

Canadian Psychological Association Section for Students
2001 Annual Report

1. Expansion of CPA Section for Students Executive Positions

Following the Annual Section Meeting, a number of positions were created to meet the growing needs of the Representatives and the Section members, from which the Chair and Chair-Elect may have been previously responsible. The titled positions were: Convention Committee (Hazlon Schepmyer), Public Information and Communications Committee (Paul Basevitz and Sunjeev Prakash), Campus Representatives Coordinator (Mike Coons), Undergraduate Affairs Coordinator (Michael King and Suzy Barbosa).

2. Increased student representation (both grad and undergrad)

The present Representative Coordinator and Ivan Parisien vigorously campaigned for the further involvement of all institutions in the Representation of their students in CPA. At this time, there is a much greater percentage of campuses across the country who possess Representatives, both at the Graduate and Undergraduate levels.

3. Increased Representative involvement (Psynopsis submissions, presentations, membership)

Campus Representatives contributed more efforts with several Psynopsis articles submitted, increased involvement in the planning of the Annual Convention, more communication and involvement in decision making, the introduction of Section sponsorship for interested parties to the Pre-Convention workshops and other activities.

4. Undergraduate Concerns Expanded

Undergraduates were welcomed to take a more active role in the Executive of the Section for Students, along with the additional promotion through the website, communication strategies and the involvement in recruitment of members and Representatives.

5. Website maintenance and constant additions and upgrades (submissions, photos)

In accordance with the previously mentioned, the Section for Students upgraded the website to include further information (student publications, and Representative annual reports) as this continues to be a focus, since very many students become involved in the Section and CPA through this medium more than ever.

6. Increased Membership

The Section for Students welcomed the membership of interested high school students. They receive benefits and communication means similar to that of the student members.

7. Expanded Conference Symposia and Fee Reduction

The Section for Students worked vigorously to enlarge the visibility of student concerns at the Annual Conference. The Convention Committee continued to extend the reduced fee structure for students at the Section request.

8. Involvement in International Student Forum

The Executive of the Section for Students continues to be involved in the development of an alliance between the American Psychological Association, the International Psychological Association and CPA. The goal is to facilitate communication between students crossing all borders.

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