

# Canadian Evaluation Society - National Capital Chapter Annual Report

CES-NCC Annual General Meeting

May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017



National Capital Chapter

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Section de la Capitale nationale

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# Background

- \* Slate of Board members: Emmanuelle Godbout-Gauthier, Kathy Gerber, Nicole Michaud, Raïmi Osseni, Celine Pinsent, Simon Roy, Doaa Saadek, Kenneth Stephenson, Julie Witmer, Jane Whynot
  - \* Ex-officio members: Jean-Francois Caty, Anne Routhier
- \* Scope of Activities: 1/2016 to 5/2017
- \* Membership slightly increased from 350 in 2016 to 358 as of May 2017

# 2016-2017 Key Priorities

## **Networking:**

- \* Offered Annual Learning Event (Presentation/Great Debate format)
- \* Organized 3 breakfast sessions including 1 French breakfast session
  - \* Collaboration with Treasury Board Secretariat, and École nationale d'administration publique

## **Professional Development:**

- \* Offered 4 ESS sessions (1 French, 3 English)
- \* Workshop on qualitative methods in realist synthesis by Dr. Gil Westhorp
- \* Two workshops on data visualization by Dr. Stephanie Evergreen
- \* Renewing roster for those providing professional development services for the chapter
- \* Working with ESDC and Évalue-action to produce emerging evaluator profiles

# Accomplishments: Other

- \* Completed third and final year of 2014 conference surplus investment
- \* Using chapter survey results to inform board's June 2016 strategic planning session
- \* Christmas Networking Event (n>40)
- \* Entered discussions regarding hosting National Conference 2020

# Significant Chapter Survey Findings

- \* Majority agree that CES-NCC membership provides them with a range of benefits. Also believe that the Chapter could offer more frequent events and more intermediate and advanced offerings
- \* The single largest challenge faced by Ottawa evaluators to accessing professional development opportunities is the relevance of the topics offered
- \* Respondents greatly prefer in-person events over webinars and other remote offerings
- \* Most respondents see value in partnering with other organizations, particularly PPX, for networking or professional development opportunities

# Accomplishments: Networking

Date	Topic	#s Reg./Att.
May 2016	Considerations for Policy Renewal & the Results Agenda by Tolga Yalkin	67/55
October 2016	Policy on Results: Opportunities and Challenges including Tolga Yalkin, Yves Gingras, Umit Kiziltan, and Marie-Josée Dionne-Hébert	95/73
April 2017	Using Excel for Qualitative Analysis' presented by Benoit Gauthier	53/41

# Accomplishments: Networking Continued – Annual Learning Event

Feedback N=78

- 48 non-members registered for the conference (36 regular; 10 not-for-profit; 2 students)

Overall:

- My knowledge of evaluation has been improved because of the ALE: 85% agree
- ***I gained new practical skills because of ALE: 89% agree***
- I found the networking opportunities satisfactory: 92% agree
- Overall, I found ALE to be useful and valuable: 95% agree

ALE	2017	2016	2015	2013	2012
#s	150	108	86	128	126
Net \$	-\$7,840	-\$6,684	-\$13,164	\$16,366	\$20,730
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# Accomplishments: Professional Development

- \* Three planned ESS sessions, delivered four
  - \* Demand for ESS is high, added an extra ESS session in the fall, and have responded to inquiries for in-house training
    - \* January 2016 session in French (5 participants)
    - \* October 2016 2 sessions in English (20, 19 participants)
    - \* May 2017 in English (21 participants)
- \* Offered one intermediate level course
  - \* Qualitative Methods in Realist Evaluation with Dr.Gil Westhorp and Kim Grey in May 2016 (14+ participants)



# Karl Boudreault Award

- \* The Karl Boudreault Award is the CES-NCC award for those who have made a significant contribution to evaluation. Awards presented to:
  - \* 2016 awardee was Jennifer Birch-Jones
  - \* 2017 awardee was Dr. Isabelle Bourgeois
- \* Information is available on the Chapter website

# Thanks to all of our volunteers!

- \* From those who volunteer regularly in or through chapter committees, those who participate episodically, thank you. We could not do it without you!
- \* Recognize that the chapter could do more to recognize volunteer contributions, on the agenda for the June 2017 strategic planning session (June 15, 2017)

# Motion to Amend CES-NCC Constitution

- \* Depending on attendance...
- \* After aligning chapter constitution with that of National last year, it was found that the board required greater flexibility with respect to its board membership to sustain consistency in delivery of chapter activities
- \* Suggested re-wording

# What's In Store?

- \* Elections for 2 seats on CES-NCC Board this spring. Three nominations received and elections currently underway
- \* Don't forget to vote!
- \* Questions? Comments? Suggestions?
- \* Can also send to [nccsecretariat@evaluationcanada.ca](mailto:nccsecretariat@evaluationcanada.ca)



# Motion:

- \* Accept chapter report on activities