



October 23, 2021

The CPCA Annual General Meeting took place earlier today through Zoom media. I offer sincere thanks to everyone who was able to attend. Thank you for your patience while we worked through technical difficulties, and thank you for providing solutions to move us through the voting process. I was able to witness once again the wisdom from past Executive members, and I want you to know it does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Being of Christian faith, this reminds me of the Apostle Paul's teaching to the church in Corinth in 1 Corinthians 12. Paul exhorted them to value each other regardless of position/function in the body. The CPCA is a family of missionary men and women who have been called by God to serve police officers and their families, and who have the desire to support and build each other up in love to accomplish our missions. I joined the CPCA in 2015 as a police officer whose police chief asked him to take on the role of spiritual caregiver. The CPCA through an Annual ATS has provided me with training and knowledge, and has generated valued connections across Canada with men and women who have ministered to officers for decades. I put great value in the Canadian Police Chaplain Association for enriching my call to chaplaincy; that value is placed on the hearts of the men and women who make up the membership body of the CPCA.

As your elected CPCA President for 2021-2023, I desire to continue to give back to the CPCA recognizing that I have much to learn from each of you; thus, I desire to continue to forge working relations and friendships with CPCA members. Some things I started as 1st Vice President with our Executive team, such as the website and Chaplains Connect, I will continue to pursue because I value communication and networking. The website has a multitude of resources and will continue to expand. One example is the CPCA Basic Certification training modules; the first one will be launched this Monday thanks to the exceptional work done by your CPCA Academic Standards Committee chaired by Registrar Brian Krushel. Presenter Dr. Miriam Mollering shares teachings from a wealth of knowledge and experience and provides guidelines to navigate "Ceremonies, Events, and Funerals." This is the first module to be developed; five more will follow covering all six CPCA Core Courses. In addition, I encourage you to stay connected to our website and take advantage of the privacy of the "member's only" Forum Page where you can post questions to chaplains or share an encouraging story.

In the "President's Report" of the AGM Information Package you received prior to today's meeting, I listed seven future goals of the CPCA Executive. This is not an exhaustive list, but was provided that you may know we the Executive are dedicated to moving the CPCA forward with

relevancy, diversity, and inclusion. However, to do this we need connection with the entire body of the CPCA. Feedback from our valued members is crucial since Canada is a vast diverse country; thus, we need to hear from chaplains with boots on the ground in every province.

As a result of our AGM today, I am able to share with great excitement the names of your CPCA Executive for the 2021-2023 term:

- Bruce Ewanyshyn – President
- George Madden – 1st Vice President
- Robert Parmenter – 2nd Vice President

The other highly valued CPCA Executive members that continue to serve you are:

- Michael Rolph – Past President
- Brian Krushel – Registrar
- John Tyrrell – Secretary/Treasurer

There are two more valued members of our team who may not fit the definition for “Executive” but they are an integral part of our team:

- Roxzena Hayden – ATS Liason
- Katherine Bourbonniere – Academic Standards Committee

My sincere thanks to all the CPCA members who joined the virtual AGM today. I acknowledge that there were many esteemed CPCA chaplains who were unable to attend today because of service or family commitments. Thank you for your commitment last year to the CPCA, and I look forward to serving and connecting with you through Chaplains Connect, phone, email, in person, and at the 2022 CPCA ATS in Niagara Falls.

Blessings and thank you for “serving those who serve with excellence.”

Warmest regards

Bruce Ewanyshyn
CPCA President