



**Section for Students in Psychology Executive
Conference Call: September 17, 2016 at 12:00PM EST
Chaired by Kyrsten Grimes**

A. Working Agenda

1.0 Check-in: Kyrsten, Zarina, Amanda, Alisia, Jean-Philippe, Georden, Michael

2.0 New Initiatives (Grimes)

2.1 Writing Retreat

- “Shut Up and Write” via Twitter, seems pretty successful as an online hosting platform
- Students would provide writing goals for the day
- Facilitator could promote breaks, check-ins, etc.
- Kyrsten will take the lead
- Will need an operating manual & program objectives
 - Growth? Program evaluation? Long-term goals?

2.2 Webinars

- On-going opportunity to connect with section outside of convention, or helpful for people who cannot attend convention
 - Do not offer identical programming as convention
- Guest speakers as opposed to student execs facilitating webinar
- Kyrsten - create program manual and send to us for discussion & approval

3.0 Convention

3.1 Keynote Speaker (Grimes)

- Currently 4 nominations
 - Send any additional nominations to Kyrsten today
 - Shortlist to be sent tomorrow for review

3.2 Workshops (Abstracts usually due Dec 1) – max. of 4

3.2.1 Self-Care in Grad School (Grimes, Jones, Palermo)

- Experiential exercises built into workshop

3.2.2 Data Blitz Competition (O’Brien, Giannone, Ratko)

- Last year – 1st half: effective presenting skills; 2nd half: hosted 3MT-esque competition (3 academic psychs as judges)
 - Largely positive feedback
- Should we offer presentation skills workshop again? NO

- Competition = speaking opportunity at CPA to put on CV
- Expand competition this year!
- 3.2.3 Leadership in Psychology (Giannone, Ratko)
 - Emerged from student affiliates asking about how to get engaged in leadership opportunities in CPA and psychology more generally
 - Co-author workshop with Dr. Andrea Piotrowski (uManitoba) to develop the presentation
 - Incorporate Networking into this workshop
- 3.2.4 Getting Published (Giannone, Grimes, Gagne, Jones)
 - Associate editor of journal to present (Kyrsten's supervisor)
 - Zarina = as student editor of MindPad, will incorporate this experience into presentation
- 3.2.5 Getting into Grad School (Gagne, Grimes, Ku, Giannone) → ROUND TABLE instead of workshop
- 3.2.6 Internship Workshop (promote on behalf of CCPPP)
- 3.2.7 Other Potential Topics: Funding (webinar?), Psychology Jobs Outside Academia, etc.

3.3 Student Symposium (Grimes)

3.4 Student Social (Grimes)

- Book a space (reserve a room for free instead of paying)
- Kyrsten will update once this is completed

3.5 Student Booth/Lounge

- Budget implications → bring CPA HO in as co-sponsor
- Staffing considerations?
- Coffee? Refreshments?

4.0 Updates

4.1 Fall Newsletter (Palermo)

- Template used from Spring Newsletter
- Article promoting Psychology in Hospitals and Health Centres section
- Remove info about new initiatives for now
- Send to Kyrsten for approval
- To be sent out by end of September

4.2 Campus Reps (Ratko, Ku)

- Lists of reps have been updated
- Back to school emails have been sent
- New Recruitment Plan (Grimes)
 - One campus representative, one student representative
 - Implications for undergrad vs. grad student reps?
 - Kyrsten is going to follow up with HO

4.3 Student Mentorship Program (Gagné, Giannone)

- More competitive this year → application form, personal statement, CV
 - Worked well for graduate students, but not undergrads (only 15 mentee submissions)
- Operational since end of August

- Will be gathering quantitative and qualitative information for program evaluation
- Next year, keep extensive application for grad students but simple form for undergrads?

4.4 MindPad (Giannone)

- Previous years, discussions about changing format of MindPad
- Structural change implemented this year to boost 'morale'
 - Expanded editorial team → rehired peer reviewers and added 2-3 new positions
 - Editorial structure → 15 person team overseen by Zarina
 - 2 associate editors = manage student submissions & advertise journal
 - Supports increased volume of submissions
- Primary goal = utilize it as an educational tool for editors, peer reviewers, and authors
- Accepting wider range of submissions to get more people involved

4.5 Campus Initiative and Student Research Grants (O'Brien)

- Change in due dates (SRG = Nov 14; CIG = Dec 15)
- Advertise in newsletter, Facebook, website, and through email

4.6 Budget Update (O'Brien)

- Everything has been awarded / paid for 2016 except for grants (\$2000)
- Currently \$1300 in excess, likely to roll over for 2017 budget if nothing else comes up this year!