

President's Report
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INTRODUCTION

This meeting marks the end of my first year of a two year term as President of CAPPA/ACPAP. It has been a busy and interesting year. Let me begin the report on this first year with a sincere thank you to the CAPPA executive who have worked so hard and been excellent colleagues over the past year. And thank you to all of you who support both CAPPA and this conference. Let me extend a very special thank you from everyone to Ian Roberge who has done such a wonderful job of organizing this year's conference.

2014-2015 ACTIVITIES

Research

Three items of note for 2014/2015

- Ian Clark and Les Pal have produced a paper that discusses curricula and competencies in response to a request from the Board as part of our accreditation process revision. It is being presented here at the conference and is being posted on the CAPPA website.
- Michael Atkinson and I conducted a survey of CAPPA Directors on accreditation. The survey results and our powerpoint presentation on the data are posted on the CAPPA website.

Accreditation

CAPPA has been active in reviewing and revising our CAPPA accreditation process. In December, on behalf of the board, I asked Michael Atkinson and Ken Rasmussen to report to CAPPA, advising us on a revised accreditation process. At the same time, Ian Clark (University of Toronto) and Les Pat (Carleton University) were asked to prepare an advisory report on curricula for the review team. They did. At the February 5, 2015 meeting of Directors, Mike and Ken's preliminary report with their recommendations was tabled and some helpful input was received. The final report has been received and will be presented here. The new process will be implemented in the fall. The document will be posted on the CAPPA/ACPAP website.

This is very important work and their recommendations will help us establish an excellent process that operates to the benefit of all schools and departments. We are fortunate to have a

strong Chair in Michael Atkinson and two very capable Board members to oversee implementation of the revised process in the coming year.

Website

I am pleased to report that the redesign of the CAPPa website is nearing completion. The new website should be completed in June 2015. The new site will be user friendly and have a more up-to-date look.

Case Competition

Joint named sponsors are CAPPa and IPAC. There will be a report later but I would like to say that Dalhousie was an excellent host for the 2015 Case Competition held on February 6/7. Thanks especially to Kevin Quigley, Ian Stones, Bruce Manion and Krista Cullymore. And of course, Andy Graham.

2016 University of Ottawa – February 25-26

Currently under review (Rob Shepherd, Evert Lindquist, Ken Rasmussen with Andy Graham (IPAC)). Governance, financing, operation. Building on excellence.

Annual Conference

Success! Registration: Papers:

Next year at ÉNAP under the direction of Isabelle Fortier.

Recognition of Innovative Paper Presentation (Patrice Dutil, Rob Shepherd, Ken Rasmussen)
Three special recognitions. Methodological contribution, theoretical contribution, compelling normative contribution.

National Student thought Leadership Awards

This jointly sponsored IPC and CAPPa award was developed to recognize the best of graduate student writing at our member institutions. Each year students who have been nominated by their professors for excellence and selected by a national jury are presented an award at the IPAC national conference. There is still time to nominate your students. The call was sent out to all Directors again last week and the information is at the registration desk here.

Relationships

IPAC – CAPPa and IPAC are independent organizations but continue to work closely together. In terms of governance, I sit on the IPAC Board, and Andrea Migone Research Director for IPAC sits on our Board. We confer on issues of interest to both organizations regularly. Currently

Andrea and I are engaged in an analysis of the IPAC-Deloitte DM/CAO (executive) survey and a survey of academics to understand the relationship between the public sector and academics. The executive survey had raised some concerns about the use of academic research and we are exploring this relationship to understand how it can be improved.

Case Program - CAPPa with IPAC initiated this program and jointly appointed Andy Graham as Director of the program. It has been a true success under his direction. A reminder to all members to consider writing a case study for him – he is interested in new ideas.

IPAC-CBIE – African Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarships in honour of Nelson Mandela to sponsor public servants in Africa to attend Canadian public admin.mgt/policy schools. We were part of the bid but it was decided that we would not be a partner. CBIE – university level. Instead, of acting as a liaison, CAPPa President will sit on the steering committee and the adjudication committee. Thanks to Isabelle Fortier who sat on the adjudication committee this year. (South Africa and Senegal). A few of the students will enrol this fall.

CSPS – CAPPa assists in the design and promotion of the National Student Essay Competition.

The winners of the **2015 national student essay competition** have been announced: Joanne Zuk, University of Manitoba for “Perfect Pair or Better as Just Friends: Is the Public Service ready for Lean Leadership?”; Patrick Obendoefer, Anisa Vangjeli and Russell Ferguson, Carleton University, for FSWEF 2.0: Recruiting a Motivated Civil Service. They will receive their awards at a special televised presentation on Wednesday afternoon 2-4 at the CSPS, Ottawa. I strongly encourage any colleagues who can attend to please do.

For 2015-2016 the themes will be more general in the hopes that professors will incorporate the essays into their classes. The announcement will be made soon, circulated and posted on the CAPPa website. Please watch for it.

CSPS- curriculum review. CAPPa submitted a proposal to CSPS in response to their RFP. Invited to a workshop in December. Rob Shepherd and I attended. CAPPa is committed to working with the CSPS.

We are happy to see CSPS VP Catherine MacQuarrie attending the CAPPa conference!

CPSA – CAPPa signed a Memorandum of Understanding with CPSA agreeing to assist CPSA with its Public Administration section at its 2016 annual conference. We will be jointly appointing a convener or team to undertake this work. The MOU is an important advance in our relationship.

ICPP – In July, I will be attending the International Public Policy Association annual conference to explore the possibility of building a relationship and to promote the international profile of CAPPa.

IASIA - International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration. Blue Wooldridge is here to discuss ways we can collaborate in future. Jacques Bourgault and David Brown encouraging this.

Conclusion

Thank you. Busy time ahead. Implementation of accreditation. Case competition revisions. CSPS. IPAC. Directors. Building bridges between CAPPAs and Governments. SSHRC. Research. Only limits are our capacity. Future Board members?

Thanks for all your support and goodwill.