



APSA General Council Meeting
February 6th, 2022 @5:00pm, hybrid delivery

1. Call to order (5:07pm)

- 2. Roll call (2 min):** Alyna, Jazzi, Mankirat, Naomi, Cassandra, John, Christy, Theresa, Karanvir, Dr. Hall, Sydney, Analise, Areej, Zach, Goodwin, Justine, Emily, Veronica, Prerna, Callum, Drayden, Angela, Talia, Sarah, Ruhee, Alison, Bojana, Hubert
- a. Regrets: Julia, Tamara, Shanil, Cassidy

3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)

Motion: To approve the agenda
First: Naomi Second: Jazzi

4. Minutes of the last meeting (1 min)

Motion: To approve the previous meeting minutes
First: Annalise Second: Jazzi

New Business:

5. Future of APSA Photography - Drayden (10 mins)

- **Drayden:** Hello everybody, my name is Drayden and I am one of the APSA photographers and I'm going to mention some stuff about our current photography situation with APSA and a few concerns I have and suggestions to have it run more smoothly. None of this is super urgent but I just wanted to bring it forward. On Friday we have our get to know APSA event and right now the photographer's role is very vague and we don't have a lot of equipment. Moving forward, we should make sure we have an APSA camera or students who have enough equipment to lend to others. Right now I am sharing a lot of my equipment which is fine but going into the future, when new students come in, I want to make sure we have enough cameras to go around. Another thing is our photo upload. We have one Flickr linked to the APSA website and it's last year's Flickr and it has a 1000 picture limit. I don't know if we should get a new Flickr account but 1000 photos is not enough and we can therefore, upgrade our Flickr or go a different route when it comes to posting all together. We have lots of photos that we have been unable to send out because we don't know how to share them nor do we have a platform. Also just a suggestion that I was thinking of is having some sort of identification for photographers such as lanyards so when there are a lot of people, we can be easily identified and people can move out of the way because they know that we're on the APSA team.
- **Cassandra:** I agree with Drayden. I feel like it is a bit disorganized and when I first joined the APSA photography team, I didn't know what to do or who to talk to. Luckily, I knew Drayden was a part of it and

he made a group chat for all of the APSA photographers. It is a little unorganized and maybe having a timeline of when to upload photos would be helpful as well.

- **Alyna:** Thank you for bringing these concerns forward. I also heard that there is an APSA camera, however, I have never seen it in the office or the storage room. Have either of you seen this or know where it's kept?
- **Drayden:** Apparently there is a camera, however, I have never seen it.
- **Alyna:** Hm okay, Bojana that can be something we can ask Garrett or the photography team last year because locating that will be super important. To be honest, I haven't heard anything about it.
- **Zach:** Just a question, do we have a VP of photography or a lead photographer? I don't know if this is a role or something we've had in the past but just a question.
- **Cassandra:** I feel like Drayden is the lead right now.
- **Alyna:** VP photography isn't a position, but something we can look into if you all think that this will be a beneficial role.
- **Sarah:** I was reading the constitution the other day and I don't know if this is a lost committee and I saw something about a publications committee which is led by the Publications Director and it is meant to involve the PQ+2 team, the yearbook editors, and the APSA photographers. I'm not sure if this is something that we want to coordinate with the APSA photographer or if anything is being done with this committee but I did notice this in the constitution.
- **Alyna:** Bojana, have you heard of that committee? I think that might be a lost committee because I have never heard of it before. Let me pull it up because I haven't noticed that before.
- **Dr. Hall:** So I was just wondering if all of your roles and responsibilities are layed out within the constitution or do you have a roles and responsibility fact sheet?
- **Alyna:** Our roles and responsibilities are layed out within the constitution. I just pulled it open and the specific role of the APSA photographers as outlined in the constitution is to collaborate with the Publications Director and council to determine events where photography is needed, take photos of events and upload to the APSA website for member use , and to sit on the Publications Committee. Bojana, do you think we can talk to Garrett about this and see if he knows anything about it?
- **Bojana:** Yeah, we can. I just want to make sure I have heard everything correctly. We are specifically looking for the APSA camera, if we can't find one, we can purchase one, set up specific roles for them moving forward, and look into the publications committee?
- **Alyna:** Yes.
- **Bojana:** Alyna, are you writing this all down?
- **Alyna:** Yeah, I'm typing my meeting minutes right now. I can send you an email reminder after. We can also talk to Alison and Maha to see if they know anything about this committee.
- **Bojana:** Sounds good. Was there anything else?
- **Goodwin:** I was just wondering if the APSA photographers have any sort of budget? They come to a lot of events and I feel like they should have some sort of money set aside for them or if they don't have a

budget, that can be something they advocate and negotiate moving forward. A lot of our memories during our 4 years of pharmacy school are captured by the APSA photographers and I think that they should have and get more recognition than they do.

- **Bojana:** I can't remember off the top of my head. I think that if they have any sort of budget it would be something small. Julia isn't here unfortunately but I can't exactly remember. I can look into it though and I totally agree the photographers do a lot for us. Drayden or Cassandra, would you be able to send me an email and CC Alyna and then we can have a conversation about this in a more informal setting to try to address these? If you could also CC Julia as well.
- **Drayden:** I can do that. Thank you for listening. I have never brought up a concern to the APSA council before so I appreciate the encouragement.
- **Bojana:** Of course, I appreciate you for bringing this up, Drayden. I really do.
- **Alyna:** Did anyone else want to add anything else to this agenda item? I can add it to the constitution and revision policy document and we can re-address it
- **Analise:** Did we solve the head of APSA photography or come to a resolution about that idea?
- **Bojana:** I think we can put a pin in it and talk to Drayden and the photography team together and see how they want to move forward.
- **Analise:** Okay, sounds good, thanks for clarifying.
- **Bojana:** Does anyone else have any questions or concerns? If not we can move onto the next agenda item.

6. [Get to know your APSA Team Event Update](#)- Alyna (5 mins)

- **Alyna:** Just an update for everyone that the get to know your APSA team event is occurring this Friday at 3pm. If everyone can please finish their slides by tonight that would be great. Also, if you haven't filled out the Google Form yet in terms of your dietary restrictions please do that ASAP. Also, there hasn't been much engagement yet so if you can spread the word out to your friends and classmates that would be great. I think there's only 10 non-APSA councilors who have said they're coming which is so sad and it is also something that people asked for in the survey, so I'm kind of surprised. Also, I do have a message from Tamara on behalf of the awards committee, who is not feeling well today. Just a shoutout that the nominations for 3 awards are being reopened for submission, until the following awards are being accepted until the end of the month. The first one is the Guest Lecturer Recognition of Excellence - so if there has been a guest lecturer in any of your classes that is deserving of an award, send a nomination to Tamara. For example, Dylan Moulton won last year. The second one is the Dr. John A Bachynsky award, which is the nomination of a staff member or liaison within the faculty of pharmacy who has advocated for undergraduate students and encouraged student success. For example, Ken Corr won last year. The third one is APSA's Honorary Life Membership, which is awarded to someone who has made long-standing contributions to the pharmacy student experience. This nomination specifically is sent to the APSA president, Bojana. For example, Ravina Sanghera won a couple of years ago. If you want more info and are interested in nominating, go to the award page on the APSA website. Note that two people cannot win two years in a row, so please refer to the "past winners" page if you think of anyone. That was a super long message, does anyone have any questions or concerns about either of these?
- **Jazzi:** I was just wondering if you've asked the class reps to advertise it to their class?
- **Alyna:** Yeah, I did get them to post them in their weekly emails and I was thinking of getting them to post on their Facebook groups as well. I was also thinking of doing class announcements because second years

have skills lab tomorrow and then first years have theirs on Thursday, but I guess I'll see how the engagement is in the next few days.

- **Analise:** Is the pizza for non-councilors as well?
- **Alyna:** Yes it is. I put that in my post too along with the Google Form.
- **Analise:** I was thinking that could promote engagement, but I will post it to my classes discord group and hopefully we can get a few more people to sign up.
- **Alyna:** Sounds good, thank you so much. It is specifically targeted to first and second years so please encourage your classmates to come.

7. APSA Bear - Jazzi and Shanil (5 mins)

- **Bojana:** Jazzi, do you have 2 people to give it to?
- **Jazzi:** Yeah, Alyna reminded us this afternoon so we picked two people. Okay, so upon deliberation with my colleague, Shanil, we did pick two people for the APSA bear. It was super hard to choose who to give it to because there are so many individuals on the council that do so much and put so much time and effort in and it is hard to recognize every single person. However, we did pick two people that do go above and beyond and the first one is Alyna. Alyna does a lot for APSA and people don't know how much time and energy she puts in because it is often behind the scenes. She is always communicating with every officers, councilors, the student body, and the Faculty and I don't know what we would do without her. She is essential in all of our advocating initiatives and it is a great quality to have. I don't want to go on too much about her, so I will pass it onto our next individual. The next person I would like to recognize is Talia. Talia did great in the presidential campaign and she also did amazing in the forum and she is very inspirational to us all. Talia also does a lot behind the scenes and she is currently working on the fundraising policy and not many people go out of their way to make sure that their roles in the future succeed and thrive moving forward. It is super important that we make sure that our APSA roles live on, so thank you for your contribution.
- **Alyna:** Thank you so much, I was not expecting that at all.
- **Cassandra:** Does anyone want to do a speech?
- **Alyna:** Talia can go first if she has anything to say.
- **Talia:** I just wanted to say thank you and the policy is very important to write so I am very glad that people appreciate it.
- **Alyna:** Thank you everyone, I know that I am on everyone's backs all the time about deadlines, communication, and working together effectively as a team so I appreciate it and am very thankful for all of you. Does anyone have any other questions or concerns or can we make a motion to adjourn?
- **Bojana:** I do have an update. I just talked to Garrett about the APSA camera and he said that Sydney had it and she said that she left it in the safe in the office.
- **Alyna:** Hm, okay, interesting. I'll go look for it tomorrow and will keep y'all updated if I can find it.
- **Bojana:** Sounds good, thanks Alyna.

8. Additions to the Agenda:

9. Adjournment (5:33pm)

Motion: To adjourn

First: Naomi Second: Jazzi