

CNPEA Report of the Board
To the Members – November 27, 2006

We're pleased to report it has been a busy and productive year for the CNPEA!

Funding Update

Thanks to all of you who wrote letters of support for our proposal to NCPS last December. Although we weren't successful with that NCPS proposal we have discussed with the funder what we need to do to strengthen our proposal for resubmission. In the meantime, we have subsequently landed a contract with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) to identify promising approaches to addressing and preventing senior abuse across Canada, and to begin the development of a framework for a National Senior Abuse Prevention Strategy. More information about this exciting initiative will be shared at the AGM. Thanks from CNPEA to Cecilia, David and Mary, the staff at the Family Violence Prevention Unit in PHAC for all your support. We will be pursuing NCPS and other funders as we still hope to hold a national gathering, now in conjunction with the Canadian Elder Law Conference being held in Vancouver, BC next fall.

Inaugural World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – June 15, 2006

The CNPEA took a leadership role in Canada in terms of identifying national and provincial/territorial liaisons to act as links to the international scene. Thanks to all of you who acted as such liaisons. Thanks also for all your efforts that resulted in numerous civic and provincial proclamations, local, regional and provincial forums/workshops/conferences, various intergenerational events, presentation of awards to leaders in the abuse prevention field, medial coverage and so on that made the inaugural day in Canada a huge success. For a more detailed cataloguing of what took place across the country, visit the CNPEA website, www.cnpea.ca. If you're interested in planning for World Day 2007, please let us know so we can include you from the beginning. We're also very appreciative of the efforts of the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Working Group on Seniors Safety and Security which contracted Charmaine Spencer and Penny Bain to develop posters, a Canadian logo, and a tool kit with fact sheets to use nationally, which our chairperson, Alison Leaney, shared with the world at the inauguration of World Day at the United Nations in New York City. We are

very grateful to the Public Health Agency of Canada for enabling Alison to represent CNPEA at the UN on this most special day.

The World Day would not have happened without the massive efforts of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) and the unwavering vision of Elizabeth Podnieks. This international non-profit made the day happen, building partnerships and awareness world wide with no resources but their passion. Thanks for such incredible leadership!!!

One of the INPEA's World Day initiatives was to launch the World Environmental Scan, designed to collect data from around the world regarding the situation of abused and neglected seniors and programs to support them. Thanks to everyone in Canada who made a submission. The vast amount of data is still being organized and analyzed.

Organizational Update

Internally the CNPEA has made a number of advances over the last year, including:

- ◆ Reviewing and updating processes for individuals and organizations becoming members of the CNPEA and for keeping track of members internally as well as proposing bylaw amendments to facilitate these changes
- ◆ Continuously updating our website, including updates related to the World Day. Thanks to Charmaine Spencer for her generous donation of both the updating and hosting of the CNPEA website
- ◆ Releasing the second edition of our newsletter which was released in January 2006
- ◆ Getting processes in place to be able to have someone work for us – this involved resolution of bank account issues, supervision of contracted staff given logistics related to the size of the country
- ◆ Continued/ongoing identification of possible partners and funders to build relationships with
- ◆ Finalizing a two pager that describes the Mission, Vision and Goals and Objectives of the CNPEA for distribution at conferences, including the World Conference on Family Violence held in Banff, Alberta in October 2006

The Year Ahead

The year ahead is full of promise. There will be another World Day to work toward. Our contract with PHAC will result in a better sense of who is doing what to respond and prevent senior abuse across Canada and a beginning national strategy framework. We are still hopeful that we'll obtain funds to have a national meeting to flesh out the strategy framework, possibly in conjunction with the 3rd Annual Canadian Elder Law Conference in Vancouver next fall. And funds to have some at least part time staff assistance with our work nationally would be a huge asset.

Special Notes of Thanks from the Chair

We have been very blessed, as always, to have a hard working volunteer board over the last year, probably more representative of the 13 jurisdictions in Canada than ever before.

Thanks to everyone who has served on the Board over the last year:

Jean-Guy Saint-Gelais – Vice-Chair (Quebec)
Elizabeth Podnieks – Past Chair (Ontario)
Joleene Kemp – Secretary (Ontario)
Rosemary Lester – Treasurer (Newfoundland and Labrador)
Catherine (Kip) Veale – Yukon
Treena Schmidt – Alberta
Beatrice Campbell – Northwest Territories
Susan Qamaniq - Nunavut
Susan Crichton – Manitoba
Maxine Lithwick – Quebec
Mark Yaffe – Quebec
Joan Harbison – Nova Scotia
Judy-Lynn Richards – Prince Edward Island

Thanks to the following Board Members who will not be running for the Board this year:

- ◆ Joan Harbison – Nova Scotia
- ◆ Maxine Lithwick - Quebec
- ◆ Susan Qamaniq - Nunavut

Joan and Maxine have been on our Board for many many years, endeavouring to keep the organization alive, have made immense contributions and are worthy of a break. Susan has been our first board member from Nunavut, a connection that has been most important to us to have. They will all be greatly missed as Board members, but we're grateful that they'll remain supportive of the CNPEA.

Thanks also to the following who have attended most Board meetings this last year as non-elected supporters to share our immense workload:

- ◆ Charmaine Spencer - BC
- ◆ Gloria Dixon - Manitoba
- ◆ Elliot Paus-Jenssen - Saskatchewan

Respectfully Submitted by:
Alison Leaney – Chair
On Behalf of the Board of Directors
CNPEA
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