

Canadian Psychological Association Annual Convention
Section for Students
Summary of Business Meeting Minutes
8:00-8:55am, Friday June 12, 2009 (Duluth)

Present: Philip Jai Johnson (Chair), Kelly Smith (Past-Chair/ Student Rep, Board of Directors), Rana Pishva (Chair-Elect), Pamela Seeds (Secretary-Treasurer), Annie Drouin (Communications Officer), Nicole Wilson (Campus Representative Coordinator)

Unable to Attend: Margaret Hilton (Undergraduate Affairs Coordinator), Kelly Hayton (Website and Listserv Manager)

Others: 6 students from Canadian universities (Concordia University, Mount Allison University, Université du Québec à Montréal, University of British Columbia, University of Ottawa); Dr. Katherine Buell, Psychologist from Kingston (director of Clinical Training at an Internship site)

Summary of 2008-09 Activities

- 2008-09 Budget
 - Overview of costs (e.g., conference calls, student social at Convention, translation costs)
- Executive Elections
 - 2 positions open: Chair-Elect and Communications Officer
 - Both filled by acclamation
 - Welcome Rana Pishva as Chair-Elect and welcome back Annie Drouin as Communications Officer!
- Student Membership
 - Over 1800 members
- Student Member Listserv
 - Primary way to communicate with students
 - Some problems over the past year, which now resolved. Section is able to send emails out to their membership via Section News, which is able to reach all members.
- Campus Representative Program/Faculty Representative Program
 - ~60 student reps currently
 - Rep Reception scheduled at conference to thank campus reps
 - Faculty rep positions are being recruited and a description of their role is being outlined/defined and will be posted on the website
- Psynopsis
 - Space dedicated each edition to student articles
 - Open call for submissions, if anyone interested in writing for Psynopsis
- Technical updates and translations
 - Currently, able to communicate to our members through the use of Section News
 - Annie Drouin translates all of our emails so that they go out in both official languages
 - Translation of the website into French is "in progress"
- Canadian Interprofessional Student Network (CISN)
 - Student run group with student representatives from most health care professions (e.g., medicine, dentistry, chiropractics, psychology, physiotherapy, etc.)
 - Brochure about various health professions, what they do, how they are trained, etc. is available online at <http://www.nahssa.ca/static/docs/cisn/CISNBookletB&W2.pdf>
- Conference Planning
 - This year we organized 4 workshops:
 - The Medium is the Message: New Tips for Presenting Results Effectively (presented by Lindsay Uman, Kelly Smith, and Dr. Adam Radomsky)

- Making Cents of Scholarship and Grant Generation: Tips on Applying for and Obtaining External Funding (presented by Pamela Seeds, Annie Drouin, and Dr. David Dozois)
- Effective Teaching Strategies for Teaching Assistants and New Faculty (presented by Philip Jai Johnson, Pamela Seeds, and Dr. Nicholas Skinner)
- Preparing For Your Predoctoral Internship (presented by Kelly Smith, Lindsay Uman, and members of the Clinical Section of CPA and the Canadian Council of Professional Psychology Programs (CCPPP))
- Also, this year we co-sponsored an invited speaker, Jane Halonen, along with the Teaching of Psychology Section.
- Special thank you to Philip Jai Johnson and Veronica Whitford (campus rep from McGill) for helping to organize the Student Social last night!
- Funding survey
 - Our Section approached by the president of CPA, Dr. Catherine Lee, to determine how students are funded within Canada (e.g., what agencies, amounts of stipends, etc.)
 - We sent out a survey to our Section members and had over 250 responses
 - The results will be circulated via Section News
- Communications from membership
 - Chair of the Convention Committee, and President-Elect of CPA (Dr. Peter Graf) has contacted us to ask for input about proposed ideas for events at future conventions
 - One idea is doctoral consortium, geared towards 1st and 2nd year Ph.D. students
 - Would allow students to prepare 5 page research summary to submit to Convention
 - Subsample of students would be selected to present their research proposal in a 5-10 min. presentation to a panel of CPA fellows for feedback
 - Query about Theory Review sessions at Convention → are they actually a theory review or review of empirical data?
 - Carole Sinclair, Chair for the CPA Ethics Committee, would like our Section's help in recruiting a student representative to participate in that committee. Our section will facilitate and fill the position by early Fall 2009.
 - Professional Affairs committee approached our section regarding the Internship process in Canada
 - Internship applications will now be online
 - Plan for potentially conducting interviews at regional times (e.g., 1st week of January = West, 2nd week of January = Central, 3rd week = East)
 - New student representative needed for CCPPP

Summary of 2009-10 Activities (Philip Jai Johnson)

- 2009-10 Budget
 - Same as this year
 - Discussion about charging dues for membership to our Section
 - Currently, it is free to be a member and our budget is provided to us by CPA
 - Potentially conduct survey monkey to get student input sometime in the future if it becomes an issue
 - Will post online on website
- Review of 2009-10 Calendar
 - See 2009-2010 Calendar of Events in Convention Student Package
 - Let us know if there are workshops that you want to see us put on (e.g., applying to graduate school)
- Psychology Month (February) planning
 - List of resources available online (e.g., events to organize, themed movies)
- Executive Elections
 - February 2010, open executive positions will be announced to listserv

- March 2010 edition of Psynopsis a call for volunteers will be published
 - o Open this coming year: Chair-Elect / Student Rep, Board of Directors; Secretary / Treasurer; Campus Rep Coordinator; and Undergraduate Affairs Coordinator
- 2009 Student Social Night
 - Thank you for attending!

Other / New Business

- Thank you Kelly Smith for all your hard work this year as Section Chair.
- Student member attending the Business meeting passed along information that the Section for Adult Development & Aging would like to get a student representative. We can facilitate that process by putting a call out to our listserv for potential volunteers.
- Section would like a list of all the names and contact information of the Student Reps on the other Sections of CPA as a reference. Secretary-Treasurer will compile.