

History of CAPP

- First meeting(s) spring 1999, organized by Roger Williams
- First “official” board of directors meeting August 12, 1999
 - OAPSC, Ontario Association of Playground Safety Consultants
 - Roger Williams, Playcare Inc.
Ken McAdam, City of Toronto, Children’s Services
Jim Scarlett, Kompan
Jule Mycan, Municipality of Peel
Jim Sanders, APE Inc.
 - Election of officers ... Roger = Chair
- Established Goals
 - An organization of individuals, agencies, and companies who are involved in the promotion and identification of safe practices and methods of making playspaces free of hazards and accessible to all.
 - Establish ourselves as a fundamental link between the playground safety service providers and the playground owners, operators and users.
 - Keep our membership informed and up-to-date with regard to changes, and demands within the Playground Industry through strong and direct networking.
 - Provide accreditation to memberships “third-Party” status through an enforceable Code of Ethics.
- Continued to meet and slowly add new members, yet frustrated with lack of industry and public (consumer) support.
- Changed to CAPP, March of 2001
 - New membership revised the association’s structure and broadened our goals, thus name change from Ontario to Canada
 - New members included:
Peter Kells, Grace-Kells Consulting
Rolf Huber, Canadian Playground Advisory
Phil Petz, Henderson Recreation
Chris Morand, City of Windsor
Pat Daley, Kim Allerton
 - Roger Williams, position of Chair
- Further Milestones:
 - November 2001
 - Elected new officers:
Peter Kells, Chair-President
Jule Mycan, Secretary
Chris Morand, Treasurer
 - January 2002
 - officially registered and incorporated
 - obtained Directors and Officers Insurance
 - established website
- Meanwhile, maintaining ongoing discussions of playground issues
 - CSA, ASTM, IPEMA, Ministry of Community & Social Services Policy, ADA, CCA, OPA, CPRA, CPSC, and ongoing jobsite and industry issues of concern !!!!!
- Notable changes in 2004:
 - January 2004
 - Elected new officers:
Jim Sanders, Chair-President
Jule Mycan, Secretary
Chris Morand, Treasurer
 - Recognized continued frustration with industry and public support. Changed to a more pro-active membership drive by offering free one-year memberships to “general” (non-voting) members. Thus our presence at this meeting and show. Very encouraged and optimistic regarding the future of this valuable association.
 - Launched (finally) website complete with discussion forum, and networking member connections.