

Canadian Psychological Association Section for Students
2006 Annual Report

The Section for Students has had a busy and productive year. We have a great executive team consisting of: Joe Camilleri (Past Chair), Elizabeth Stanford (Chair), Kelly Smith (Chair-Elect and Campus Representative Coordinator), Alisa Almas (Secretary-Treasurer), Roxanne Sterniczuk (Undergraduate Representative), and Gail Kunkel (Conference Representative). Kelly Hayton has provided invaluable support as our webpage and listserv manager. During the course of the year, we have a Spring and Fall conference call to keep us organized and on-track. We also enjoy connecting every year at the annual conference.

The Section for Students currently has 1200+ members.

Over the course of the year, the Executive have been involved with several initiatives, including:

- 1) We have an active listserv of over 1,100 student members.
- 2) We have an informative and current webpage.
- 3) We have compiled a list of all the CPA awards offered for students. This list will be posted on the listserv and the website. It requires some further updating, but is a valuable resource for students.
- 4) The Campus Representative program is being effectively managed and updated regularly. We currently have Graduate and/or Undergraduate Campus Representatives on 36 University and College campuses across the country. We also have a Campus Representative listserv.
- 5) We have 4 student submissions for upcoming issues of Psynopsis. Students submit articles profiling their departments, as well as submit articles on content areas of broad interest to students (e.g., tips for undergraduates on getting research experience).
- 6) We are excited about the role for a Student Representative on the CPA Board, currently under consideration.
- 7) We have become members of the National Student Health Care Communication Link. This is a student-run group organized with the purpose of facilitating communication between organizations for students in health care fields in Canada.
- 8) We have submitted several exciting sessions for the upcoming annual CPA conference. As in past years, we will have folders for students to receive at the beginning of the meeting orienting them to student-relevant sessions at the conference, the student social, and other important information. The student social is a fun event we put on to allow students at the conference to meet and have fun.
- 9) We are working with Dr. Dozois, Director of Science, to develop a presentation on possible careers paths for undergraduate students in Psychology. This will be distributed to Campus Representatives to present at campuses around the country. The project may also develop in other directions, for example as a session at a future CPA conference.

- 10) We have an executive member who is the Student Representative on the Professional Affairs Committee.
- 11) We are excited about having new members on our executive team for the 2006-2007 year and will begin the process of filling positions early this summer.

We would like to thank CPA for being so supportive of the Section for Students. We feel we have a dynamic Executive and are proud of the excellent relationships with those we work with at CPA.

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