

Canadian Evaluation Society - National Capital Chapter Annual Activities Report 2019-2020

CES-NCC Annual General Meeting
October 20, 2020



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National Capital Chapter

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Background

- * Board Members:

- * Emily Brennan, Ashraful Hassan, Marie-Phillippe Lemoine, Wayne Macdonald, Nicole Michaud, Stephen Kester

- * ex-officio members:

- * Lisa Langton (student) Cédric Ménard (TBS)

- * Volunteers:

- * John Burrett, Stéphanie Jolette, Allysa Olding

- * Welcoming five board members for 2020-21

Background

- * Scope of Activities
 - * June 2019 to May 2020
- * Stable membership
 - * 2020: 429**
 - * 2019: 456*
 - * 2018: 410
 - * 2017: 358
 - * 2016: 350
 - * 2015: 409

* January 2020 report (numbers are for December 2019)

**May 2020 report (numbers are for April 2020)

Source: monthly membership report from chapter secretariat (Willow Group)

Membership Partnership

- * **Completed**– **Membership/Partnership Strategies**, based on Membership and Partnership Scans completed in 2018-19
- * **Completed**– **Presentation** of membership scan
- * **Completed**– **Consultation** of key ‘connectors’ on key questions related to membership
- * **Completed**– **Signed partnership agreement** with the Performance and Planning Exchange (PPX), which will act as a template for future partnership arrangements

Membership consultations

- * Discussion at February 2019 Breakfast session, based on the themes “who we are”, “what we expect” and “how we connect”.
- * A communiqué with key questions relating to the value of membership, barriers and opportunities was sent to members identified in the membership scan as being potential “connectors” of other members. Replies were received by email and during one multi-respondent meeting. The replies are now being analysed for use in the Chapter’s strategic planning.

Selected Consultation Findings

This is a high-level summary, guided by the frequency of responses of similar nature:

- * **Member benefits:** members particularly like belonging to a professional network, where they can learn about new methods and issues and exchange information.
- * **Overall satisfaction:** most responding to this were satisfied with their membership, with qualifications.
- * **Detracting factors:** a perceived lack of vision/strategic planning and action, and not enough “presence” in the community.
- * **Suggested improvements:** the most frequent ideas involve advocacy of both CES and evaluation itself to the federal government and more communications and events/products based on members’ expressed interests.
- * **Why are more GOC evaluators not members:** this was most often related to lack of clarity of the benefits of membership, costs not covered by employers, the weak status of evaluation in the GOC and the existence of sufficient networks among GOC evaluators for their purposes.
- * **Why is the CE not apparently a priority:** again, this was generally a matter of unclear benefits against uncovered costs and requirements to gain and maintain the designation.
- * **What should we ask the wider membership about:** the most frequent suggestions were to find out what they need and would value, and in particular to find out what kinds of events and topics for attention would be of most interest. Another set of related responses had to do with strengthening professional standards, ethics and alignment with GOC standards.
- * **What would a healthy chapter look like:** It would facilitate full professional networks with interesting and field-related events, with the participation and guidance, in particular, of GOC evaluation heads and newer evaluators.

Accomplishments: Networking Events

Date	Speaker/Topic	Attended
July 2019	Breakfast session with Christine Minas on TBS primer for integrating GBA+ in evaluation	79
September 2019	Breakfast session with Michael Quinn Patton on Principles-Focused Evaluation	64
October 2019	Choose Your Own Evaluation workshop for emerging evaluators hosted by Marie-Philippe Lemoine and Brianna Lees	22
November 2019	Workshop: How to prepare you CES 2020 Conference Proposal (Hosted by Benoît Gauthier and Cindy Weeks)	17
December 2019	Holiday networking event	30
February 2020	Breakfast session with Wayne MacDonald and John Burrett on CES-NCC Membership Scan	50
Postponed	Hackathon	n/a

Accomplishments: Professional Development

- * **Two Essential Skills Series in person sessions:**
 - * September 2019: 20 participants
 - * December 2019: 20 participants
 - * Demand for in-person delivery continues to be high (waiting lists)
- * Co-organized a French facilitated online ESS session with SQEP and CES New Brunswick, which attracted 15 participants
- * A third in-person ESS session was planned for May 2020, but has been postponed
- * No ALE was held because of the anticipated National Conference

Karl Boudreault Award

- * The KB Award is the CES-NCC award for those who have made a significant contribution to evaluation.
- * 2020 recipient: Yves Gingras
- * 2019 recipient: Michael Obrecht
- * 2018 recipient : Simon Roy
- * 2017 recipient: Isabelle Bourgeois
- * 2016 recipient: Jennifer Birch-Jones

CES National Conference

- * Conference planned for June 2020 in Ottawa will now be held online in May 2021 (format being developed)
- * CES-NCC Chapter is still “hosting”, exact implications for the Chapter are to be determined (e.g., may include live Chapter events, health guidelines permitting)
- * CES-NCC members (including many Board members) continue to support the organization of the conference
- * CES-NCC Board has been consulted at key junctures, and maintains close communication through Board liaison and Host Committee.
- * Chapter is currently committed to supporting registration for six students from universities in the national capital region

Thanks to all of our volunteers!

- * From those who volunteer regularly in or through chapter committees, and events, and those who participate episodically.

Where we need help and input

- * To be filled in following strategic planning

What's In Store?

- * Add teaser following strategic planning
- * Questions? Comments? Suggestions?
- * Can also send to nccsecretariat@evaluationcanada.ca



Motions:

- * Accept Chapter report on Activities for 2018-19