



**Section for Students in Psychology Executive  
Conference Call: July 2, 2015 at 4:00PM EST**

**A. Working Agenda**

1.0 Check-in

1.1 Introduction of Existing Student Execs

1.2 Welcome to New Student Execs

1.2.1 Orientation/Transition Needs (Werner, Jones, Saleemi)

1.2.2 Verify Information on Website

*Attendance:*

- *Zarina (Chair & Student Representative to the CPA), Jennifer (Graduate Student Affairs Officer), Todd (Finance & Administration Officer), Michelle (Past-Chair), Kaitlyn (Chair-Elect), Georden (Francophone Affairs Officer).*
- *Sommaya and Michelle R. absent*
- *Please verify all information on the CPA website is accurate, and that you have filled out the Contact Information Spreadsheet in the Student Executive Dropbox*

2.0 Convention

2.1 Convention Feedback/Discussion (Gagnon)

2.2 Anticipated Changes (Giannone)

2.2.1 Electronic Convention Survival Guide

- *Convention feedback:*
  - *Michelle -*
    - *No feedback received yet on workshops but they seemed to be well-attended; Lisa will send a post-convention survey and we receive some comments.*
    - *Student social feedback has been positive after changes made this year.*
    - *Business meeting: ~30 attended and participated in the discussion about what would be helpful for students going forward at the convention*
      - *Would like a “welcome package” to the convention after registration to assist with orientation*
      - *Booth for students to get information and network*
      - *First-time presenters’ breakfast: would be helpful if returning students could be present for networking and if the breakfast could be renamed as the “first-time attendees” breakfast.*

- *Would like to see an increase in networking opportunities (i.e., something everyday).*
  - *Kaitlyn:*
    - *Encourage bigger groups that already know each other to break up would help facilitate more networking.*
  - *Zarina (future ideas):*
    - *Michelle R. brought up using an electronic convention guide for students: put all relevant information in it (e.g., welcome videos)*
    - *We have recently gained permission to use social media platforms (i.e., Facebook page and Twitter account) → Michelle R. will run it.*
    - *Student social breakfast at the beginning + night bar social (budget split)*
    - *Improve opportunities to do oral presentations: data blitz, 3-minute thesis, debate, etc., and workshops on improving oral presentation skills*
    - *Case conferences: given an idea and then asked to develop a research proposal in groups.*
    - *Mentorship program meeting facilitation*
    - *Lounge idea*

### 3.0 Website

- 3.1 Feedback/Discussion on current state of website (Ratko/Giannone)
- 3.2 Photos
- 3.3 Mentorship Program
- 3.4 Document Translation

- *Section management system will change in the fall (i.e., the website will change).*
  - *Addition of photos, a mentorship section,*
  - *Translation of the website*

### 4.0 Update on Awards

- 4.1 Poster Awards (Giannone)
- 4.2 Campus Rep Awards (Bartlett, Saleemi)

- *Winners for poster and campus rep awards have been identified and cheques have been issued or will be issued by head office.*
- *The undergraduate and graduate award winners will be featured in the fall newsletter.*
- *Next year: bolster the applicant pool*
  - *Nomination procedure (i.e., other than self-nomination)*

### 5.0 CPA Student Mentorship Program Update

- 5.1 Status and Plans (Giannone)
- 5.2 Add Components to Position Manuals/Campus Rep Descriptions

- *Working with Lisa (Deputy CEO of CPA) to develop evaluation piece for the mentorship program. Results are going to be published. Authorship/contribution opportunities will be available.*

- Program will be starting in time for September start.
- Chair-Elect will be responsible for the mentorship program in subsequent years.
- Graduate and Undergraduate Affairs Officers will be responsible for recruiting mentors and mentees respectively.

#### 6.0 CPA at APA

##### 5.1 CPA Student Affiliate gathering at APA (Giannone)

- *Zarina is going to APA. Potential idea of bringing students together at the APA as the convention is in Canada this year.*
- *August 7-9 in Toronto: send out a call for interest to student membership.*
- *Student affiliate survey to understand the demographic of our membership and to help target future affiliates (i.e., we don't know what areas of psychology our membership are in, and how many undergrads vs. grads).*
- *Working to increase benefits for new student affiliate members. At present, there are not that many tangible benefits of joining CPA.*
- *We are now welcome to submit updates to Psynopsis. Other author contributions from executive members are welcome.*