

APA International Division
September 7, 2022
Monthly Call

Attendees:

Susannah Davidson
Lyndsey Deaton
Michael Kolber
Gitta Pap
Antonella Salmeron
Bruce Stiftel
Sean Tapia
Michelle Tullo
Carter Williams

Election Results - Michael Kolber

Our official election results are:

Jing Zhang, Chair
Lyndsey Deaton, Vice-Chair At-Large
Bruce Stiftel- Vice-Chair for Special Projects
Michelle Tullo- Vice-Chair for Financial Management
Carter Williams- Student Representative
Susannah Davidson- Vice-Chair for Communications

Congrats to all! We also recognize Krishna's outstanding contributions to the group and hope to include him in leadership events and programs in the future.

World Town Planning Day - Kate Holmquist (sent by email due to time difference)

1- Welcome to my Team members: Robin Sherbatzky and Chloe Delhomme 2- We had our first meeting, planning underway. 3 - We've developed Two proposed Theme options, I will share tomorrow morning for input before finalizing asap with APA.

Fall Business Meeting - Michael Kolber

Michael sent a Doodle for the meeting- please respond. The two agenda items are reviewing the Annual Workplan and Budget.

<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/eVP5wpWb>

Annual Workplan- Michael Kolber

This was shared in Google Docs. Anyone can make edits or comments; this is basically the same as last year but please add any comments with track changes.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VGMc-zU3plBvRRjQL8XzusFwBqIPyyRv5py5vPnbAvY/edit?usp=sharing>

Public Health and Planning - Aimee Saginaw

Aimee could not attend; Michael will follow-up.

Student Grant Program - Lyndsey Deaton

We gave out one grant, and need to vote for the other student to receive the grant despite being unable to travel to Kampala. Due to lack of current Board members, Lyndsey will send an email for them to vote via email on this matter.

For the coming year:

We provide \$1,000-\$1,500 to students to travel and do research or a project and write a paper specifically for APA we can publish in Interplan. The challenge in the past few years is students were unable to travel abroad. This year, maybe we can keep it flexible. The intention is for students to travel abroad, but if they have critical planning questions and can pursue these without traveling and make a case for that then we can consider this.

Michael said he had a hard time justifying paying for students to stay in the US and write a paper.

Antonella asked if this could be part of study abroad, and Lyndsey said yes. Antonella said there are other research items besides travel that could use funding, such as translation or document access, and perhaps there could be a smaller, secondary grant. Michelle said maybe we can put out the application first for travel and then pivot if we don't receive enough applications. Bruce liked prioritizing the travel component.

Lyndsey said we will leave as is, but loosen up the language to leave it as a possibility to reward students who can't travel. She would like to look into funding secondary grants for international research without the travel component.

Regional Coordinators - Lyndsey Deaton

Michael would like to put out a call for new regional coordinators again and for new areas (Chicago- APA headquarters; San Francisco- lots of Northern Cal connections; Los Angeles- AECOM connection).

Lyndsey said our regional coordinators used to have a lot of momentum but lost the energy during COVID. We identified where there's interest but just need to check whether our old coordinators are still interested.

Communications - Jing Zhang

The Ukraine issue is up and Jing is working on the fall issue. People with columns should send them asap. **T**

Other?

Michael will schedule a separate meeting for the incoming board to figure out transitions and will probably send a doodle. A new Board is a chance to rethink our organizational structure (i.e. Interplan Editor doesn't have to be V-C Communications.)

Bruce mentioned that October is UN-Habitat Urban Month. October 3 is UN Habitat Day with virtual activities and October 31 is World Cities Day and has virtual things as well.

Michelle asked if we can put out a call for a new Secretary. Susannah mentioned a new Interplan Editor but we can talk about that with Jing in more detail.