

PCUN General Meeting

September 21, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm,

Fordham Lincoln Center, Room 706 and by Zoom

<https://psu.zoom.us/j/6102855127>

1. Welcome.

Ada Sincore, Arlene Bronzaft, Ava Thompson, Bernice Gaspard (Fordham), Comfort.Asanbe, Cynthia Grguric, David Livert, Dinesh Sharma, Elaine Olaoye, Efrat Neter, Elizabeth Kloner, Elizabeth Zick, Felicitas Kort, Roseanne Flores, Frankie Cleal (Fordham), Gabriel Twose, Hanh Annie Vu (Rutgers), Harold Takooshian, Janet Sigal, Josianne Kollmann, Kalyani Gopal, Katie Rice, Kim Baranowski, Leslie Popoff, Lhazom Tsering, Liliana Espinosa Otero, Lucy Takagi, Mara Cohen, Mat Osicki, Nelida Quintero, Niels Rygaard, Raoofi Peyman, Philipp Kadel, Rachel Buxbaum, Rachel Gentile (Fordham), Samantha Aubé (Fordham), Sonia Suchday, Stephanie Davidar, Vera Araujo Soares, Walter Reichman, Yuanruo Xu (Adelphi)

2. Roll Call of NGOs. There is a quorum: APA, EHPS, IMCES, IAAP, ICP, IUPsyS, SIOP, SPSSI and the Canadian Psychological Association

3. Review of Executive Committee Meeting – David. The EC reviewed the goals of this year. There was an attachment on this labelled 'plans'.

4. Standing Committee Reports and Updates

a. Advocacy – Kim & Peyman.

The chairs presented the goals and invited newcomers to join.

b. Finance – Harold, Elaine O., Michelle. Now in black. Were in red for PD last year for the first time.

c. Outreach- David M., Vera.

i. Global Youth Network/European Hub

ii. Vera reported on a survey to past participants in PD; will re-group after the summer.

iii. Social Media –Peyman, Mara. Peyman reported he is handling the accounts in X, Instagram, and Facebook; said he needs all for information/content. Would like to make it an interactive forum.

d. Program – Janet.

i. Psychology Day/Parallel PD event. Janet reported a December planned event, continuation of 2023 PD, to be held in-person, searching sponsorship by a mission, will last max 2 hours. Janet invited the new interns to the Program Com. There is a committed PD's co-chair, and we're looking for another co-chair.

e. Publications – Elaine C., Harold, Kim

- i. Elaine C reported that the 4th book (on children) is heading to the publisher. Thoughts on the 5th book, focused on gender. Harold reported on a **book signing event** in November.
- ii. Kim presented the initiative of 'grey papers' and reviewed the flow of papers. The last papers were COVID, immigration detention, school refusal, and political forgiveness. She noted the opportunity for graduate students. Roseanne asked for more information on the grey papers, and Kim said it's being planned. David suggested Kim and Peyman discuss exposure, and sending the information to the mailing list.

Kim explained that community members can initiate any topic. Elaine suggested to re-send the goals of grey papers.

5. Ad Hoc Committee Reports and Updates

- a. **GPA Advocacy** – Gabe, David. Gabe presented the advocacy meeting in April & May. In May there was a *historical* decision of GA on mental health. It passed by consensus. Next steps: (1) hosting an advocacy training next week to help interested people become proficient. (2) hold an event with the Mexican Mission, who led the drafting the resolution, focusing on implementation at country-level. Potential audience: leaders from the global psychology Alliance, the Missions, other UN agencies. David noted the events were inspirational.
- b. **PCUN Election Committee** – TBD. There will be a call for a committee to choose the next PCUN president.
- c. **Bylaws** – Corann, Vera, Leslie, Mat.

Mat Osicki presented the by-laws update. Suggested that all read the document (9-10 pages) in the next two weeks. Mat presented the bigger changes made.

Logo changed. Little change in missions and ethics. More changes in governance – roles, committees and their responsibilities, Meetings, dues..... Vera noted that it should reflect our activities and values and be a living document.

- d. **Documentary:** Psychology at the United Nations – Stephanie Davidar said people interested in can contact Stephanie (slynn471@gmail.com).

6. Announcements

- a. Judy Kuriansky – IAAP updates

IAAP has just launched an advocacy campaign with IAAP division on youth and early career professionals and Judy's Columbia students about youth and mental health, in advance of the GA and beyond. We are continuing our project partnership with a Ukraine rehab center and conducted a virtual workshop with vets on the Independence Day anniversary a few weeks ago.

7. Zoom Breakout Sessions: Advocacy, Outreach, Program, Publications

Upcoming:

- PCUN Executive Committee Meeting: October 12, 2023 at 10 am
- PCUN General Meeting: October 26, 2023 at 11 am