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NYPTA Student Special Interest Group (NY SSIG)
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 2, 2007
“Social” - 795 8th Avenue, New York, NY
6:00pm-7:15pm

Members Present: Eugene "Bo" Babenko (LIU), Chair
Rami Said (Columbia U.), Vice-Chair
Mahlon "Lonnie" Stewart (Columbia U.), Secretary
Whitney Diefendorf (NYU), Treasurer
Crystal Garritano (Stony Brook), Director
Allison Lind, (Columbia U.), Prospective Greater NY District Delegate

Members Absent: Laura Muldoon, Brooklyn/Staten Island District Delegate
Jonathan Punzone, Long Island District Delegate
Meghan Robinson (NYMC), Prospective Hudson Valley District Delegate
Adrien Wagner (Sage Coll.), Prospective Eastern District Delegate

Guests: Aileen McKernan (Columbia U.)
Tracey Grant (Columbia U.)
Peter Chaskes (Prospective PT Student)
Wagdy Mekhael (CSI)

6:15 Meeting brought to order by the SSIG Chair

The chair put forth a motion to suspend the use of Roberts Rules of Order for the remainder of the meeting.

The motion was seconded and passed.

- Old Business
 - Introduction of Prospective District Delegates
 - Mr. Babenko recognized Allison Lind as the prospective District Delegate for Greater NY, and Adrien Wagner as the prospective Eastern District Delegate. Positions will be elected formally via e-mail, including those interested in heading committees.
 - NY Student Conclave
 - Ms. Garritano reported that the Stony Brook conclave committee had changed the proposed date of the conclave from spring 2007 to fall 2007, specifically Saturday, November 17. The conclave would be designed around the theme of adaptive sports and she requested members to weigh-in on whether or not the November date was acceptable.

- The floor was opened to debate on the topic of late September v. November conclave dates, and also on to whether we should still push to have future conclaves in the spring v. fall to eliminate conflict with the national student conclave.
- An informal vote was taken, and the majority felt that if the conclave took place in the fall then late September was a preferable time as it allows students to be involved before pressured by exams and more advanced work schedules.
- Discussion also revealed the necessity of understanding how different school schedules worked in the region of the conclave in order to plan for the best attendance. Ms. Garritano reported that her committee was compiling that information and would pass it on to the Columbia representatives to assist with Columbia's hosting the 2008 conclave.
- Ms. Garritano announced her desire to have time for the students attending the conclave to be able to have social time to converse with one another, possibly via a cocktail event after the conclave.
- Mr. Said suggested the possibility of an extended lunch instead, which would accommodate those who have farther distances to travel.
- Representatives from Columbia generally agreed that they would shift gears, unless otherwise notified, to plan for a conclave in September of 2008 and not the spring of 2008.
- Mr. Stewart reported that he was already engaged in a dialogue with the faculty at Columbia about the logistics for the conclave and that formation of a CU conclave committee was imminent.
- New Business
 - The Chair informed those present of an APTA Student Assembly "Meet and Greet" event to be held at the APTA Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) in Boston, MA, on Thursday, February 15 from 7:00-8:00pm in the Marriott Salon E and numerous other events that may be of interest to students. Mr. Babenko will send out what information he has on these events to all of his designated liaisons in the APTA Student Assembly Liaison Network, which includes all NY student and faculty liaisons.
 - The Chair then brought to everyone's attention that May 22-24, 2007, the National House of Delegates would take place in Washington, D.C.
 - With this in mind, and with the upcoming NYPTA Delegate Assembly April 20-21, 2007, the Chair proposed that LIU host a mock House of Delegates, coinciding with a 45 minute lecture presentation on evidence-based approaches to treatment of the shoulder.
 - The mock HoD would concentrate on issues concerning students, and issues discussed would help inform the Student Delegates to the NYPTA Delegate Assembly how students feel on those issues.
 - The mock HoD would also allow students to become familiar with the process of how motions are presented at the Delegate Assembly.
 - The Chair emphasized that participation as a House of Delegates Student Usher, participation in mock HoD, along with events like Lobby Day on May 8, 2007 provide the essential groundwork for students to be change agents within the NYPTA and the APTA.
 - The Chair then entertained other ideas for greater student-student interaction.
 - Mr. Stewart expressed interest in working with Ms. Diefendorf and Ms. Lind on exploring the possibility of organizing an annual state-wide PT/PTA student competition in the model of Colorado SSIG's "Golden Goniometer" kickball competition.

- The Chair announced that LIU would be hosting a Scorebuilders Review Course on April 21 & 22, 2007. Students could attend for one day (\$75) or two days (\$100).
- Another possible event discussed was a Jeopardy-style Board Review.
- The Chair then proposed different ways that communication between the NY SSIG and students be improved via message boards or e-mail. The Chair mentioned the existence of a NY SSIG message board instituted earlier.
 - Mr. Said mentioned that most students have no idea that these message boards exist, and that if we have one, there needs to be a way to encourage participation.
 - Ms. Grant commented on the experience at Columbia where a class message board had been set up early on, was used sporadically, and then ultimately was abandoned in favor of e-mail communication.
 - Ms. Diefendorf felt that very often less urgent e-mails get "lost in the shuffle" when one's e-mail box fills up.
 - A general discussion of the pros and cons of e-mail v. message boards took place. Blogs were also mentioned as a way of communication.
 - The Chair offered to set up a new message board through Yahoo Groups as a way to provide current information to all students and as a trial run to test how much it is used by the student population.
 - It was agreed that for the time being, the NY SSIG would keep e-mail as the preferred communication method.
- Ms. Garritano and the Chair reported that Bibiana from the NYPTA office was agreeable to delivering the NY SSIG newsletter as a one-page addition to the Empire Newsletter sent from the NYPTA.
- At this time Mr. Stewart moved that unfinished business from this meeting be continued via e-mail and at the next meeting in Boston, MA secondary to environmental conditions.
- The motion was seconded and approved.
- Motions from the Floor
 - None were presented
- The Chair announced that the next meeting of the NY SSIG would take place on Friday, February 16 at 11 AM during the APTA CSM in Boston, MA. Meeting will be held at the East Coast Grill & Raw Bar, located right across the street from the convention.
- Meeting Adjourned