

Canadian Psychological Association Section for Students
2008 Annual Report

The 2007-2008 Section for Students Executive consists of: Lindsay Uman (Chair), Kelly Smith (Past Chair; Chair-Elect; Student Board Member), Philip Johnson (Campus Representative Coordinator), Pamela Seeds (Secretary-Treasurer), Roxanne Sterniczuk (Undergraduate Affairs Coordinator), and Annie Drouin (Communications Officer). Kelly Hayton provided invaluable support as our webpage and listserv manager. During the year, we had two teleconferences, and have been involved with several initiatives, including:

- 1) Maintaining an active section with a listserv of over 1,300 members.
- 2) Creating a new executive position (Communications Officer) to help with section related translations.
- 3) Regularly updating and recently translating our webpage.
- 4) Maintaining/updating a list of student CPA awards that has been posted to the listserv and website.
- 5) Distributing/posting an updated list of Psychology Resources and suggestions for Psychology Month.
- 6) Managing the Campus & Faculty (i.e., Friends of CPA) Representative program. We currently have Graduate and/or Undergraduate Campus Representatives on 42 campuses across the country, and Faculty Representative at 30 institutions. In collaboration with the CPA Membership Committee, we sent letters to universities that did not yet have *Friends of CPA*. We also accepted our first student rep from a non-Canadian University this year.
- 7) Posting the call for, and reviewing applications for a student position on the Canadian Council of Professional Programs in Psychology (CCPPP).
- 8) We have planned and will be hosting the second annual Campus Representative meeting at this year's Convention which is a great chance for Representatives to meet each other, CPA staff, and executive members.
- 9) This is the second year that a Student Representative from our executive has sat on the CPA Board of Directors.
- 10) We sent our annual call for Student Section Executive Elections via our listserv, webpage, and Psynopsis. Two positions were filled by acclamation, with an election held for the Chair-Elect and Undergraduate Affairs Coordinator positions.
- 11) We have continued to recruit and publish student submissions for Psynopsis.
- 12) We will be presenting several sessions for the upcoming conference, including: Tips on Applying to Graduate School; Writing for Publication, Considering Post-Doctoral Training, and Effective Strategies for Teaching Assistants and New Faculty (in conjunction with the Section for Teaching). In addition, our section is co-sponsoring the pre-convention workshop on 'Private Practice' with Dr. Randy Paterson. Materials to students will also be distributed to students via the listserv and webpage to orient them to student-relevant sessions at the conference, the student social, and other Convention information.
- 13) We are currently organizing the annual student social for the convention.

- 14) We distributed an excellent powerpoint presentation developed by the Section for Students and Dr. Dozois, Director of Science, on “Applying to Graduate School”. We also translated this presentation into French.
- 15) We put out a call to students and held a vote to assist Dr. Ian Nicholson in finding a student representative to sit on the CPA Task Force on Prescription Privileges.
- 16) We drafted Section by-laws, which were presented to the Board of Directors at the November 2007 meeting. We have been revising the by-laws, with the goal of submitting the final draft for review at the June 2008 Board of Directors meeting.
- 17) One of our Executive members represented our section at the National Health Sciences Students’ Association (NaHSSA) conference in London, ON, January 18-20, 2008.
- 18) We created/distributed a bilingual poster to Campus Representatives and departments to promote CPA student membership.

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

Submitted By: Lindsay Uman, Chair, CPA Section for Students