



APSA General Council Meeting  
Oct 24th, 2023 @4:00pm, in person ECHA 2-420

1. Call to order (4:07 pm)
2. Roll call (2 min): Cass, Goodwin, Asmaa, Hadeel, Sarah Ho, Prerna, Talia, Malcolm, Sarah Phan, Allison, Vincent, Kevin, Zach, Kirsten, Analise, Mike, Gauhar, Nick, Hafza, Mohammed, Guest: Ali Damani (RxA)
  - a. Regrets: Kurtis, Andrew, Yeganeh, Brooklyn, Sydney, Hubert, Angela, Mohamed, Officers are not required to attend
3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)  
**Motion:** To approve the agenda  
**First:** Vincent, **Second:** Malcolm
4. [Minutes of the last meeting \(1 min\)](#)  
**Motion:** To approve the previous meeting minutes  
**First:** Talia, **Second:** Zach

New Business Overview:

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| 5. Choosing Wisely Canada STARS Initiative (Vincent) - 2 mins                    | 1 |
| 6. Movember Video (Jin) - 5 mins   | 1 |
| 7. Event Logistics (Sarah Ho) - 10 mins  | 2 |
| 8. APSA Storage Room (Sarah Ho) - 5 mins   | 2 |
| 9. RxA (Ali Damani) - 15-20 mins   | 2 |
| 10. Motions for Committees and Class of 2025 Yearbook Editor (Sarah Ho) - 5 mins | 3 |
| 11. APSA Bear (Sarah Ho) - 2 mins  | 3 |

New Business:

5. **Choosing Wisely Canada STARS Initiative (Vincent) - 2 mins**

Summary:

- Vincent is in contact with the STARS Initiative from the Choosing Wisely Canada program to bring education, leadership, and research opportunities to APSA/student population as a whole.
- Health research stewardship program (PFT and antibiotic)
- In contact with groups to bring research initiatives to APSA/school

6. **Movember Video (Jin) - 5 mins**

Summary:

- Original plan was for an educational video series for Movember, but have not been able to get speakers

- Instead, it will be a more casual street style interview with any students or general council to respond to a question
- Suggested addition of mint cup points for participating (if answer is acceptable)
- Let Jin know if you are interested to respond to her question to be filmed in two weeks (Week of Nov 6th)

7. **Event Logistics (Sarah Ho) - 10 mins**

Summary: Council went over reminder about event submission process and tips for events

- When advertising the event, specify snacks or lunch
- Be clear on APSA members/everyone: "Food is available to APSA members only."
- Some students requesting confirmation they registered, so turn on Email Confirmation in Google Forms
- Ordering food: Student organiser should obtain money from sponsor prior to event and order food account for 20% extra/maximum capacity of room (unless you have a strict cap on numbers)
- Order food in advance for arrival (11-11:15 am) as it will most likely come late
- Have dietary restriction items labelled and set aside for applicable students and ensure it is received
- Use serving utensils when necessary they are located in cupboards of APSA Lounge (please clean after)
- Start sessions on time (regardless of if people are still getting food) to ensure speakers have enough time and so you can finish on time for students to make it back to class

8. **APSA Storage Room (Sarah Ho) - 5 mins**

**Motion:** to move into camera

**First:** Talia, **Second:** Cass

**Motion:** To move out of camera

**First:** Talia, **Second:** Zach

Summary:

- We are looking to contact SHINE Dentistry to find a time to sort the Storage Room shared with SHINE Dentistry in ECHA (Note: In same area as our APSA Office but they are not the same), please contact Sarah Ho if you are interested in getting involved with organizing the room (estimated to take place mid November)
- Please report anything that should not be in the storage room to VP Admin (Sarah Ho)
- Guidelines for what should not be in the storage room will be developed once the storage room is re-organized

9. **RxA (Ali Damani) - 15-20 mins**

Summary:

- RxA (Alberta Pharmacists' Association) is one of two major pharmacist advocacy bodies in Alberta primarily focused on community pharmacists, but open to all pharmacists to join with a membership.
  - RxA is run by a board of directors elected by its members who oversee what RxA does
- RxA looks a lot at compensation frameworks for pharmacists in Alberta as well as moving the profession of pharmacy into the future

- Ali described how he felt that there is a lack of understanding of our power as students and new graduates to build the profession and disconnect from RxA shown in less engagement with their organization
- Advocacy: practicing to your full scope, telling the public what you do (inform the public), talking to political figures/other pharmacists to give a voice to what is actually happening/misconceptions
  - Collaborating to create a voice in the political areas (reverse COVID vaccination drop in administration costs)
- Goals/Opportunities: Be aware of RxA's roles/value for profession, Leadership cohort meet MLA (lunch opportunity), build soft skills and communication, advocacy for self/profession
- Perception presented by councilor was that RxA is marketed in a way that introduce student to the organization (backpack and a complimentary membership, interactions in courses) then it's supposed to be something we think of later (like educational courses)
  - Some councilors said that they have attended webinar sessions (new COPD guidelines) to help review content with new guidelines or introduce content they may or not be exposed to yet → Consider trying to offer educational content to students
- Continuing to work in the curriculum, especially third years with their BASE Advocacy content
- Disconnect between pharmacy wage versus compensation framework: issue with differences in employers big question that RxA can't manage what corporations and individual pharmacies are doing with wages
- Starting point with SAF-Pharm committee to bridge the gap between students and RxA to keep students informed

10. **Motions for Committees and Class of 2025 Yearbook Editor (Sarah Ho) - 5 mins**

**Motion:** To approve Danielle Ilar on Space and Wellness Committee, Tamara Gligoric on Awards Committee and Amitoj Kaur/Siddhi Patel for Class of 2025 Yearbook Editor for the Council term of 2023-2024.

**First:** Zach, **Second:** Cass

All in favour

None opposed

Perna abstains

11. **APSA Bear (Sarah Ho) - 2 mins**

Summary:

- In acknowledgement of Vincent Chiang's effort undertaking a new role in APSA as Research Councilor, he has been given the APSA Bear.

12. Additions to the Agenda: None

13. Adjournment (5:10 pm)

**Motion:** To adjourn

**First:** Talia, **Second:** Malcolm