



APSA Executive Council Meeting  
September 22, 2020 (12:30)

Via Google Meets <https://meet.google.com/dho-qewq-wwc>

1. Call to order (13:31)
2. Roll call (2 min): Anthony, Megan, Ayush, Navjot, Eliana, Leah, Jared, Garrett, Jackie
3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)  
**Motion:** To approve the agenda  
**First:** Jackie **Second:** Garrett. **Motion carries**
4. Review last meeting's minutes (1 min)  
**Motion:** To approve the agenda  
**First:** Leah **Second:** Jared. **Motion carries**

New Business:

5. Sponsorship Update – Jarred (10 mins)
  - a. Jarred - I have contacted all of our old sponsors from last year and have a couple pending from last year. ACP has gotten back to me and is currently looking into their budget to see what they can do for us this year. I did a phone call follow up with the other sponsors from last year last week, but I haven't heard back from them. Most of our previous sponsors are busy with COVID right now and so I just really wanted to give them our sponsorship package. One issue I wanted to bring up to you guys is that last year we got a sponsorship from PharmaCare who are now known as CareRx. They were supposed to present a lunch and learn in March but that got cancelled due to COVID. I talked to Sam about this and we offered them a live lunch and learn on Zoom. They took this to their head office and declined this offer because they said it wouldn't be the same as if we were in person. They countered with 2 year of advertisement on the website, PQ+2, and the J&J podcast. They will not be sponsoring us more this year, this is just to make up for the sponsorship promotion that we owe them from last year. I wanted to see what your thoughts were on this. Since we did give them the option to do a live lunch and learn I am personally not super inclined to accept this offer, but I also know we don't want to burn any bridges.
  - b. Ayush – I think their offer is fair because they gave us \$500 last year that we could use for anything. I know that it was last year, Jackie do you know if that money carried over?
  - c. Jackie – That money did just get cashed this year so it would have been carried over.
  - d. Anthony – I think it depends on how Sam approached it last year, but I don't think there was ever an official contract written up saying that \$500 is only equal to a lunch and learn. I think that trying to maintain the relationship is more important because we can't force them to do a lunch and learn.
  - e. Jarred – How do you guys feel about countering back at one year instead of two?
  - f. Jackie – I think its fine to leave it at 2 years.
  - g. Ayush – I think its better to save a long-term sponsor than give up some advertisement in PQ+2.
  - h. Anthony – How do they want to be promoted? Do they want to be on the front page, do they just want their logo inside of PQ+2, do they want a shoutout on the podcast or do they want more involvement? It might be worth reaching out to Yan and asking what they currently charge for PQ sponsorships and we can go from there.
  - i. Jarred – I'll reach out to Yan. I was also wondering if anyone has connected RxA yet?
  - j. Anthony - I haven't contacted them yet specifically about sponsorship. I have a document that breaks down every initiative they sponsored last year, and it looks like a lot of the sponsorship is stuff that can't be done this year. I think if we have any ideas for initiatives, we can just approach RxA and bring it forward then.
  - k. Leah – I would second that. When I talked to Ali he said they are always happy to be involved.
  - l. Ayush – RxA has been hesitant in the past to sponsor more than one award because they would prefer to sponsor initiatives that will benefit more than one student. From a national

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perspective, a lot of schools are mailing out welcome packages to their students. We could look at getting RxA to sponsor that? I think they would be interested in something like that because they have already sponsored notebooks for the first years and some stuff for the grad class.

- m. Anthony – Some of the initiatives that RxA has sponsored in the past are orientation, name tags for white coat, an advocacy leadership event for APSA council, Blue and Gold, and the industry trade show. We will need to get creative to find ways to incorporate more students for initiatives sponsored by RxA.
  - n. Jarred – The last thing I wanted to talk about was RxFactor. I was talking to Garrett and we were thinking about getting some silent auction items for RxFactor. We are working on typing up a little blurb to send out to people who donated silent auction items last year explaining how we are running RxFactor this year. We will be including that all the money raised will still be donated to the Movember foundation and hopefully we can get some silent auction items throughout October.
  - o. Anthony – This sounds great, thanks for the hard work.
  - p. Navjot – I just have a question regarding the first point we were talking about. Do we have a page for sponsors on the website? You might want to talk to Angel about this.
  - q. Jarred – I did talk to Angel about this a little and she said we can make a tab on the website where we can promote sponsors. I will touch base with her again and get back to you all.
6. Club Applications and Approvals – Megan (15 mins)
- Relevant Documents: [Club Applications](#)
- a. Megan – We had three clubs submit applications to be APSA affiliated this year. I will go through each one and we can have a discussion around it and then if we feel it is appropriate, I will make a motion to approve each of the clubs for the year. The first club I will start with is pharmacy undergrad journal club (PUJC). PUJC is led by Navjot and Alan Min from the class of 2022. PUJC has been around for awhile and their objectives are to help prepare students for hospital residency, create confidence, and give students a safe space to practice their critical appraisal skills. They are planning on doing their events via Zoom and are looking on using a Google Form to gather some clinical questions to put in class emails, as well as possible put some presentations summaries in class emails. If next semester is also online, they are asking for a budget of \$0.00; if winter semester is in person, they are asking for a budget of \$100.00 to spend on snacks. Does anyone have anything they would like to discuss?  
**Motion:** BIRT APSA Executive Council approves the affiliation of Pharmacy Undergrad Journal Club for the 2020-2021 academic year.  
**First: Megan Second: Leah. All in favor. None opposed. Navjot and Anthony abstain. Motion carries.**
  - b. Megan – The next club is the Pharmacy Christian Federation (PCF) and it is led by Mackenzie Whelan and Ryan Fong. The objectives of PCF are to provide a place where Christian pharmacy students can come together to connect their faith and pharmacy practice. I have some concerns as they are planning on having a couple in-person events such as a campfire or picnic. They are also planning on having events online such as bible studies and have requested a budget of \$50.00 to support their proposed in-person events. If they are APSA affiliated they cannot have any in-person events due to the current regulations from BearsDen and the UofA. I have similar concerns about Climbing Club so I will present that club and then we can discuss how we should deal with it. Climbing Club is led by Rachel Tkach and Keeley Watt. The objectives of this club are to bring pharmacy students together to increase relationships and communications between all years while promoting physical and mental health. They are wanting to have a group climbing night where they could rent out the climbing wall and give students a chance to climb and interact with pharmacy students. They have asked for a budget of \$500.00 with \$300.00 of those being to rent out the bouldering wall and then \$200 to subsidize t-shirts or another climbing club branded item. With PCF they can do some of their events online whereas climbing club cannot. What are your thoughts on how we should proceed?

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- c. Anthony – What are the benefits of being an APSA affiliated club? Is it purely funding and things like BearsDen insurance?
  - d. Megan – We actually do not provide funding to clubs; specific initiatives can apply for funding, but it states on the application form that that funding is not available to clubs unless there is a specific initiative they are planning on using the funding for. The constitution gives us a little wiggle room for this as it allows us to use our discretion. If clubs are not APSA affiliated they cannot apply for this special funding, they will not get access to BearsDen insurance, they cannot advertise on the webpage or APSA Members' Corner.
  - e. Ayush – If we were in person, they also wouldn't be able to book university rooms or anything like that if they are not APSA affiliated.
  - f. Anthony – Let's start with PCF, they're only asking for money for in-person events which can't happen if they're an official club with APSA. I think we should provide them this information and see what direction they want to head before we decide yes or no. For the funding for initiatives that they are requesting I'm not sure if Jackie has any money in the budget for this?
  - g. Jackie – I would argue that that this would fall under wellness. Megan do you know if this is something that could be reimbursed through the MMF?
  - h. Megan – This is an issue that has come up in the past and there has been some concern from APSA members of us using APSA budget to fund religious affiliations as it is a bit of a sensitive subject. As far as I am aware the MMF and MOUs cannot be used to fund club initiatives because the MMF is supposed to benefit the student body as a whole and not just a subset of APSA.
  - i. Ayush – Traditionally APSA has sponsored these club initiatives from our own budget if we do approve any sort of funding.
  - j. Megan – I can write something up and send it to Ryan and Mackenzie explaining the situation and seeing how they would like to proceed regarding in-person events.
  - k. Anthony – I think we should do the same with Climbing Club, as great as it was last year we can't have in-person events. I don't think its reasonable to ask for \$500 with everything the way it is currently. One thing I think we need to consider is how is this different than intramurals? I foresee the Climbing Club asking us this question.
  - l. Megan – Intramurals are governed under a different branch of the University and they have their own policies and protocols in place. Clubs have to go through the approval process on BearsDen which as we know they have said they will not approve any in-person events.
  - m. Anthony – Okay so it's because they are different governing bodies within the University and are open to all of the University whereas a club would fall under a student group. Do clubs have to be approved right now or is this something we can table and see if they want to re-submit in January if the situation has changed?
  - n. Megan – We can approve clubs all throughout the year.
  - o. Anthony – I think that would be the best approach to take.
  - p. Megan – I will reach out to Ryan, Mackenzie, Rachel, and Keeley and I will keep you all informed of what they decide.
7. Additions to the Agenda
8. Adjournment (12:54)
- a. First: Ayush Second: Leah