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Subject: CAPG workshops for national framework

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Dear CAPG member,

As you may know, over the last few years, we (Dr. Tullio Caputo and myself) have been examining the alignment gap in Canadian policing and the governance gap in Canadian police oversight. We have presented these findings at the last two CAPG conferences in Saskatoon and St. John's and in CAPG webinars. We have overwhelming found that police service boards and commissions are seeking more guidance and training to carry out their roles and responsibilities. Our research findings are attached.

In response to these requests, we are organizing a series of 5 training workshops across Canada for CAPG members funded by CAPG and the federal government. To facilitate these workshops, I am reaching out to executive directors of police boards and commissions to determine if they are interested in participating in these workshops.

At this point, we have secured a location near you, hosted by the York Regional Police Service Board for September 23 and 24th, 2024.

These workshops will 2 members from each board/commission (preferably a chair/vice-chair/executive director and a junior member) from 6-7 surrounding board/commissions (nearby cities/towns) and take place over 2 days for approximately 6 hours each day.

The goal of these workshops is to build a national training framework for police oversight in Canada. This would reduce some of the pressures on individual police service boards to provide this training internally, and also ensure that the training is up to date with the current needs of police service boards and commissions at the provincial level and nationally.

The workshop would involve

- reviewing current training materials,
- identifying additional training content needs,
- and developing approaches to building that training that would be accessible and appropriate for new members.

In addition, the workshop would involve

- a capacity building exercise with experts in related topics such as strategic planning, oversight, budgeting, etc.

We believe this will not only be a great training opportunity for your members, and others, but also a chance to create a comprehensive framework for Canadian police oversight that will ensure CAPG members feel confident in carrying out their roles.

Please note that travel costs (and accommodation where necessary) will be covered for participants. Meals will be provided.

If this is something your board/commission might be interested in participating in please let me know.

Sincerely,
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I acknowledge that Wilfrid Laurier University is on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabe, and Haudenosaunee Peoples.