

Canadian Psychological Association
Section for Students in Psychology
Convention Business Meeting
Saturday, June 11, 2016, 1:00 – 2:00 PM
Langford (VCC 2), Empress Hotel, Victoria, BC



AGENDA

Present: Zarina Giannone, Michelle Guzman-Ratko, Georden Jones, Kyrsten Grimes, Somayya Saleemi

Regrets: Jennifer Bartlett, Todd Chan, Michelle Gagnon

1.0 Greetings from the Chair

2.0 Attendance and Introductions

-The student executive members present at the meeting to be introduced: Michelle G-R (CO), Georden (FAO), Somayya (USAO), and Kyrsten (CE)

-Count number of attendees at business meeting: **28**

3.0 Summary of 2015-2016 Activities

3.1 2015-16 Budget (see attached)

- Motion to pass the budget was made by Lindsay Berard, seconded by Kyrsten Grimes. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

3.2 Executive Election Results

- Congratulations to our new executive members: Jean-Philippe Gagne (CE), Amanda O'Brien (F&A), Michael Ku (USAO), Alisia Palermo (CO), Michelle G-R (GSAO)

-Please stand up if you are here

3.3 Student Membership

-We have approximately 746 members to date.

3.4 Mind Pad

-Work on three issues of Mind Pad has occurred over the past year, all at various stages of publication. In summer 2015, our most recent issue was published during Missy Teatero's term as Editor-in-Chief. Our current Editor-in-Chief, Michelle Gagnon, has recently finalized revisions for a new issue, which is currently in press. Submissions are currently being collected for a third issue and our anticipated timeline for publication for this issue is late summer, 2016.

- Student Affiliates: please consider submitting pieces for MindPad. It is an excellent way to build your CV. I am the incoming Editor-in-Chief so please get in touch with me with any questions, suggestions to improve the journal, or desire to get involved further (i.e., a reviewer, author).

3.5 Review of Campus Representative Program

- Another successful year of the CPA Campus Representative Program:
- The Graduate Campus Rep Program has continued to do quite well over the course of the 2015-2016 year. This year we had a few applications for the campus rep award, which is a great improvement from last year as we had some difficulty attracting students for this award. We continue to have good representation across many of the universities within Canada, and in some cases have representatives from multiple programs at the same institution. Additionally, our student reps have continued to ensure replacements for their positions upon their graduation, often with great success. Students consistently appear to be interested in working to promote and represent CPA within their programs, and we often get inquiries from students upon the beginning of each academic year as to how they can get involved with our organization and serve as student representatives.
- Students are encouraged to check the website to see which campus representative positions are available at the various institutions across Canada, if you are interested in getting involved.

3.6 Mentorship Program

- I founded the CPA Student Mentorship Program in early 2015 and this past September, it underwent its inaugural year. The Mentorship Program engaged over 200 participants from across Canada in both mentor and mentee roles.
- The Program Coordinators are currently conducting a program evaluation to gauge the program's effectiveness
- If you are interested in being a part of this program, keep your eyes out for information through email and on our website. The next application cycle will be in late summer/early fall. Our incoming Chair-Elect, Jean-Philippe, will assume the role of Program Coordinator.

3.7 Student Awards & Grants

- In the fall of 2015, we developed and awarded two new student funding opportunities: The CPA Student Research Grant (two awards valued at \$500 each) and the CPA Campus Initiative Grant (two awards valued at \$500 each). We received multiple competitive applications for both awards. Project leads included Jennifer Bartlett and Todd Chan.
- The Section for Students in Psychology awarded 20 conference travel awards (valued at \$250 each), in addition to our two poster awards (undergraduate and graduate) valued at \$150 each, which have been adjudicated during the 2016 CPA Annual Convention. This year's awards were coordinated by Kyrsten Grimes.
- We will award the recipients their cheques at the end of this meeting!

3.8 Section Newsletter and Convention Survival Guide

- Our fall newsletter was submitted to the 2016 CPA Sections' newsletter competition. We are proud to say that we were recognized as the 2016

Runner-Ups!

- In collaboration with CPA head office, our Section developed a Convention Survival Guide for first-time attendees at the CPA Convention. This project was spearheaded by Michelle Guzman-Ratko and CPA DCEO, Dr. Lisa Votta-Bleeker.

3.9 Francophone Mandate: On-going Translation Project

-In line with our Section mandate to be inclusive of English and Francophone speakers, we have engaged in a project to translate all relevant documents from English to French on both our website and Dropbox folders. Georden Jones guided this project.

3.10 International Collaboration with APAGS

- Our executive established a friendly international collaboration with the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS), with whom we have plans to develop a position paper on internship fees.

3.11 Review of Student Convention Events

- **Poster Session – Section for Students in Psychology** (*Thursday, June 9*)
- **Strategies for Effective Networking & Surviving the Graduate School Application Process** (*Friday, June 10*)
- **Presentation Skills and Data Blitz Competition** (*Friday, June 10*)
- **Roundtable Discussion - Promoting Multidisciplinary Learning: Student Perspectives From Across Psychology** (*Friday, June 10*)
- **Annual Student Social** (*Friday, June 10*)
- **How to Write Tri-Council Scholarship Applications: Staying Calm and Getting Ahead of the Competition** (*Saturday, June 11*)
- **Annual Section Business Meeting** (*Saturday, June 11*)

- ****Keynote Speaker: Dr. Frederick Grouzet, University of Victoria** (*Saturday, June 11, 2016 from 14:00-15:00, Langford*)**

4 Proposed 2015-2016 Activities

4.1 Activities for the Upcoming Year:

- Update our Section's Terms of Reference
- Revisit our plans/intentions for MindPad
- Increase student programming and networking opportunities at Convention
- Offer webinars targeted at students' needs and interests
- Increase the presence of practitioner-related training/opportunities/resources within the Section for Students

4.2 Executive Elections

- The executive team would like to see an increase in voter turnout for

executive elections. Please vote or consider running for our various positions next year.

5 Other/New Business

5.1 Changes to Website

-CPA plans to completely upgrade their website in the fall (includes our student pages) so stay tuned!

5.2 Solicit Student Feedback

-A survey will be coming out shortly after convention. Please take the time to take it in order to help us improve your convention experience.

-We also reserve a few minutes right now to hear any feedback that you are willing to provide

Student Feedback:

- For the mentorship program, could documents be PDF files that can be edited or word documents for convenience?

- Look into changing the terms for the mentorship program. Perhaps starting in June so mentors can meet mentees at convention and to have follow-up dates lined up with the graduate school application process

- More programming at convention and resources for post-doctoral students – the section is currently viewed as one for undergraduate students primarily.

- Facebook group for campus representatives so they can share ideas and resources

- Possibly the idea of having an event at convention where campus representatives can meet one another for further networking

5.3 Travel Award Recipient Cheques

6 Closing Comments

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lindsay Berard and seconded by Kyrsten Grimes. Majority voted. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm.