

Psychology of Relationships Interest Group (PORIG)

Minutes of the Australian Psychological Society – Psychology of Relationships Interest Group August 6, 2008, 3:00pm-3:51pm

PRESENT: Ross Wilkinson, Barry Fallon, Gery Karantzas, Melanie Zimmer-Gembeck, Lisa Eisen, Neil Welch, Torrey Orton, Terry Bowles

APOLOGIES: Kylie Murphy, Alex West, Zoe Pearce

Minutes accepted as accurate.

BUSINESS ARISING: No business arising

REPORTS:

Chair (Ross Wilkinson): Ross reported on his follow-up with Terry regarding progress with a possible journal. Terry noted that the APS is not keen on the idea of another journal and the costs the APS would incur in setting up another journal detracts the APS from setting up another publication. Currently, the APS contributes substantial funds to the journal publisher.

Ross reported on Informit (the low cost publication arm of RMIT) and circled material about Informit to committee members. Ross and Terry thought that Informit proposal was impressive and Informit provides a good option for the publication of conference proceedings and possibly a journal down the track. Informit does not publish in hard copy but makes all material available online. The material is indexed through the major citation databases and Informit generates funds through the service subscriptions it sells to organisations or through individual publication purchases made by individuals.

Ross has not heard from Zoe to receive an update about the proceedings so will follow-up with her and the possibilities of having the conference proceedings published through Informit.

Secretary (Gery Karantzas): Previous minutes sent out to all committee members.

Treasurer (Neil Welch): Currently PORIG has 329 members of which 49 of this are student members. The current balance remains above \$7K. Figures need to be finalised but is somewhere between \$7,018 to \$7,353.

Newsletter editor (Torrey Orton): Newsletter was sent out two weeks ago and another newsletter is set to go out in two weeks. Torrey has asked committee members to contribute an opinion piece and a call to provide details regarding upcoming conferences. Gery to provide a summary about the IARR conference.

Web editor (Melanie Zimmer-Gembeck): Nothing to report.

State activities co-ordinator: Role is yet to be fulfilled.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

2008 Conference: Currently 33 paper presentations had been submitted but there were no posters. At present the conference will consist of two keynote presentations, one forum on sed therapy and Torrey is putting together a forum. Currently awaiting abstracts from keynote speakers.

PORIG Awards: The call for award nominations had been advertised and to date two nominations were mooted, but nothing formal had been received. Ross noted that a committee needs to be established consisting of 4 people of which one is a chair. The official closing date for the awards is the end of August and then the committee is required to make a decision within two months, and then, to inform winners of their award. The committee will comprise of Melanie, Lisa and Neil while Julie will chair the committee. Ross will forward all relevant guidelines and nominations to Julie.

Standing Orders: The APS has sent a draft of the revisions to standing orders for each interest group. Ross asked committee members to view standing order 17.4 which outlines the administration of awards and highlighted order 17.5.1 which relates the only Australian Citizens as eligible to nominate for awards. Specifically, Ross will carefully examine the Appendix relating to award 26 (the PORIG awards) noting that rules 17.6.6.4 are inaccurate and inconsistent with current principles. When Ross has finished reviewing and amending this he will send it to committee members for their comments. Ross noted that most college and IG awards are moving toward being named. Committee noted Pat Noller as a possibility and Ross asked that the committee think of other names. The deadline to send amendments back to the APS is August 21st.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- No other business

Meeting closed 3:58pm. Next meeting September 4th, 3pm.