

PCUN General Meeting

May 23, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, by Zoom

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

1. Standing Committee Reports and Updates

a. **Advocacy** – Rachel. Julian suggested a digital issue.

b. **Finance** – Harold, Elaine O., & Michelle. Donations went back from \$5000 to \$2000 with about the same # of donors, and registration went down, and also expenses decreased from 2,00 to ~2000.

Judy commented that UN-based events increased in costs. She also asked about needs going forward.

Harold said the costs of a virtual even are mostly Zoom, and we have ~8000 in general.

The EC and the program committee decided to have in-person events ('psychology speaks') in Missions to control the cost, and not w/in UN. Further discussion will continue w/in the program com.

c. **Outreach** - David M., Vera, Peyman, and Maya.

i. **Social Media** – Peyman, Maya, Vera. Peyman asked for content for social media. Judy asked for specifics, and Peyman said anything related to UN, PCUN, mental health, NGO individual members (best to include PCUN as co-sponsor).

Judy asked for tags, and Peyman sent his address details in the chat.

d. **Program** – Janet.

i. **Psychology Day 2024** – Kim, Carolina. PD had 818 participants from 75 nations. It had 8 speakers from psychology, diplomacy, humanitarian organizations, music.

247 attendees filled an evaluation survey. Most attendees were psychologists & educators. They heard of the event from mail and social media. Most rated the event as exceeding expectations. Attendees wrote they're interested in trauma, conflict, disability, indigenous wisdom, cognition and neurodiversity. Kalyani and Judy asked for numbers, and Kim said peace and trauma were the highest scored. A certificate of attendance was sent, but it involved a large effort.

Nelida commented that a certificate request was initially (historically) made by the international crowd, and Katie said that even faculty have a use for this. Carolina said that PCUN ,could use a paid service. David and Judy said that a certificate could be charged, and it could bring in a small income.

Janet concluded it was a very successful PD, and thanked KIM, Carolina, and Mara.

Rakoen asked what events are produced by PCUN. David answered.

- ii. Psychology Day 2025 – Janet asked for volunteers for 2025. She commented the program committee is at the service of the chairs. The committee is looking for a theme but would like to decide it with chairs.
 - iii. Psychology Speaks. In-person event is planned, and if possible (depending on Mission set-up) hybrid. Mission sponsorship is important, building on the connections Kim and Carolina made. Janet also talked of the UN conference on the future.
- e. Publications – Elaine C., Harold, Kim
- i. Book Series/Grey Paper Series. Book #4 on children is out. The book was also mentioned at PD.
 - ii. There are two planned books in 2025: global perspectives on gender, and climate equity. Sheri Levy presented the plan for the second book. She said 5 co-editors are working on it. The title is:
bridging the Gaps between Climate Action and the Sustainable Development Goals: The Synergistic Road to Tackling Climate Injustices.
- Sheri mentioned chapters/topics that are sought/needed.
- Kim reported that 3 grey papers are out, and said it's open to contribution. Elaine said graduate students are very capable of writing such papers, and may take this initiative with some mentorship. Judy suggested a topic of island nations & climate change, and Elaine said she could use materials to disseminate among students.
- Kalyani asked about generating income from this activity and disseminating the materials. Harold reported on minuscule income (generating income after selling 100 copies). Ani suggested to use the books as teaching materials.
- Kim suggested other formats can make the cost more accessible to students (commentary, diving into chapters).

2. Ad Hoc Committee Reports and Updates

- a. Election – Efrat, Leslie, & Vera.

Leslie reported that Kalyani Gopal is a nominee for president and Katie Rice is a nominee for secretary, and both are willing. David congratulated both. The next step is a ballot sent to the main representatives of the NGOs.

- b. Documentary: Psychology at the United Nations – Stephanie D. David said we're looking for volunteers to help in this project.

3. Announcements: ATOP event was put in the chat. The NGO is hosting an event focused on Trafficking in Persons on July 30, in Indiana.

4. Zoom Breakout Sessions: Outreach, Program, Publications

Upcoming Meetings:

PCUN Executive

PCUN General

6/13/24

6/27/24