

**Collaborative Practice Toronto  
Annual General Meeting 2020  
Thursday February 20 5:00 PM**

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Decision &amp; Actions (who, by when)</b>
<b>Call to order</b>		<b>5:13</b>
<b>Determination of quorum Approval of 2019 Minutes</b>	Quorum determined; 19 members present. Minutes for 2019 approved.	Doug Craig moved that the minutes from 2019 be approved, Jacqueline Peeters seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
<b>Remarks from the outgoing Chair</b>	<p>Cori Kalinkowski reported. It has been a pleasure taking on the chair. This board was amazing, everyone contributed. This Board was particularly engaged. We are saying goodbye to three board members.</p> <p>Shirley Levitan – past chair, involved for many years. She has been the only person who has been the chair twice. Shirley was a great support to the new chair. She has an incredible sense of humour and keen intellect; she has a practical approach to doing things.</p> <p>Jacqueline Peeters has been a member of CPT for many years. Her practical approach to slowing things down to look at issues has been very helpful. Jacqueline stepped in to deal with the website when our existing hosting service notified us that they could no longer continue to provide us with services. She has agreed to stay on with the Website committee to see the current project through.</p> <p>Judy Walsh has also been a long-time member on CPT. She brought the ability to bring clarity of thought to the Board decisions. The Marketing committee work has been engaged and thorough with her guidance this year.</p> <p>There have been some proactive decisions around branding made, consistent quality of Professional Development throughout the year, looking at different days and times of day, as well as types of events to meet everyone’s needs. The Membership committee will be focussing on how to increase numbers and the engagement of members. And a rocking Holiday party rounded off the year bringing the membership together.</p>	

	<p>I see members taking on innovation and great work. There is a huge demand for small groups – it is an important part of the community. Some have started new groups already. There is a sense of welcoming one another. This attitude needs to be spread. We do good work and care about what we do. There is always room for more volunteers on committees. If you are interested in being on committees, please let us know.</p> <p>It has been an honour to serve and now move onto the role of past chair. I look forward to continuing to see the initiatives of the Board.</p>	
<b>Financial Report</b>	<p>Doug Craig reported. We are in good financial position with surplus of \$54,000. The Board is comfortable that we are in a good financial situation.</p> <p>Question from the floor: Will the \$2500 sponsorship for the OACP conference be repeated? This is in process.</p>	<p>Motion to approve the 2019 financial statements by Ellen Nightingale, Rui Alves seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<b>Marketing</b>	<p>Jane Huh reported. We organized a booth for the Realtorquest conference. It was quite a success. A lot of people showed interest. We talked to thousands of people; huge facility by the airport. We have developed a 30 second radio ad, and this will be followed up with a radio campaign early in 2021. We organized a booth at the Ontario Psychological Association. Those professionals were very interested, and we have more of an outreach to this community planned with a presentation at next year’s conference.</p> <p>We are rebranding - we are calling ourselves Collaborative Divorce Toronto. Of 42 respondents 86% voted for this name change. We are taking into account the comments around this change, and they will be incorporated into the new website.</p> <p>We have 14 members signed up with newsletters and blogging initiatives. It should be a good year.</p>	

<b>Website</b>	Jacqueline Peeters reported. Halfway through the year we received word from our website managers that they were not going to continue service with CPT, and we have quickly had to find a new webmaster. We are redesigning the site as it was old, and the functionality was not great. We took another look at what we have and how it is presented. This is a joint initiative with the Marketing committee. Jacqueline will be remaining on the committee to ensure the continuity.	
<b>Professional Development</b>	Mitchell Ornstein reported. We have had some great feedback about our programming this year. The Case study Café was particularly well received, a save the date for the rest of the events for the year has already gone out and we look forward to seeing you at them.	
<b>Membership Report</b>	<p>Carolyn Felstiner reported. Over the past year there have been a couple of initiatives that have been undertaken. We have developed a student member category and have 2 student members.</p> <p>We are looking at ideas to recruit non-lawyer students. We have developed a maternity leave policy for members. We are working on developing a retired member category. We are focussing huge on member retention this coming year. We are also looking for people who might host or be part of new practice groups.</p>	
<b>Introduction of New Slate of Officers</b>	<p>We have our 12 required board members. A list has been circulated. Mitchell Ornstein will be moving into the role of Chair. He has been a great resource as a vice chair, and he comes with a lot of experience on boards of directors. Cori will be past chair. Doug Craig will continue as treasurer. Rui Alves, Linda Bronicheski, Carolyn Felstiner, Catherine Koutsogiannopoulos will all be staying on. New to the Board – Jane Huh, experienced collaborative lawyer and involved in CPT for many years and we look forward to having her input on the board, she brings a skill of connecting. Daniella Wald - this is her second time around on the board, she brings a calm clear intellect and great sense of humour, and Alexa Turner, a newer lawyer and brings a wisdom beyond her years, great insights and a youth and social media and marketing perspective. And Jessica Brody, happy to have her on the board, bringing energy and a fresh new perspective of things to the group.</p>	<p>Motion to approve Eva Sacks, Judy Walsh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<b>Remarks from incoming Chair</b>	<p>Mitchell Ornstein reported. I say thank you to those who are staying on and those who agreed to join the board. I echo Cori's comments that it is a lot easier to work with a working board. I encourage people to make</p>	

	suggestions and comments as this feedback is welcomed. I want to thank Cori as our outgoing chair, she came in on an unexpected basis and not only hit the ground running but also did a superlative job. Her continued presence as past-chair will no doubt be invaluable to board in the coming year.	
<b>Adjournment</b>		Motion to adjourn Judy Walsh, Nicola Savin seconded. Motion carried unanimously at 5:45 PM