

PCUN Executive Committee Meeting, Minutes

February 10, 2022, 10 am, Zoom

Present: David Marcotte, Vera Araujo Soares, Elaine Congress, Ani Kalayjan, Judy Kuriansky, David Livert, Efrat Neter, Corann Okorodudu, Ellaine Olaoye Laurel Peterson, Leslie Popoff, Walter Reichman, Harold Takooshian.

1. Approval of minutes. Accepted. With one abstention.
2. PCUN Committee Reports
 - a. **Advocacy** - Laurel reported on the three planned statements, reported previously. Laurel asked whether an Intern has to be a co-chair, as she thought it could be boring and that writing statements would be more interesting/meaningful for them. David commented that there is no such requirement or obligation, but that the role is merely available as an option. Elaine commented it could be a learning experience in a leadership role.
 - b. **Program**. Vera reported tco-chairs shared nominees' names with the committee two weeks ago, were asked to add people from the "global south", that such nominees were added to the list. Presently, about a quarter of nominees are from the "global south". Efrat brought about the issue of representation and whether to adjust the results if representation was biased. Walter recommended sticking with the assessment/voting results, pointing out that diversity is a consideration. David recommended to go ahead with the voting, see the results and then consider adjustment. Walter said we should point it out to the Program committee.
Vera added that PGA will record an opening to 'Psychology Day'.
 - c. **Outreach**. David reported on trying to recover past PW of past accounts. David mentioned that Merry Bullock may have it, but that she did not respond to mails. Judy suggested several ways of reaching Merry B. Leslie mentioned she has her phone # and could text her (the needed information: the PW of the twitter; closing of the old website). Ellaine said it's important that her important past contribution should be acknowledged.
There is advance in the *Twitter account*. Olivia Friedman will start operating it. *Past statements* will be on the website. Coran pointed out that a format should be devised (date, issue, context...). David will pass on the suggestion to the outreach committee.
 - d. **Publications**. Moving ahead with book 2 & 3 (both are currently at the publisher). Book 2 is at the proofs stage. An event featuring the books will be held during a conference on March 5.
3. Business items
 - a. David M – Logos (attached). Coraan suggested another phrasing. Judy joined in saying that wording is important. Judy also suggested to separate the logo and the wording. David will use the wording used last year. Vera will e-mail to David, David will send it to Judy for review. Judy suggested that the color will not be blue, as it fades in xeroxing, suggested one color to both the logo and words, and

emphasized the propositions “in consultative... with ECOSOC...”. “PCUN” should also be in the logo.

- b. Efrat – payment to Zoom for Psychology Day services. Michelle should be approached to pay directly. She should receive the invoice. Walter mentioned that Zoom should sent the invitations in the name of PCUN and to contact person with Zoom.
- c. David L. – update from SPSSI regarding their SDG/Antiracism Campaign (Plan for 2022 is attached). An initiative to disaggregate data in countries’ voluntary reports. There is an interest in other NGO joining the initiative. David M asked if it could be included in the next agenda. Vera suggested to disseminate it. Efrat asked whether or not it’s a requirement in the reports, and David answered that it is sometimes reported but not on all indicators.
- d. Judy – update on the World Interfaith Harmony Week event success. The event was also included the holy sea and lasted for 2 hours. Judy also wanted PCUN to support students’ submissions to SDG-related events.
- e. Ellaine suggested that participants in PCUN meeting will present themselves and their organization.
- f. Next time - Leslie – update on securing legal help for ECOSOC status