

Canadian Psychological Association Section for Students
2010 Annual Report

Section Executive

Philip Jai Johnson (Chair)
Rana Pishva (Chair-Elect)
Kelly Smith (Past-Chair/Student Representative on the CPA Board of Directors)
Annie Drouin (Communications Officer)
Margaret Hilton (Undergraduate Representative)
Pamela Seeds (Secretary-Treasurer)
Nicole Wilson (Campus Representative Coordinator)
Kelly Hayton (Website & Listserv Manager)

Membership

Our Section has approximately 1338 members. In addition, we currently have 64 Graduate and/or Undergraduate Campus Representatives and 34 Faculty Representatives as part of the Campus Representative Program led by Nicole Wilson.

Annual Convention Activities (include date and time of section business meeting)

- 1) The Section Business meeting will be held from 10:00 – 10:55am on Friday, June 4, 2010.
- 2) Workshops: (i) Applying for Scholarships and Grants led by Philip Jai Johnson, Pamela Seeds, and Dr. David Dozois; and (ii) Job Opportunities in Psychology led by Rana Pishva and Annie Drouin.
- 3) Dr. Nicholas Skinner will be presenting the Keynote Address for the Section, entitled “Best Practices for New Psychology Teachers.”
- 4) The Campus Representative Reception will be held on Friday, June 4, 2010.
- 5) We will hold the Annual Student Social for our members, and will confirm the date and venue once we have finalized plans with the assistance of our campus representatives in Winnipeg.

Past-Year Projects

- 1) We are currently holding elections for the various positions on the Executive such as: Chair-Elect/Student Representative on the Board of Directors, Campus Representative Coordinator, Undergraduate Affairs Coordinator, and Communications Officer. The elected candidates will be announced in mid-May of 2010.
- 2) Pamela Seeds, our Secretary/Treasurer, has been serving as the Section liaison with the Canadian Interprofessional Student Network (CISN) an organization dedicated to promoting interprofessional education across Canada. Ms. Seeds attended the CISN meeting at the Annual Conference of the National Health Sciences Student Association (NaHSSA) in March 2010 on our behalf.
- 3) Several Sections have requested our assistance with recruiting student representatives; and we have helped recruit representatives for sections such as Adult Development and Education, Ethics, Extremism and Terrorism, as well as the Education and Training Committee.

Next-Year Projects

- 1) Rana Pishva has been spearheading the launch of our very own student journal, *MindPad*, in the Fall of 2010. We are in the midst of discussions regarding the nature of the editorial panel, and we will expect to solicit applications for the panel during the summer of 2010.
- 2) We would like to consider setting up an online discussion forum that would provide us with a valuable opportunity to better address our members' queries and concerns. We intend to present a proposal to the Board of Directors shortly.

It has been both a pleasure and privilege to have served as the Chair for this Section, and I commend the current members of the Executive for their hard work and dedication in making our section the large, vibrant, and exciting organization that it is today. Although our Executive membership is expected to undergo changes in the near future, we have no doubts that the Section will continue to serve as a valuable platform for our members to express their values and opinions, enhance their personal growth, and to carve out their professional identities.

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Chair, Section for Students

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