

Canadian Psychological Association Section for Students
2007 Annual Report

The Section for Students has had a busy and productive year. We have a great executive team consisting of: Elizabeth Stanford (Past Chair), Kelly Smith (Chair), Lindsay Uman (Chair-Elect), Philip Johnson (Campus Representative Coordinator), Pamela Seeds (Secretary-Treasurer), and Roxanne Sterniczuk (Undergraduate 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 teleconference 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. This year we have been given the opportunity to make web changes ourselves; this has been very convenient.
- 3) We have distributed a list of all the CPA awards offered for students. This list has been posted to the listserv and the website. We also distributed information regarding the CPA Foundation Student Research Grants. This information has been posted to the listserv and website.
- 4) We distributed a list of Psychology Resources for Psychology Month. This list has been posted to the listserv and the website.
- 5) The Campus Representative program is being effectively managed and updated regularly. We currently have Graduate and/or Undergraduate Campus Representatives on over 30 University and College campuses across the country. We also have a Campus Representative listserv.
- 6) For the first time at this year's Convention, a Campus Representative meeting will be hosted. This meeting was initiated by Dr. John Service and Dan Berman, and will be a great chance for Campus Representatives to meet each other, CPA staff, and executive members of the Section face-to face.
- 7) We have started to recruit Friends of CPA (i.e., Faculty Representatives). In this initiative, Dr. Thomas Hadjistavropoulos, Director of the Membership Committee, has been very helpful and supportive.
- 8) This was the first year that a Student Representative sat on the CPA Board of Directors. We are very excited about this position! An election was held this year for the Chair-Elect/Student Board Position. All student members were allowed to vote, and votes were collected via email by Kelly Hayton.
- 9) We have continued to recruit student submissions for Psynopsis. This year we had five student articles submitted to Psynopsis, in addition to Campus Corner Profiles. 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 handling graduate school interviews).

- 10) We wrote a response to a Psynopsis article written by Dr. Elizabeth Sharp on balancing work and family life.
- 11) We have are 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.
- 12) We have submitted several sessions for the upcoming annual CPA conference, including: Grant Writing/Applying for Student Funding; Tips on Applying to Graduate School; How-to Guide on Getting the Most out of Graduate School; and Effective Strategies for Teaching Assistants and New Faculty (co-sponsored by the Section for Teaching). In addition to these workshops, our section is also co-sponsoring a workshop with the Clinical Section that outlines various jobs that are available post-graduation to Clinical and Counseling Psychology students, and that features a panel of speakers that have diverse careers in psychology (e.g., academic; private practitioner; personnel selection in the military).
- 13) This year, we will be distributing materials to students via the listserv that will orient them to student-relevant sessions at the conference, the student social, and other important Convention information. The student social is an event we put on to allow students at the conference to meet and have fun. We have moved to distributing the material via email in order to ensure that students obtain the material and to decrease paper and financial resources. We will have a one-page handout available at the Convention highlighting some of the important information such as student-relevant sessions.
- 14) We continued to work with Dr. Dozois, Director of Science, to develop a presentation on possible careers paths for undergraduate students in Psychology.
- 15) We recruited a Student Representative to serve on the Scientific Affairs Committee.
- 16) We have an executive member who will be one of two Student Representatives on the CPA Foundation Student Research Grants Review Committee. We are currently collecting applications for the second position.
- 17) We have started to draft Section by-laws, and are using CPA's model by-laws as a template.
- 18) We have liasoned with the Student Representative on the Convention Committee to help organize the student social and other events at the Convention. We are considering having this position become a formal position on the Student Executive, and will be discussing this with the current Student Representative.
- 19) We are currently creating a poster to distribute to Campus Representatives and departments to promote CPA to students and encourage membership.

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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