



February 6, 2017

Dr. Andrea S. Piotrowski, President
Manitoba Psychological Society
P.O. Box 151 RPO Corydon
Winnipeg Manitoba R3M 3S7

Dear Dr. Piotrowski:

The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) is pleased to have this opportunity to congratulate the Manitoba Psychological Society (MPS) on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. This is truly a milestone of which you should be proud.

Through the years, the MPS has been a leader in the development of psychology in Canada and a valued partner of the CPA. This ongoing and important relationship has been of great benefit to both organizations, to psychologists in Manitoba and in the rest of Canada, and to the public.

There are numerous examples of truly significant and really innovative contributions that the MPS has made to psychology in Canada over the years – without question, psychologists in Manitoba ‘punch well above their weight.’

Reflecting on the influence of Manitoba psychologists over the years, those who have played important roles in the CPA come first to mind. At the risk of neglecting someone, I will name only a few. Four MPS members have served as CPA President: Dr. John Adair (1980), Dr. Terry Hogan (1983), Dr. John Arnett (2005), and Dr. Jennifer Frain (2013). Each made notable contributions.

Many others have also made significant contributions to Canadian psychology beyond the Manitoba borders. For example, Dr. Robert Martin was awarded the CPA Gold Medal for Lifetime Contributions (2013); Dr. Dan Perlman and Dr. Warren Eaton served as Editors of CPA journals; Dr. Robert McIlwraith played a significant role in the enhancement of pre-doctoral internships in the country; several MPS members have held leadership roles in the Council of Provincial Associations of Psychology, including Dr. Jim Newton, Dr. Jay Brolund, and Dr. Andrea Piotrowski; Dr. Lorne Sexton was on the CPA Board of Directors for several years and was awarded the 2013 CPA Member of the Year award.

Among his many outstanding accomplishments, Dr. Robert Martin also paved the way for the Psychology residents to become members of the Professional Association of Residents and Interns of Manitoba, which meant that their salary and benefits were on par with first year medical residents in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba.

141, ave Laurier Ave. West
Suite 702
Ottawa (Ontario)
K1P 5J3
(613) 237-2144
1-888-472-0657
Fax: (613) 237-1674

E-mail/Courriel :
cpa@cpa.ca

www.cpa.ca

Psychology in Manitoba has also led the way in the development of professional practice in Canada. Drs. Newton and Brolund jointly received the CPA award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology as a Profession (1997) for their longstanding work with both the MPS and the Psychological Association of Manitoba. Along with other Manitoba psychologists, their strong connections with Manitoba's Health Minister (Don Orchard) in the 1980s/1990s and then the federal Minister of Health (Jake Epp) resulted in:

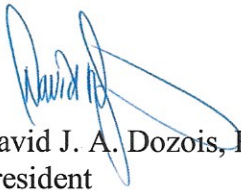
- the greater inclusion of psychologists in a variety of services;
- the successful lobbying effort to exclude psychological services from the GST;
- coming closer than any other jurisdiction in covering psychological services under the provincial health plan;
- the development of the only Rural and Northern Internship Program in Canada.

Dr. Brolund, in his work with the American Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards was also instrumental in enhancing mobility and reciprocity across State and Provincial borders.

Manitoba led the way in the development of doctoral training in clinical psychology. In the early 1980s, both the doctoral program at the University of Manitoba and the internship program in the Faculty of Medicine were among the initial two or three APA accredited programs in the country. Today, hundreds of Manitoba trained clinical psychologists can be found across Canada and beyond.

On behalf of the membership, Board of Directors and staff of the CPA, I am pleased to have this opportunity to congratulate you on 50 years of truly incredible accomplishments. We look forward to working closely with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David J. A. Dozois', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David J. A. Dozois, Ph.D., C. Psych.
President