply for certification.

Some other highlights of the year were: a new website; updates to our policies and procedures and bylaws, co-sponsorship of Charlie Appelstein training with the Alberta Association of Services to Children and Families and a conference with Mount Royal College.

Jenny McGrath, President, CYCAA



Nova Scotia Child and Youth Care Workers Association



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Ed Langille
Erin Wilson

Kelly Shaw provided a verbal report during the meeting. The association is planning an AGM in the fall. They currently have 3.5 vacant positions on their executive, including the president. Kelly is filling in as Acting President until the AGM. Membership remains strong at 115 and the association enjoys a healthy balance sheet. The province of NS is in the middle of a redesign of the residential care system which offers some exciting opportunities for child and youth care, and regulation of the field.



Aim a Mile High

Child and Youth Care practitioners know the power of self esteem and potential. Praise, encouragement, and high expectations can never be enough for those who rarely heard such words.



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