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](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.