

APNS Private Practice Committee Terms of Reference

Mandate

The APNS executive developed the Private Practice Committee in order to address concerns/ideas that are brought to the attention of APNS, either through members or other individuals/organizations, that deal directly with private practice issues.

Objectives

1. **Education.** Provide information and education on topics of interest to Private Practice psychologists
2. **Networking** – Provide opportunities for Private Practice psychologists to network with other psychologists in Nova Scotia.
3. **Collegial Support** – Provide opportunities for Private Practice psychologists to consult and discuss experiences with other psychologists.
4. **Advocacy** – Play a role in advocating for issues concerning Private Practice psychologists.

Membership

Members are committed to enhancing the experience of Private Practice psychologists in Nova Scotia, and take an active part in the work of this committee.

We encourage membership representation from a diverse group of Psychologists.

The Private Practice Committee shall appoint its own executive structure (i.e., chair and co-chair). The appointments will be reviewed bi-annually in the Spring.

The Private Practice Committee shall determine in the first few meetings how minutes will be captured and disseminated and in what time frame.

Meetings

- Meetings to be scheduled quarterly, with no meetings in July and August (4 per year).
- Meeting minutes to be taken and disseminated to all members.

Communication with APNS Membership

- Committee Chairs will prepare a written report of the committee's activities over the past year for distribution to the APNS membership prior to the Annual General Meeting each year.
- The Private Practice Committee will write a regular column outlining ongoing committee activities to be published in the publication titled "Nova Scotia Psychologist" and Authorship of each column will be the responsibility of Committee members.