



APSA General Council Meeting

September 14, 2020 (16:00)

Via Google Meets (<https://meet.google.com/jea-qirj-dun>)

- 1) Call to order (16:00)
- 2) Roll call (2 mins): Ayush, Eliana, Rachel, Angel, Navjot, Marzena, Matthew, Anthony, Monica, Garrett, Brianna, Mandy, Jackie, Nicole, Makboolee, Cody, Diminitar, Yan, Nathan, John, Leah, Akshita, Kevin, Melody  
Regrets: Colleen, Scott, Jared
- 3) Additions to the agenda (1 min)
  - a) Intro of 1st Year Reps -  
Anthony  
**Motion: To approve the agenda**  
**First: Navjot Second: Ayush.**  
**Motion carries**
- 4) Introduction of 1st Year Reps  
Anthony - I would like to introduce Brianna and Dimitar. Firstly, I would like to say congratulations on your win and thank you for getting involved we're lucky to have you on council this year. If you would like to say a couple words that would be great but I don't want to put you on the spot.  
Brianna - Hi everyone, I'm really excited for the semester and to be able to get guidance from all of you as well.  
Anthony - Monica who is our current SAF-Pharm director was actually our 1st year class rep, and then Navjot who is our current VP Academic was our 2nd year class rep, and you also know John who is the current 2nd year class rep so there are plenty of people you can ask questions to.  
Dimitar - Hi everyone, I'm also very excited to be a part of council for this year.

Old Business:

- 5) PharmD Implementation Committee – Anthony (2 mins)  
Anthony - The PharmD Implementation Committee was briefly talked about the summer retreat but we need to officially appoint people to the committee.  
**Motion: BIRT APSA General Council approves the appointment of Ayush Chadha and Navjot Singh to the PharmD Implementation Committee for the 2020-2021 academic year.**  
**First: Jackie Second: Leah. All in favour, None opposed. Motion carries.**
- 6) Acting Publications Director Appointment – Anthony (2 mins)  
Anthony - Typically if we can't find someone to fill a position on APSA we can try by-election. Unfortunately this year we tried to do that and nobody has applied to be our Publications director. You cannot hold more than one position within APSA, however we can appoint someone within council to fulfill the duties of a position if nobody has applied for it. Yan Chen, who is currently one of our PQ Editors has graciously offered to fulfill the duties of Publications Director so thank you Yan for taking on these duties we really appreciate it.  
**Motion: BIRT APSA General Council approves the appointment of Yan Chen to fulfill the duties of acting publication director for the 2020-2021 academic year**  
**First: Leah Second: Ayush. All in favour, None opposed. Matthew abstains. Motion carries.**

New Business:

- 7) New Policy and Procedure for Job Postings – Anthony/Akshita (5 mins)
  - a) Anthony - Executive council has noticed that there are a lot of job postings in APSA members corner. The year hadn't even started and we were sensing some notification fatigue. We have an official policy for employers for posting on the APSA website. Employers can pay \$15 for one job posting for two months or \$25 for an unlimited number of job postings for a year.



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However, there is no real policy around Facebook postings. In years past, the Recruitment Directors haven't charged employers to post on Facebook because everyone agrees that

students should have access to every job opportunity possible and we don't want to deter an employer from posting just because of the few associated. Megan and I took this conversation to Akshita who is our current Recruitment Director. We all agree that it is okay to keep the Facebook postings free and continue to charge employers if they want to post on the website. We want to limit the number of postings in APSA Members Corner. So going forward we would like all job postings to go through Akshita. This way Akshita can compile the job postings she received and make a post once weekly, this will reduce the notifications on Facebook. I just wanted to bring this to everyone's attention and be able to have a conversation about it. Once we resolve any concerns from council Akshita will make a post on Members' Corner to inform everyone of the new process.

- b) Akshita - My one question is if for some reason someone doesn't see the post or is unaware of the new policy will their post be removed?
  - c) Anthony - Yes, I can see Megan is shaking her head. Megan will remove the post and then we can reach out to the individual who made the post and make them aware of the new procedure.
  - d) Navjot - You could also send it to the class reps to put in their email. You can just write up a little blurb and send it to the class reps to have them send it out in their weekly class email.
  - e) Ayush - I'm not sure if everyone knows about the class emails but if you want to send something in the class email you need to send an email to the class reps by 5pm Saturday night. With everything being online people aren't checking Facebook as often so if you want students to see something then the class email might be the best way to go.
  - f) Navjot - I just want to remind everyone that not everyone is a part of the Facebook groups so if you want to reach the entire student body then please use the class emails.
- 8) CAPSI Initiatives – Ayush (10 mins)
- a) CAPSI Awareness Week
    - i) Ayush - This week is CAPSI Awareness Week which is mainly for first years, Breanna thanks for including that in your class email. Basically CAPSI Awareness Week is just to help people find out what CAPSI is, we give out prizes and a bunch of CAPSI reps made a little video for you to watch. We will also be doing an Instagram contest. If anyone has any questions or hears any questions from others please just reach out to Rachel or I.
  - b) Blood Donations
    - i) Ayush - For context, as CAPSI members we compete in an international competition through IPSF called the Vampire Cup. Last year, CAPSI got 3rd because we had the 3rd most blood donations in the world from pharmacy students. Last year, Alberta donated 89 pints of blood. Right now for this year we only have about 10 people signed up. If you are comfortable donating in the COVID era and are eligible please consider signing up to donate. We will be giving away Mint Cup points for everyone who donates. If students aren't located in Edmonton where we have our donation group set up they can send a photo of them donating to Leah and she will give out Mint Cup points. I know that Canadian Blood Services is struggling to get the amount of donors required at this time so if you're eligible please go donate.
  - c) Race Against Racism
    - i) Ayush - We're at 70 sign ups, all the T-shirts are gone. For context for Breanna and Dimeter, normally CIBC Run for the Cure is a big pharmacy event that over the past five years we have raised over \$100,000. It is often the first big pharmacy event of the year for everyone to get together and support a great cause. This year, with



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COVID it will be held virtually and with the current events going on in the world we decided to support a different charity called Action Dignity and create our own event known as the Race Against Racism. A lot of your class has already signed up

and I am very happy with the participation so far. Action Dignity looks at policy development and addresses social determinants of health. The overall goal is that we know as healthcare providers we will work with patients who will struggle and we are hoping to address some barriers to help these patients. I set the goal at \$10,000 this year because last year we raised \$17,000 for Run for the Cure. If everyone can share the Race Against Racism event on your Facebook page and sign up yourselves it would be great. Again, if anyone has any questions please just let me know.

9) CAPSI Competitions – Ayush (5 mins)

- a) Ayush - Traditionally CAPSI competitions take place in October and there are five or six different types of competitions. Half of them are held in person and there are three that usually take place in person. All of the competitions that don't take place in person will continue as normal but I need some ideas of how to run the competitions that usually require our skills and compounding labs. The patient interview competition is basically a ten to fifteen minute conversation with a patient and the OTC competition is counselling on OTC products. PIC 10-15 min conversation with the pt or OTC counselling. My initial thought was that I could run it through Zoom and there would be a standardized patient on a zoom call with the student participating. I am hoping to have the judges there with their cameras and mics off so they can mark while the interaction is happening. I don't know how to get the best engagement because I realize that if these competitions are over Zoom a lot of students may not want to participate. I believe that the prize for this year is \$300-500 per competition. If anyone has any ideas please chime in.
- b) Eliana - Yes! This seems feasible, I would suggest doing it the same way that our skills lab interactions are occurring right now.
- c) Akshita - Virtual consults are so relevant to current practice as well - Zoom sounds like a great idea!
- d) Jackie - Depending on how many judges we have it may be feasible. If it's just one judge then a recording might be a better choice albeit being more difficult to engage with the contestant.
- e) Ayush - Do you guys think it is intimidating for the judges to be there while you are participating in the competition? When it is live the judges are watching live via the camera system. We have tried to record it in the past but the judges like being there live. I'll ask the judges what they think.
- f) Eliana - I think it's fine as long as they have their cameras and mics off. I think the judges should be there live to ensure things are fair.
- g) Akshita - I also think it would be fine as long as their cameras are turned off and you can't see them
- h) Makboolee - I would also agree that it wouldn't deter students to have the judges there, especially if cameras and mics are off.
- i) Ayush - Do you think there will be interest within the second and third years and will you participate in this? I'm trying to figure out how many spots to open up.
- j) Leah - I would participate this sounds fun!
- k) Makboolee - I would also participate and think others would as well.
- l) Ayush - Basically what happened last year is that if you won a competition you would get to go to PDW but since there is no PDW this year it will be a pure cash prize.
- m) Navjot - I was going to say this earlier and it's already been touched on but I would be worried



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about recording

since this is our first time as executives using Zoom so there could be a chance for technical errors and losing the recordings and I would hate for that to happen especially when we can eliminate this issue by just having the judges there live.

- n) Ayush - Typically these competitions are held on a Friday night and I don't know if anybody wants to spend their Friday nights on Zoom but I will figure this out at a later date. I think one of the bigger challenges will be getting judges so if anyone knows any pharmacists who would be interested please reach out to me!
- 10) Class Announcements - Megan (2 mins)
- a) Megan - Typically, if we have to make a class announcement we would just go to talk to the class right before their class starts. This year with everything being on Zoom we were trying to work out how we were going to navigate this. I have talked to Ravina and Dallyce and what they suggested was that if we would like to make a class announcement we can email a professor to see if they're willing to let us talk to their class on Zoom prior to the start of class. The caveat is that you must email at minimum 48 hours in advance and further in advance is preferred. The other thing is that since some professors aren't letting people into their Zoom classrooms and having them wait in the waiting room until the exact start of class, the faculty has asked that we work with the class reps and determine which classes are opening their Zoom rooms up a few minutes early vs. which ones are starting exactly when class starts. If you have to make an announcement the process is you are going to email the class rep to see which classes will be opening up their Zoom rooms a few minutes early and then email that professor at least 48 hours in advance. You will then get the Zoom link from either the professor or the class rep once you have permission to make that announcement. This is a little more work than we have had to do in the past but it is what we will do for the year. The faculty has already been made aware of this so if anyone needs to make an announcement this year please just make the best of this situation.
  - b) Matthew - I was thinking should we have the class reps send one mass email to the professors and just ask them all at once what their opinion is on this since a few professors teach multiple years and then we can just get this all out of the way at once. We could make a Google Doc and then people could just consult that throughout the year.
  - c) Megan - What we have been asked to do by the faculty to at least start with is go day-by-day because we don't know when certain classes will have guest lecturers and with things being online plans are constantly changing. They've asked us to contact the class reps since they will be up to date about what each class will be doing.
  - d) Anthony - Like everything else this year it will be a work in progress with a lot of trial and error.
- 11) Additions to the Agenda
- 12) Adjournment (4:30)
- a) First: Akshita Second: Matthew