



**Section for Students in Psychology Executive  
Conference Call: November 5, 2015 at 6:00PM EST**

**A. Working Agenda**

1.0 Check-in

1.1 Welcome new Chair-Elect

- Present: Sommayya, Michelle G.,

2.0 Updates

2.1 Grants x2 (Chan)

- 2.1.1 Reviews are due November 23.
- 2.1.2 Please deduct 2 points for each guideline violation.

2.2 Translation (Jones)

- 2.2.1 Website translations re-sent – after an error in translation – to head office and pending.

2.3 MindPad (Gagnon)

- 2.3.1 Three issues not feasible due to lack of submissions; two issues planned.
- 2.3.2 Open call resulted in three submissions (and two backlogged; five total). Would be best to have issues that are coherent with a theme.
- 2.3.3 Somayya could send to the undergraduate and graduate representatives to send out to the department to increase advertising.
- 2.3.4 This means extending the call to the end of the month and this delays when it comes out.
- 2.3.5 “Community Voice Section” or personal experience papers may be welcome in subsequent issues.
- 2.3.6 Change in advertising to be more open to submissions as *newsletter* (vs. journal).

2.4 Social Media (Ratko)

- 2.4.1 Sending out email to student affiliates to “like” the FB page. We need at least 25 likes to get certain options.
- 2.4.2 Promoting the page for “likes” on Facebook for \$.
- 2.4.3 Send out an email about Mindpad and social media.

2.5 Convention Survival Guide (Ratko)

- 2.5.1 Need “facts” about psychology or Victoria, BC, or the CPA Section for Students – please send to Ratko.
  - 2.5.1.1 By November 6, 2015

### 3.0 Convention

#### 3.1 Organizing Workshops

#### 3.2 Abstracts need to be drafted and sent to coauthors.

##### 3.2.1 Funding (Jones)

3.2.1.1 SSHRC, CIHR, NSERC – new abstract; same content as last year.

3.2.1.2 Submit through the CPA as a workshop.

##### 3.2.2 Getting into Grad School (Ratko/Grimes)

3.2.2.1 Same as last year.

##### 3.2.3 Presentation Skills & Data Blitz Competition (Giannone)

- How to be an effective presenter (Part I)
- Competition: three-minute thesis presentation (Part II) to be adjudicated by board of directors or other psychologists
- Jennifer and Michelle R to take on this task; Todd able to help with planning tasks.

#### 3.3 Roundtable Conversation (Giannone)

3.3.1 Informal discussion: having interdisciplinary talk for psychology.

3.3.2 CPA executive to facilitate the discussion.

3.3.2.1 Jennifer & Georden

#### 3.4 Student Social

3.4.1 Need to start looking for a location

3.4.2 Inform CPA what we're doing and when

3.4.2.1 Thursday night proposed

#### 3.5 Business Meeting: Honorarium for Hank Ko (Giannone)

3.5.1 Prize for data blitz winner (\$50)

3.5.2 Honorarium for Hank Ko's contributions to mentorship program (\$100)

### 4.0 Advocacy

#### 4.1.APAGS International Student Advocacy (Giannone)

4.1.1. Somayya's role may be affected in the future due to personal issues.

4.1.2. Creation of a new position for the board.

4.1.3. Concerned about potential high turnover of positions year to year; perhaps to wait until next year.

4.1.3.1.Existing executive members to extend one year to reduce turnover rate? Need to investigate how bylaws would permit this.

4.1.3.2.Perhaps move existing member to Somayya's position.

4.1.3.3.Call for new executive members is usually December. Minimum 30 days notice needed.

4.1.4. Depends on whether Somayya can determine if she can take this position, as well as her student status next year. If she has to step down, we need to know within the month to be able to send out the call for the position.

- 4.1.5. Bylaws can allow us to appoint someone who ran for another position in the interim; alternatively, we can shuffle positions within the existing executive.
- 4.1.6. Position generally created.
- 4.1.7. Head Office input needed.
  - 4.1.7.1. Zarina to seek input of the board at the next meeting.