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President's Report

This is my first report in BC Pages as President of BCPGA. It is quite a privilege in that, along with Penny MacCourt, Debra Richards, Holly Tuokko and Bev Wilden, my signature is on the Articles of Incorporation of BCPGA in 1996.

I was at the conception as well as the birth of BCPGA. As Director of Rehabilitation and Services for the Elderly for Mental Health Services for the Ministry of Health, I worked closely with the Directors of the early geriatric mental health teams to get them established and running. Our group met on a regular basis and developed mutually helpful links. When we heard that the Health Authorities were to be developed, we saw the writing on the wall for continued meetings. So the idea of a non-profit association of people working in this field was conceived and the BCPGA was, after a relatively short gestation period, born.

The expertise and commitment of people in mental health services for older people quickly led to BCPGA became a fully functioning organization. I believe BCPGA is fulfilling the founding purposes of the constitution, which are:

(a) To facilitate sharing of clinical experience, program issues, special projects and research with peers;
(b) To provide opportunities to network/communicate with each other around common client, professional and service issues;
(c) To create a unified voice enabling all of us to be more effective in client advocacy, and in solving service delivery problems;
(d) To encourage multidisciplinary and multi-site collaboration on research, clinical standards, and advocacy; and
(e) To enhance communication between community and institutional programs.

Our current Board (see AGM minutes) has the necessary depth and variety of skills to guide out organization. We work in part through committees such as Communications, Advocacy, Membership, Finance, Students and Conference.

BCPGA's excellent annual conferences meet the purposes outlined in our constitution. This year's conference in Nanaimo was terrific, and Andrea Hunter and her committee deserve a big vote of thanks. Next year April 2011 the Conference will be held in Prince George and the planning is very well under way. Melinda Alison is the Conference Chair.

The annual reports of BCPGA show a number of projects (e.g. Care Givers Project) that have benefited older people with mental health challenges and their family and professional caregivers, advocacy efforts

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(e.g. the Depression Focus – see item).

This year the Board is focusing on developing a Strategic Plan (summarized on p. 7), and the membership is encouraged to be involved. The Board has engaged a planner Jan Mitchell to assist us, including data gathering and facilitating our annual planning meeting.

As part of the "environmental scan" essential for developing the Strategic Plan, we invited 5 government officials to our teleconference and Board meetings; important information was thus provided for us to consider. These officials included Sherry Bar, Research Officer, Primary Health Care; Katie Hill, Director, Home and Community Care; Stephen Smith, Director, Mental Health Promotion and Mental Illness Prevention; Gerrit Van der Leer, Director, Mental Health; Anita Schnell, Priority Projects, Mental Health and Addictions. In addition to the information each person provided, these interactions will be helpful for BCPGA in working with government.

We apologize for not getting out the August issue of BC Pages, but we hope this edition will provide much interesting information. All our members are encouraged to contact Betsy Lockhart, our hard working editor, when they come across items of potential interest to other members. BC Pages is an important mechanism for achieving our purposes.

John Gray PhD,
President.

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Clinicians, researchers and educators... here is an opportunity to share your expertise and research on psychogeriatric care at the BCPGA 14th annual conference:

Discovering and Doing: Bringing Research and Practice Together in Mental Health for Older Adults

Ramada Hotel; Prince George, BC
Friday April 29 and Saturday April 30, 2011

If you have a new program, are involved in an interesting program or have some topic of interest that you would like to present at the conference, please submit an abstract to the Conference Planning Committee. The abstract should be no more than 200 words and should be suitable for reproduction in the conference program. The following information must be included: 1) title of presentation; 2) list of presenters (name, organization, position & contact information); 3) a primary contact person must be identified if submitting a group presentation. Also please include the following information in addition to the abstract: audio-visual requirements and the time requested for the presentation (i.e., half/hour, full hour).

Please send your abstracts to the BCPGA Conference Planning Committee Chair Melinda Allison at allisonm@unbc.ca by January 10th, 2011.

There is also an abstract submission form available on our website: www.bcpga.bc.ca under the Conference tab.

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New Board Begins Work

Back: Jane Tench, John Gray, Anne Earthy, Penny MacCourt. Front: Anthony Kupferschmidt, Melinda Allison, Anita Wahl, Elisabeth Antifeau
Missing: Sandi Culo, Jan Kohout, Janet Love, Jeff Renaud, Elaine Unsworth

2010 Conference Report

By: Penny MacCourt

The BCPGA conference took place in Nanaimo BC and was very well attended by people in the field both locally and from afar. The opportunity to network, always a main feature of our conferences, was taken up by many – greetings between old friends and with new ones created a real buzz.

The speakers were excellent this year, as always. We were privileged to have Dr. Marie-France Rivard open the conference. Dr. Rivard is the chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee to the Mental Health Commission of Canada, Clinical Director, Geriatric Psychiatry Program, Royal Ottawa Health Care Group and Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Ottawa. Dr. Rivard, a very warm and personable speaker, provided participants with:

-An overview of mental illnesses most commonly affecting seniors, and changes that have occurred in the last 30 years in regards to their identification and treatment.

-An update on efforts made across the country to plan for and develop a range of mental health services that will better meet the needs of seniors affected by mental illnesses, including the work of the Mental Health Commission of Canada and its Senior's Advisory Committee.

-An opportunity to discuss the range of services that are important to develop or enhance in order to meet the challenges of our aging population.

In addition to a look back and a peek at the national scene, Dr. Michael Cooper provided a glimpse of the future in speaking about the "Future Directions for Seniors Mental Health." He shared his vision for dementia care, "Complex and challenging dementia patients are identified and have a plan in place that anticipates the inevitable decline." In Dr. Cooper's view, psychogeriatric clinicians, working in a collaborative model, could make a significant impact on dementia care by providing expertise to key health partners in planning for the inevitable dementia "trajectory."

There were a number of back-to-back sessions at the conference which many found hard to choose between. Following are some brief comments about the ones that I attended.

Louise Holland from Prince George titled her presentation, "Abandonment or Autonomy: How do social workers know the difference?" Based on her research, Louise described the decision-making process of social workers as they look into reports of older adults experiencing abuse, neglect, and self neglect and choose interventions with varying levels of intrusiveness. Her presentation covered such issues as dual roles, competing values, ethical decision-making, organizational double-binds and team practice, and provided real food for thought.

Dr Martha Donnelly and Marcia Carr conducted a well-attended workshop about incapacity and the vulnerable

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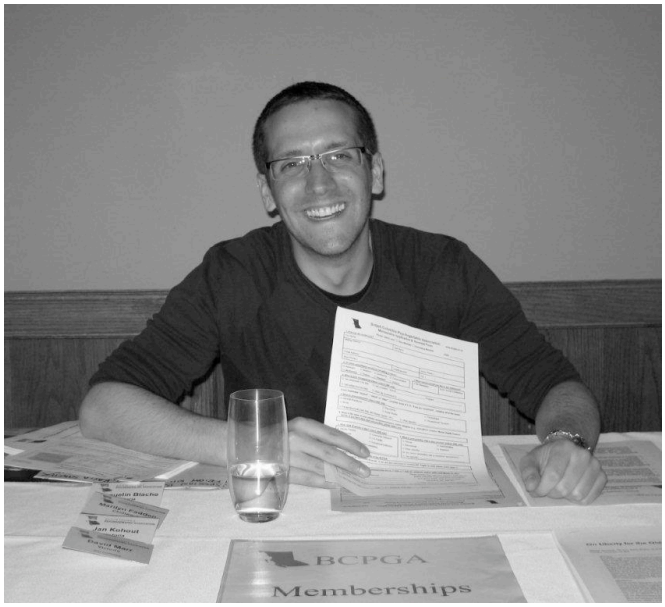
Conference Photos

Keynote speaker Marie France Rivard & Martha Donnelly

Jane Tench and Colleen Nestor from the Okanagan



Board Member - Anthony Kupferschmidt

RESEARCH NEWS

Centre for Research on Personhood in Dementia

The Centre for Research on Personhood in Dementia (CRPD) is located in the School of Social Work at UBC; Three of BCPGA's members – Martha Donnelly, Elisabeth Drance and Penny MacCourt – are researchers with the Centre.

The mission of the CRPD is to initiate, facilitate and integrate trans-disciplinary research that increases understanding and implementation of personhood approaches to dementia and dementia care. Under the broad umbrella of this mission, the CRPD aims to:

- increase understanding of personhood in dementia
- develop interventions for supporting personhood

The CRPD focuses its research in four broad areas:

- exploring the relationship between issues of personhood and course of illness
- examining how the social, cultural, familial, and physical environment can support or impede the maintenance of personhood in individuals with dementia
- developing empirically-grounded interventions
- articulating policy statements and practice guidelines that will improve the quality of services and supports for persons with dementia and their families

Research projects undertaken through the Centre include:
Ethnocultural and Linguistic Influences on Communication between Staff and Residents in Long-term Care
Principal Investigator(s): J. Small
Co-Investigator(s): E. Drance, J. Globerman, W. Hulko, D. O'Connor, J. Perry, L. Stern
Funding: CIHR Operating Grant (2006)

Ethnic Minority Seniors in Care (EMSIC)
Principal Investigator(s): Sharon Koehn
Co-Investigator(s): Habib Chaudhury, Elisabeth Drance, Romayne Gallagher, Al Hendricks, Jean Kozak, Dora Replanski, Jim Sands, Charmaine Spencer, Elizabeth Stanger. Ann Vanderbijl, Susan Poshan Wong
Funding: BCNAR Seed Grant, Team Development - $3,500 (2005)

Researching Personhood in Dementia: Investigating Measurement Issues
Principal Investigator(s): D. O'Connor
Co-Investigator(s): J. Small, A. Phinney, M. Donnelly, B. Purves, E. Drance, P. Graf, A. Smith
Funding: CIHR - International Opportunity Program (2005)

The CRPD has also published a book as the outcome of an international interdisciplinary workshop in 2007: *Decision-Making, Personhood and Dementia: Exploring the Interface* (2009): Deborah O'Connor and Barbara Purves, eds, Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

For more information about CRPD, see the website:
www.crpd.ubc.ca/

More Conference Photos

Barbara Buree at poster display

Presenters - Sue Kurucz and Mark Blandford

Keynote Speaker - Dr. Michael Cooper

Links & Leads

Seniors' Databases and Other Information Resources

From time to time, we find ourselves in the position of having to write a report or provide information to others about some aspect of the aging population. Facts and figures are always useful in such a situation, but where do you go to find them? Some database sources that may prove helpful are available through Simon Fraser University's Gerontology Research Centre. For more information go to their website: www.sfu.ca.grc/

BC AGING RESEARCH DATABASE
BC Aging Research database contains over 1800 citations of work by BC authors on individual or population-aging-related topics published between 1984 and the present. It lists journal articles, books, book chapters, conference proceedings, and reports as well as theses on aging-related topics. Pertinent research topics include: adult education, demographics and lifestyle, elder abuse, health and aging, alzheimer's/dementia, and housing and the built environment. This database is capable of performing an advanced Boolean search and sorting.

GRC AND DEPARTMENT RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS
The Gerontology Research Centre (GRC) was established in 1982 with the help of grants from Imperial Oil, the Real Estate Foundation of BC, Shoppers Drug Mart, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. The Centre publishes two newsletters: GRC News which reports on the Centre's current research and education activities; and Seniors' Housing Update which highlights new developments in seniors' housing. The associated Department of Gerontology was established in 1983. Together, the GRC and Department serve as a focal point for research, education and information on individual and population aging and maintain an active publications program to promote utilization of existing knowledge in the following areas: Changing Demography and Lifestyles; Culture and Aging; Health Promotion/Population Health and Aging; Prevention of Victimization and Exploitation of Older Persons; Technology and Aging.

Fact Book on Aging in British Columbia – published by the Gerontology Research Centre, Simon Fraser University – available in both text and CD format at $29.00 each. www.sfu.ca/uploads/page/13/Fact_Book_5ed_ORDER_FORM_5_FINAL_HST.pdf

The Dr. Tong Louie Living Lab is a research facility built through the collaborative efforts of Simon Fraser University's Gerontology Research Centre and the British Columbia Institute of Technology's Technology Centre. The Living Lab conducts research and training activities that aim to improve the relationship between people and their living and working environments. Our goal is to create environments and products that facilitate independent living, sensitive to the needs of older adults and persons with disabilities.

MEMBER PROFILE

Louise Holland

Since the 2011 BCPGA Conference will be in Prince George, we're pleased to introduce Prince George member, Louise Holland RSW, MSW. You may have seen Louise at the 2010 Conference in Nanaimo. She gave a very thoughtful presentation on her Master of Social Work thesis project, which highlighted the challenges of capacity assessment and care planning.

Although she has not always called Prince George home, Louise Holland has lived in that northern community for the last 17 years. She worked with older adults who have mental health and substance use issues for over 10 years before moving into her current Team Leader role for Specialty Services in Mental Health & Addictions which includes a community mental health and addictions service for older adults.

Wanting to challenge herself, she enrolled part time in the Master of Social Work program at the University of Northern British Columbia in 2005. Her thesis focused on the subject of the adult guardianship legislation which requires Health Authority staff to be simultaneously responsible for upholding the oppositional principles of autonomy and care when they look into reports of vulnerable adults who are experiencing abuse, neglect, and self neglect. Her qualitative research study, which was completed and successfully defended this spring, described the experiences and decisions encountered by social workers in adult guardianship practice. Results suggested that social workers look for and find creative ways to improvise and balance support for both autonomy and care.

Louise has been a long time member of the BC Psychogeriatric Association. She joined in order to develop relationships with colleagues who share the same passion and challenges of working with older adults in this field and to learn and expand her knowledge by attending the conferences that showcase the expertise of specialists that exist in our own province. She further committed to the association by serving as a member of the BC Psychogeriatric Association Board for 3 years. Louise is part of the planning committee for BCPGA conference to be held in Prince George in 2011. She is looking forward to working with her Prince George colleagues to organize another valuable opportunity for the Association to gather and share their discoveries and concerns about mental health care for older adults.

If you would like to learn more about Louise and her work, she can be reached at:
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adult. Based on interdisciplinary Incapacity Modules the presenters and others have developed, those attending the workshop came away with a package of tools for assessing risk related to vulnerable seniors and options for addressing risks identified, all specific to BC.

Clinicians from the Penticton Seniors' Mental Health Team presented the findings from their case-series study investigating the processes and outcomes of initiating a group CBT program for seniors with mild to moderate depression living in the community in smaller centre, rural and/or remote areas. The presenters talked both about the findings (e.g., the group program has significant and sustainable benefits for clients, clinicians, teams and services that are efficient, efficacious and economic), and the team processes of program development and research.

Dr. Bayla Schecter made a presentation about "Concurrent Disorders: Nicotine and Tobacco." Packed with information, and described as riveting, this was an eye-opener to many who attended Dr Schecter's session, stating they had no idea that the topic could be so interesting and relevant to practice.

Janice Vance's presentation "On Both Sides of the Bed: A Journey into Dementia, Caregiving and the Health Care System" produced comments by a number of those who attended her session on the importance of seeing what we do from the perspective of those we are serving and then to incorporate these, and our personal insights as health care consumers, into our practice.

Shelagh Brennan made a very interesting (and entertaining!) presentation titled "Older Adults Choosing Not to Share Information with Health Care Professionals and the Impact on Their Mental Health." The use of the narrative approach was new to some people who attended the presentation and has inspired at least 1 person to explore using this approach in practice.

The presentations that I did not attend were also very well received. They are listed here to give some sense of the scope of topics for those readers unable to attend the Nanaimo conference (and to encourage everyone to attend in Prince George!).

The Rule of 5: Simplifying Medication Regimes for Older Adults with Complex Co-morbidities. David Forbes, BSc(Pharm), MPA, BCPS

Continuing Medical Education Effectiveness: Facilitated Small Group, Case-based Learning on Dementia. Deirdre Maulstaid, M.Ed & Dr. Martha Donnelly

Implementing Culture Change in the Care of Older Adults: Progress in Action: Susan Kurucz, RN, BSN, MLIS, GNCC & Mark Blandford, OT, MA

Dying with Dementia in Residential Care: What does the Evidence Tell Us About End of Life Care? Darcee Bidgood

Alister Browne closed the conference with a provocative and stimulating discussion of "Good Practice in Tough Times" and implications for seniors and practice.

For the first time at a BCPGA conference, we sponsored a public forum as a service to the community hosting the conference. Dr. Marie-France Rivard, in her capacity as Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee, provided to the public attending the forum an overview of the Seniors Advisory Committee to the Mental Health Advisory Commission of Canada. Following her formal presentation, she opened the floor to questions and comments and a lively discussion followed.

The only disappointment in the entire event was that there were no entries for the student poster competition in spite of the efforts of the Student Committee to promote the opportunity. Hopefully, that will change next year for the conference in Prince George.

Finally, it is important to note that this successful conference would not have been possible without the hard work of the local planning committee: Andrea Hunter, Mary-Jo Levers, Avis Muir and Lori Amdam and of the BCPGA Board. Thank you to all!!

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2011 Walk for Memories

The BC Alzheimer Association's Annual Walk for Memories fundraising event sponsored by Investors Group will be held in January 2011 at the following locations:

Barriere
Chetwynd
Cowichan Valley
Dawson Creek
Fraser Valley
Kamloops
Kelowna
Nanaimo
Nelson
North Island
Penticton
Port Alberni
Powell River
Prince George
Salmon Arm, Enderby & Armstrong
TriCities, Burnaby, New Westminster & Ridge Meadows
Vancouver
Vernon
Victoria
White Rock, Delta, Langley & Surrey
Virtual Walk – choose your own route

For further information and details about the locations, check the website: www.alzheimerbc.org/Get-Involved/Walk-for-Memories.aspx
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7.5 Communications

- Anne Earthy, co-chair of the Communications Committee with Elaine Unsworth, presented the Report.
- Anne introduced the new official logo of BCPGA and showed it on the screen. Randy Grahn and those who had put in a lot of work in developing the logo were thanked.
- The Newsletter is now being delivered electronically to all members except 12.
- New communications material will be developed
- **Motion: to approve the communications committee report.** Moved Anne Earthy/ Anita Wahl. Carried.

7.6 Research

- Melinda Alison reported that efforts had been made to involve more students in the research activities of the Association, but without much success. Next year efforts will continue to address the promotion of research.
- **Motion: to approve the Research Committee Report.** Moved Melinda Alison/Anthony Kupferschmidt. Carried.

8. Thank you to outgoing Board members

Penny thanked outgoing Board members Lorea Ytterberg and Anthony Kupferschmidt. Lorea was very helpful in the last two Conferences in collecting fees. Anthony will be missed because of his excellent work as Treasurer and Membership Chair, but will continue as the new Project Coordinator for BCPGA.

9. Nominations and Elections

- Two vacancies on a Board with a maximum of 12 people: A notice was sent to the membership asking for expressions of interest in serving on the Board. Given the need for geographic representation and financial skills (to replace the Treasure) a slate was proposed.
- Moved Nancy Gnaedinger: The following be returning Board members: Melinda Alison, Elisabeth Antifeau, Sandi Culo, Anne Earthy, John Gray (as President), Jan Kohout (as Secretary), Janet Love, Penny MacCourt, Elaine Unsworth and Anita Wall; new Board members to be Jane Tench and Jeff Renaud. Carried by acclamation.

10. Other Business

John Gray, as the new President, emphasized that the Board wants input from the membership on where it should be going and invited members to write down ideas. He suggested that we should be taking advantage provided by the new caregiver project to concentrate on that group like we had been doing with the Depression Focus. Linking with like-minded groups through the Alliance, advocating with government and expanding membership were some of the issues the new Board would be addressing.

John thanked Penny for her outstanding work over many years and for her great work in the last two years as President. He also thanked Andrea Hunter and the team that developed and ran such an excellent Conference.

11. Adjournment: 1.25pm

Respectfully submitted:
John Gray, Secretary
14 May, 2010

Planning for the Future of the BCPGA

By Anthony Kupferschmidt & John Gray

Over two days in early October, the Board of Directors met in Richmond to create the first-ever strategic plan for the BCPGA. With the assistance of Jan Mitchell, a professional external facilitator, the Board set out to develop a comprehensive strategy for the next three years. This intensive process truly began this past summer, when the Board first met with Jan to map out the route for developing a strategic plan. In the following months, a situation assessment involving meetings with key stakeholders in government, interviews with Board members conducted by Jan, a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis conducted by the Board, and an online membership survey set the stage for the face-to-face meeting of the Board this fall. This meeting resulted in several important successes for the BCPGA, including:

- The first vision statement for the association:

  Leading the way in seniors mental health in BC

- Revision of the BCPGA mission statement to the following:

Meeting the needs of seniors with mental health needs by

- Enhancing interdisciplinary collaboration
- Providing practice support
- Advocating for excellence of care
- Supporting and using research to inform practice
- Participating in the development of public policy, and
- Acting as a community resource

- Establishment of six strategic objectives:

  Advocacy
  Practice Support
  Membership
  Communications
  Responsive Governance
  Partnerships

- Development and prioritization of goals corresponding to each strategic objective, and
- Development of action plans to support these goals.

This strategic planning process also drew to the attention of the Board the need to rethink the structure of the BCPGA. The Board is presently considering whether or not to replace the existing committee structure (other than the Conference Committee) with work groups corresponding to the six strategic objectives. More information about this possible change and more detail from the strategic plan will be provided at our Annual General Meeting in Prince George next April.

BC Psychogeriatric Association
Annual General Meeting
April 30, 2010 - Nanaimo, BC
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Penny MacCourt at 12.45 pm and welcomed members. Twenty-five members were in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: to approve agenda. Moved: Anne Earthy/ Anita Wahl. Carried.

3. Approval of AGM Minutes (Richmond) Motion: to approve 2008 annual general meeting minutes (Richmond)

Moved: Anne Earthy/Anthony Kupferschmidt. Carried.

4. Business Arising from 2009 AGM minutes.

Since the current agenda covered any business arising, there were no items arising.

5. President's Report

- Penny thanked the Board, outgoing Board members, the Conference organizers and the membership for their dedication and hard work for a successful year. Noteworthy accomplishments included:
- Continued with the Depression Focus, including information sheets on advocating for clients with depression, depression in family care givers and depression in the workplace.
- Developed a proposal for improving services for caregivers including the development of education and tools. This 3-year project has led to BCPGA having a part time employee as Project Coordinator, Anthony Kupferschmidt following a call to all members about the position. The Federal Government funds the position.
- The Ombudsman's study has released Part 1 of a report of interest to seniors. We contributed to that project.
- Supported the Dementia Services by providing our members with a copy and developing a newspaper piece from *The Rising Tide* on Alzheimers.
- Participated in discussions on the *10 Year Plan to Address Mental Health, Illness and Addictions*
- Penny thanked Andrea Hunter and her conference organizing committee for a very well organized conference for 2010 in Nanaimo.
- The 2011 Conference will be in Prince George on or about April 29, 30, 2011 in Prince George. **Motion: to accept the President's Report.** Moved Penny MacCourt/ Seconded Melinda Alison. Carried.

6. Treasurer's Report

- Anthony Kupferschmidt presented a detailed written report for the fiscal year April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010.
- General Account balance at March 31, 2009 was approximately $32,000,which includes an increase of $5712 in Members Equity.
- Fees were increased by $5 at last year's Annual General Meeting for members but not students.
- The introduction of credit card processing was successful. Anthony provided a separate written report analyzing the use of this medium. The Research Fund balance at March 31, 2009 was approximately $1,000.

Motion: to adopt the Treasurer's Report. Moved Anthony Kupferschmidt /Seconded Elisabeth Antifeau. Carried.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Advocacy

- Elisabeth Antifeau, co- chair with John Gray, presented a written report. Issues addressed this year included the Depression Focus, with 3 information sheets, letter to Premier and Health Authorities on using the *Guidelines for Elderly Mental Health Care Planning* in any reorganization of programs, press release on *The Rising Tide*, letter to the Minister of Health on lack of attention to seniors in the draft Mental Health Plan (received assurances they would be), report to the Ombudsman and the election platform. Elisabeth reminded members of their obligations to take every opportunity to advocate for our cause.
- **Motion: to approve the advocacy committee report.** Moved Elisabeth Antifeau/John Gray. Carried.

7.2 Conference

- Penny MacCourt thanked Andrea Hunter and those who worked with her for an excellent conference
- A written report will be prepared for the board and people were encouraged to complete their evaluations.
- Penny announced that the 2011 Conference will be in Prince George at the end of April, 2011.
- Melinda Alison, Prince George conference chair welcomed people to Prince George for next year and asked that ideas for topics and speakers be forwarded to her.

7.3 Finance Committee

- Much of the information on finance was presented in the Treasurer's report.

7.4 Membership

- Anthony Kupferschmidt provided a written report.
- As of March 31, 2010 membership remained steady at 154 members with 13 in good standing (having paid dues).
- Geographical distribution is 32% Interior, Vancouver Island 25% and Vancouver Coastal at 21%. Last year's successful conference in Richmond doubled representation from the Fraser region to 15%.
- Professional discipline statistics reveal more of our members are identifying themselves as "other" (12%). It way be that more categories are need and this will be referred to the Board.
- Members have been profiled in our newsletter as a continuing tradition.
- **Motion: to approve the Membership Committee Report.** Moved Anthony Kupferschmidt/Anne Earthy. Carried.

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