

Canadian Psychological Association Annual Convention

Section for Students

Student Representative Meeting Minutes

4:30 – 5:25 pm, Friday June 12, 2009 (Bersimis)
Reception hosted by Nicole Wilson and Kelly Smith



1.0 Welcome!

2.0 Attendance and Introductions

- 2009-10 Past Chair / Student Rep., Board of Directors (Kelly Smith)
- 2009-10 Campus Rep Coordinator (Nicole Wilson)
- 2009-10 Secretary / Treasurer (Pamela Seeds)
- Others!
 - o Melissa Harris (University of Windsor, undergrad rep)
 - o Benjamin Giguere (York University, outgoing grad rep)
 - o Evelyn Lou (York University, new grad rep)
 - o Missy Teatero (Lakehead University, grad rep)
 - o Sandra Mansour (McGill University, Education/Counselling rep)
 - o Allison McKinnon (McGill University, undergrad rep)
 - o Josh Noble (King's University College, Edmonton, undergrad rep)
 - o Vice President (VP) from the Concordia Undergraduate Psychology Association (CUPA)
 - o University of Windsor Psychology Student's Association (4 students)
 - o Student from Simon Fraser University who is considering become the undergrad rep)
 - o Student from the University of Manitoba

3.0 Concerns and Issues that Campus Reps Noted:

- Deadline for CPA early registration for the Convention and travel award deadline are different
→ some students miss out because the deadlines different
 - o *Kelly Smith will relay to head office*
- Some problems with faculty at universities undermining CPA membership because they don't see the point
 - o One rep noted that memberships are easier to sell early in the academic year
 - o *Nicole will distribute CPA membership posters to campus reps again this year to help recruitment efforts (other exec can send her their extras)*
- Barriers to recruiting faculty reps at all universities
 - o Cost of joining CPA as professor is too expensive for some
 - o Any chance we can get their membership fee waived or reduced (1/2 price)?
 - o Can we provide them with a certificate or letter of thanks for service for their tenure file (possible incentive)?
 - o *Kelly Smith to discuss with head office*
- CPA Student Section website layout is difficult to navigate to find things
 - o The left side menu including "students in psychology" and "campus representation" is difficult to use (i.e., it is hard to find what you are looking for)
- CPA Awards of Excellence for Master's and Ph.D.'s not well advertised
 - o Only emailed to Departmental Chairs and students not aware
 - o Suggestion: send out follow-up email to campus reps to let know about as well
 - o One campus rep described how she helped to motivate/organize the department to distribute the awards

4.0 Reviewed some ideas/activities that students have organized in their own schools:

- University of Windsor Psychology Student Association held fundraisers all year so that their executive could attend the convention
 - o Bake sales
 - o Movie nights
 - o Car washes