

OPA Weekly Update Regarding CPBAO Consultation

December 9, 2025

Dear OPA Members,

Your Board of Directors continues to work diligently on your behalf to protect professional standards, advocate for psychologists, and keep you informed on critical developments. Please read below for an update about our Annual General Meeting and key updates on the CPBAO Modernization consultation.

OPA Annual General Meeting (AGM) Rescheduled:

Following member feedback, and to accommodate those wishing to attend both our AGM and the upcoming CPBAO Council meeting, the AGM has been rescheduled to January 9, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

Consultations & Advocacy in Progress

- CPBAO's upcoming council meeting will take place virtually this **December 12th @ 9:00am**. Consultation data will be reviewed during this time, and council will be voting on whether to submit the motion to the government for approval. **We encourage all members to review the materials and to attend to communicate to CPBAO the solidarity of our feedback to the college.**
- Earlier this week, the College posted new documents related to the consultation process (see [here](#)). Several sections introduce new information and interpretations that require careful review. We encourage all members to review the [documents](#) closely.
- We would like to thank the organizations and associated individuals who took the time to share feedback letters to the college and whose letters we have been able to review as part of the college materials. Your leadership is deeply appreciated.
- Thank you to the members who have provided feedback to the College, who engaged on the OPA communities and who have advocated in countless ways.
- **Today, Tuesday December 9th is the final day to submit your feedback** to the college regarding the proposed changes to registration standards. If you have not done so yet, please submit your feedback [here](#).
- Government representatives have been clear that increasing access to psychological services must not come at the expense of patient safety or quality of care. As-of-Right (AOR) mobility was designed as a policy mechanism to support access, not to justify lowering Ontario's long-standing standards for entry to practice.

Key Updates:

Over the past few weeks, your OPA board has:

- Connected with government stakeholders to schedule meetings, follow-up, and provide further information.
- Liaised with PR on our advertising and public-facing social media campaign, and outlined our ‘next steps’ following December 9th..
- Engaged in continued interviews with media partners across television, print, and radio and social media.
- Explored feedback from members regarding the proposals.
- Examined CPBAO’s newest published data and college materials.
- Finalized and submitted OPA’s official consultation report.
- Provided letters with detailed information and data to CPBAO council members.
- Continued to deliver presentations to various professional psychology groups within our communities across the province.

What You Can Do:

- **Participate** – We encourage you to join the CPBAO Council meeting on Friday December 12th, and to continue to raise awareness about the proposed reforms.
- **Continue Outreach** - We encourage members to reach out to their MPPs to provide feedback. Please note that the government has remained receptive to feedback, and we encourage members to engage with them appreciatively when seeking support to address the college-driven reforms.
- **Join Us** – We hope to see you at our AGM on January 9th! Please [RSVP here](#).
- **Trust the Process** – OPA is strategically engaged and committed to transparent, timely communication. If you have questions, concerns, or information you’d like to share, please don’t hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued engagement.

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