Global Health SIG Meeting

Wednesday, February 5, 2014 Casanova 501 7:00 – 8:00 am

Celia Pechak welcomed everyone and introductions were made by all in attendance.

Celia highlighted the work of all in leadership positions. Sue Klappa, Jenny Audette, and Patrick Cross are on the executive committee. Jill Black, former Chair, is one person who needs to be recognized for how she has guided this SIG and for all the work she has done to move the SIG forward. Celia also mentioned Jeff Hartman, Aaron Thrush, and Nancy Sharby. Pat Cross is filling in for Programing Chair until the elections this summer.

The SIG has been redoing our strategic plan and there are many wonderful ideas to move us forward. Mentor-Mentee program is getting started and is a wonderful addition to our group.

HPA BOD Meeting: Celia research the grant language has been changed to be inclusive to global health projects. Global Health reception is tonight and it is the first time we are combining with the HPA section so it is the first event. Celia acknowledged all the sponsors of the Global Health Reception.

For those who can, please be there by 6:00 to set up the Global Health Reception.

Committee Reports

Programming - Jenny Audette: Jenny encouraged all to attend programming, posters, and platforms. New call for proposals for next year is coming up soon. We are hoping to spread wealth of speakers so we are hoping to put people together who are interested in the same topics to collaborate. Deadline for next CSM educational course proposals is March 3, 2014. We will be putting names on list tonight at Global Health Reception if you want to connect with others. If you have an idea Jenny suggested you go ahead and submit it. There are now opportunities to put together podcasts. We could set it up so people interview you. HPA will do magic and it will be ready to go! Be sure to apply for posters and platforms through HPA for next year's CSM. The call for posters for the Global Health Reception call comes later in the fall.

Nominating Committee – Pat Cross: Election results are in. Jeff, Nancy, Cara will be leading the cause for the Nominating Committee. This next year the programming chair will need to be filled. There will also be an opening on the nominating committee. Pat reminded the group that with rotating a new member on each year that the last year of your term you are the chair of the committee as it is a 3 year rotation. The Nominating committee is also in charge of awards. Encourage folks to apply for the awards. The call for nominations is usually in November.

Secretary – Sue: Reports she takes the minutes at our meetings. She shared her experience at the 7th Graham Sessions and that folks in the Private Practice Section are doing great global health work so a nice connection was made to HPA – the Catalyst.

Bylaws – Aliya Chaudry: Celia noted we are grateful to Aliya for her attention to detail in keeping us in line with the bylaws. Aliyah has reviewed the bylaws for us. We will be working on our policies and procedures next.

Publicity – Randy Rodriguez & Jen Werwie: Luggage tags will be available at the Global Health reception. Jen shared about our social media venues. Our listserv has been phenomenal. We have a FB and Twitter group. APTA Global Health SIG has been connecting with HVO and WCPT. There is a great student group in the Minority Affairs. One of the things our group hopes to do is to bridge students with our section.

Ira Gorman as President of the HPA the Catalyst was thanked by Celia for all he has done for our SIG. HPA gives us a home and it is greatly appreciated.

Ira spoke to our group welcomed everyone and thanked us for being part of the HPA Section. His goal is to integrate the section. Ira stated that the Technology and Global Health SIGs are integral to the HPA section. He reported that the 7th Annual Graham Sessions through the Private Practice Section were a great experience – a great marriage! We are one section going through some changes but it really fits where we are going. The section will get stronger and stronger!

New Business:

Celia Pechak invited the group to bring forward any questions or new voices.

Pat Cross shared that 22 individuals met as a catalyst group for pro bono. They don't necessarily feel they have a home in the Global Health SIG. Right now being housed as a catalyst group. Let Pat know if you are interested in joining.

Aliya Chaudry mentioned she has been involved in this SIG when it was the Cross Cultural SIG. She feels we have lost some of the multiculturalism now that we are the Global Health SIG. She would like to see that reinvigorated. Get the word out to others that we are still interested in entertaining other people from other cultures and forms of diversity. We want to be inclusive not exclusive. This is the place to increase diversity! Invited all interested in this topics to come and talk to Aliyah.

Marilyn Gerhardt mentioned that disability is a part of diversity and sexual orientation & gender identity should also be a part of this group.

Rene Malone from APTA spoke on her experiences working in the government and APTA in the last few years. She has recently evolved into Global Health and the group started a passion or fire in her about this group. She gets excited just to see what we all are doing and hear what we are doing both here and across the seas. It is really a passion for her now. Rene would like to take this passion back to APTA because international and health disparities are so crucial in this day and age.

Celia acknowledged Rene and APTA. Celia also mentioned that everyone is a member of our publicity team! Get a ribbon and talk about us!

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Klappa PT, PhD