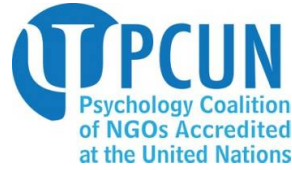


(Approved) Minutes
Monthly meeting of the PCUN
Psychology Coalition at the UN
Thursday, 13 December 2018, 10:30 am
Salvation Army 221 East 52nd Street
NY, NY 10022



Present: Walter Reichman (President, SIOP), Jen Mount (Secretary), Gabe Twose (APA), Tanvi Shah (IAAP), Florence Denmark (ICP/IAAP), Sonia Suchday (IUPSYS), Ayorka Gaba (APA), Sowmya Kshtriya (ICP, ATOP), Leslie Popoff (ATOP), Elizabeth Kloner (ICP), Janet Sigal (ICP), Carmen Vazquez (APA), Elaine H. Olaoye (ICP), Whitney Smith (ICP), Andrea Stephaich (ICP), Akruiti Patel (IUPSYS), Maya Godbole (SPSSI), John Modico (APA), Rashmi Jaipal (APA), Judy Kuriansky (IAAP), Harold Takooshian (video conf.), Cynthia Grguric (video)

1. **Welcome.** Walter Reichman opened the meeting at 10:30AM welcoming the group. (a) Agenda and minutes from November 15 meeting were circulated. (b) member introductions.
2. **Minutes.** The minutes of the last PCUN meeting on 15 November 2018 were reviewed. Approved pending update to priorities (UN Goals).
3. **Treasury Report:** Account \$4, 408.93. No change to report. Please submit member dues to Dinesh Sharma. Address to follow.
4. Discussion of future meeting locations and alternative meeting times. (a) Corann is looking into the UN Nigeria Mission as a possible meeting place. (b) Harold has offered Fordham University, Lincoln Center campus as option. (c) Rashmi has inquired with the Salvation Army; we would not have access to the space in March.
 - a. **Vote:** Confirmed Fordham University meeting place starting January 17, 2019. To be superseded if the Nigeria Mission becomes available.
5. Discussion of talking points with UN Ombudsman, Ms. Shireen L. Dodson of the United States Proposal to outline what PCUN can do for their office, then ask what their current needs are, once we conduct a needs assessment we can then submit proposal.

Ideas for consideration:

1. Program to address conflict resolution
2. Gender equality workshop/ training
3. Career development: pull data and propose counseling strategies based on case specific needs
4. Team building
5. Stress reduction
6. Cultural perspectives in these topics
7. Cross cultural communication
8. Skillset building

6. Priorities updates:

- a. Priority 1 ECOSOC application progress. Jen confirmed our profile has been accepted in DESA's civil society data base. We are in good standing to move into phase 2 of the ECOSOC application.
- b. Priority 2 Member participation and collaboration. (a) The infrastructure task force had taken initiative to compile a list of possible recruits and will share data to begin engagements. (b) Rashmi and Walter agreed to work on a proposal to recruit volunteers, interns to conduct online research, in effort to gather data and centralize information on missions and the current research of our members.
- c. Priority 3 outreach to missions. PCUN should plan to assist UN with the Upcoming High-level Political Forum 2019 July 9-18. (a) Tanvi has collected material on the commissions. *Attached* Please review the goals handled by the high-level political forum and let us know if you can contribute in some capacity. (b) Rashmi suggested that we hold a side event in collaboration with the work of one mission to showcase the work their government is doing. We will need to approach individuals within the mission and country to assess how we can assist with promoting their agenda. (c) Walter, Rashmi, Janet, Ayorka to form a subcommittee and draft copy for outreach. (d) Rashmi and Whitney agreed to work together to draft a letter to Stephan.
- d. Priority 4 bringing psychology to the deliberations of the UN (a) Goal: to reach out to the Sec. Gen.'s team for mental health initiatives. (b) Judy suggested we approach "Friends of Mental Health" UN Missions as a starting place. (c) Walter is scheduled to report on UN agenda and progress June 2019 at the IAAP conference in Moscow. He is working closely with IAAP and confirmed the new President, Christine Roland-Levy, will be attending Psychology Day this year. Goal: set up a meeting with Christine to discuss work of PCUN and IAAP partnership.
- e. Priority 5 bringing expertise to UN missions. Please reference talking points above. Walter to discuss collaboration opportunities with UN Ombudsman's office this week.

7. PCUN Committee Report updates:

- a. **ADVOCACY:** (a) Leslie reported no new movement. (b) SDG Database – Maya & Priya have agreed to take over data base development and will work with Roxanne and David to transition ownership. (c) HLPF NGO Major Group Statement- see above: in progress with Rashmi, Whitney, Janet, Walter, Ayorka.
- b. **PROGRAM:** See above: Tanvi compiled mission data.
- c. **FUNDRAISING:** No movement
- d. **PUBLICITY:** No movement

8. Adjourn.

Walter adjourned the meeting at 12:16 pm. Our next PCUN meeting is January 17, 2019, at Fordham University, Lincoln Center Campus.

Respectfully submitted,
Jen Mount