

Student PDG

Members Present: Laura Strawn, Jessica Butler, Clyde Manuel, Rachel McEgan, Brita Ball, Pardeepinder Brar, Evan Chaney, Andrea Dow, Alejandro Echeverry, Stephen Grove, Kirsten Hirneisen, Claudia Narvaez Bravo, Ansen Pond, Roxanne Von Tayson and Jie Wei.

New Members: Taikiyah Abdulmalik, Achyut Adhikari, Ali Al-Sakkaf, Yousef Alsaadi, Helen Barela, Sean Beckman, Tejas Bhatt, Travis Chapin, Regina Whitemarsh, Mary Pia Cuervo, Rupesh Doshi, Marianne Fatica, Vania Ferreira, Csaba Nemeth, Cody Gardner, Maryline Girard, Ashley Haneklaus, Nigel Harper, Caitlin Hickey, Lillian Hsu, Karleigh Huff, Shihhui Sun, Stephanie Jensen, Visvalingam Jeyachandran, Yoowon Kim, Martha Kimber, Brittany Laster, Louise Lee, Jacob Lemmons, Di Li, Ahn Linh Nguyen, Fangfei Lou, Mindi Manes, Sarah Markland, Debjani Mitra, Andrea Moreno-Switt, Amy Parks, Ashley Predmore, Matthew Ranieri, Lorraine Rodriguez-Rivera, Matt Stasiewicz, Jared Strong, Duygu Tosun, Lakmini Wasala and Sommer Wild.

Visitors/Guests: Alejandro Amezcua, John Bassett, Tyler Berg, Alena Borowski, Renee Boyer, John Bruhn, Christine Bruhn, Scott Burnett, Mark Carter, Ben Chapman, Larry Cohen, Julian Cox, Carl Custer, Michelle Danyluk, Staci DeGeer, Denise Eblen, Yen Te Gao, Leon Gorris, Gordon Hayburn, Su Jin Kim, Steve Kenney, Kali Kniel, Anna Lammerding, Wendy Maduff, Marya Marquez Gonzalez, Eric Martin, Allha Maylessi, Indaue Mello-Hall, Mark Moorman, Haley Oliver, Palar Pauchal, Granon Peuelle, Randall Phebus, Juliana Ruzante, Frank Schlitt-Dittrich, Jenny Scott, Manan Sharma, Adrienne Shearer, Amy Simonne, Nahmida Wasala, John Wendell, Wendy White, Kit Woody and Zhinong Yan.

Board/Staff: Lee-Ann Jaykus, Stan Bailey, Vickie Lewandowski, Don Schaffner, Katie Swanson and Isabel Walls.

Meeting Called to Order: 1:30 p.m., Sunday, August 1, 2010.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Laura K. Strawn (Chair of SPDG; both incoming and outgoing Secretaries were absent from Annual Meeting).

Old Business: The SPDG had two accepted symposia this year, which was an SPDG first. A new office, Communications Officer, was created in order to bridge the gap between students, professional IAFP members, and IAFP Executive Board. Also, to communicate requests for funding of the student mixer. Funding was secured for the student mixer. T-shirts were made again this year, which the stipulation to keep making the shirts, we must sell out at the IAFP meeting (which we did!).

New Business: Committees were formed to submit new symposium ideas for the 2011 meeting, which preliminary reports are due in October. A call for student volunteers was issued to form a committee for the 2011 meeting activities, which include participation in helping mark the 100 year celebration of IAFP (time capsule, special memorabilia, t-shirts etc). A motion was passed to have conference calls every 6–8 weeks for the Exec. Board. Ideas were discussed on how to better secure the financial stability of the SPDG as well.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. To develop a comprehensive and accurate listserve for our student members (can we request contact information for every student that paid to be at the IAFP Meeting in Anaheim this year). As well as possible tech support to create a listserve under IAFP.SPDG@...
2. To have a government, industry or academia advisor for the SPDG in order to better stay connected to our professional community. We ask this person or persons (2 at the max) to serve as adviser for 2 years and be a past SPDG officer. We feel this will ensure the continuation of the SPDG and also help maintain the professionalism of the group. The adviser would be asked to listen in on SPDG conference calls and also attend the IAFP Annual Meeting (luncheon and SPDG Board meeting). Their suggestions can only benefit the SPDG's future.
3. To have extra time and space allotted for a SPDG exec. and member Board meeting so that SPDG business can be discussed solely. The luncheon has become such a big event, that it has become difficult to discuss all the business of the SPDG during this time slot. We ask the Board if possible we can have a 30 min to 1 hr block of time that the SPDG could hold a Board meeting open to its members. Currently, the trend for the past 2–3 years is to have a large luncheon crowd of students, with only 15 or less staying for the Board meeting. To ensure the success of our group, we need more of our members to stick around. The consensus from students is that a lunch with speaker plus a meeting is too long since, like most attendees, they are hopping from meeting to meeting (other PDGs).

Next Meeting Date: Conference call for officers on August 23 (time TBD).

Meeting Adjourned: 2:30 p.m.

Chairperson: Laura K. Strawn.