

Dear TPNers,

I am very excited and pleased to announce our first election!! I have received one nomination for each position. You may find the candidates' statements below. Please mark "X" next to each candidate name if you elect to vote for her/him. Note: please do NOT reply this email directly. RATHER, SEND YOUR VOTE TO: vote_tpn@yahoo.com. Please vote by next Sat., 6/30.

Because our current secretary/membership officer is running for officer too, I have invited and appointed Dr. Meifen Wei (one of our faculty reps) to join the Nomination and Election Committee based on our bylaws. The committee consists of the current Co-Chairs (me and Dr. Gisela Lin) and Dr. Meifen Wei. Dr. Wei and I will be receiving your vote, and she will certify the number of votes.

Please send in your vote for future TPN leaders!!

Yu-Wei Wang, Ph.D.
Nomination and Election Committee
TPN Co-Chair

Chair Nominee

_____ Hsiao-wen Lo

Chair-Elect Nominee

_____ Chun-Chung Choi

Membership Officer Nominee

_____ Frances Shen

Secretary/Historian Nominee

_____ Mei-Chuan Wang

Public Relations Officer Nominee

_____ Ya-Shu Liang

Professional Development Officer Nominee

_____ Hung Chiao

Chair Nominee

Hsiao-wen Lo, Ph.D.
Staff Psychologist
Counseling & Psychological Services
Colgate University

Having being involved with TPN since 2002, I strongly believe in what TPN can offer to its member and the psychology field in both Taiwan and the U.S. I am interested in taking on the leadership role of TPN and collaborating with others so TPN can continue to be a resource and community for its members.

I had held several positions at TPN since 2004. I served as a practitioner representative from 2004-2006. My duties included compiling referral information and making recommendations to the co-chairs regarding the possibilities of professional development for our members. I have served on the mentoring committee and the bylaws committee since 2005. As a member of the mentoring committee, I assisted in establishing mentoring programs, drafting guidelines, and

coordinating one-on-one mentoring program and MSN on-line mentoring program. As a member of bylaws committee, I assisted in the re-configuration of the TPN organizational structure and drafting TPN bylaws, which had recently been approved by the members. In addition to my involvement with TPN, I have had experiences working with Div 17 International Task Force (ITF) and served as a mentor for international students. I have also collaborated with APAGS International contributed a book chapter for a handbook for international psychology students.

I was very excited by the birth of the TPN bylaws. I had been involved since the beginning stage and invested a great deal of time in the work. I believe that the current bylaws provide a clear guideline for the function of various positions and will help strengthen the function of those positions if executed well. Given that TPN will be functioning under the new bylaws, I am interested in continuing my involvement with TPN to help ensure a smoother transition and I hope I will have the opportunity to do so.

Chair-Elect Nominee

Chun-Chung Choi, Ph.D.
Staff Psychologist
Clinical Assistant Professor
University of Florida Counseling Center

I'm most excited to learn that TPN continues to grow as a professional organization in the field of psychology in the U.S. and in Taiwan. I have enjoyed being a TPN member since year 2004 and I have continued to be amazed by what TPN has accomplished for promoting collaborations and networking among its members as well as mentoring for the next generations. I have taken several roles in TPN over the past 3 years such as serving as a conference site coordinator at 2005 DC convention, a webmaster, a mentoring committee member, and recently a member of the by-law committee. Participating in the organizational activities has been extremely rewarding both professionally and personally. I have met with knowledgeable and enthusiastic mentors as well as establishing numerous friendships from different parts of the U.S. and Taiwan. I no longer feel lonely going to professional conferences because there are always TPN members to support each other. It is because of these feelings of connection that encouraged my involvement with TPN. I believe TPN will continue to blossom and I see the chair elect could play a significant role in facilitating this process. My sense of wanting to connect and support compelled me to run for this position.

Membership Officer Nominee

Frances Shen, M.A.
Doctoral Candidate in Counseling Psychology
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

My name is Frances Shen, and I am a doctoral candidate at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. I am the current TPN Membership Officer, and am interested in continuing to serve as your Membership Officer. In addition to having served as the TPN Membership Officer this past year, I have also been the Secretary/Treasurer/Historian as well as organizer of the Mentor-Mentee program for several terms in the past. In this past year as the TPN Membership Officer, in addition to fulfilling my duties of screening and accepting membership applicants, organizing member information, and managing and distributing the TPN membership directory, I have also been working on developing an online membership application in conjunction with the mentor-mentee program to facilitate the ease and convenience of the membership and mentor-mentee program application process. I would also like to create an online TPN membership directory in which only TPN members can access. This will allow TPN members to search for other members with similar interests and hopefully increase interactions and collaboration among TPN members. With my past experience as the TPN membership officer and my ideas for improving membership

services in the future, I hope that you will seriously consider me as a candidate for the TPN Membership Officer position in this year's TPN election. Thank you!

Secretary/Historian Nominee

Mei-Chuan Wang, M.A.

Psychology Intern at University of Florida Counseling Center (Current Position)

Assistant Professor at Fayetteville State University (Fall 2007 -)

It will be an honor to serve as Secretary/Historian for TPN. Being an international student at the United State for over 8 years, I understand many challenges as well rewarding experiences one may encounter. I have found TPN as a good professional association in providing mentorship and professional guidance thus making the process more durable and smoother.

I am about to complete my pre-doctoral psychology internship at University of Florida and will be graduating with a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at University of Memphis in August. I have accepted a position as Assistant Professor at a state university in North Carolina.

As Secretary/Historian for TPN, I would like to continue assisting in collecting and maintaining archival items, documenting Executive Committee meetings, and compiling annual reports. The position will also enable me to be more in touch with students and members so that I can provide mentorship and guidance. I also see it as a good opportunity to give back what I have gained from being a member of TPN. Finally, I will strive to help TPN continue to fulfill its potential to provide mentoring, connection, and growth.

Public Relations Officer Nominee

Ya-Shu Liang, Ph.D.

Staff Psychologist

Counseling and Psychological Services

Cornell University

I am committed to enhancing TPN members' connections with each other as well as strengthening the relationship between TPN and the public. The reasons I am interested in the position are as followed: First, creating a sense of community is essential to TPN members who continue to strive in the field of psychology. Connecting with and supporting each other at TPN would help members further grow professionally and personally. It would be honor to have the opportunity to help our community move forward via promoting communications among members. Second, I have maintained good relationships with many academic programs in Taiwan, including counseling programs and psychology departments. In addition, I have become more active in other communities of color in the U.S. as I continue to develop as a counseling psychologist. I believe my connections with these communities in both Taiwan and the U.S. would serve me well in the position. Third, I would also like to help increase further collaborations and communications across subfields in psychology as well as between the scholars in Taiwan and the U.S. through this community.

Although my previous involvement with TPN was limited, I am committed to taking on a leadership role in the Network as well as serving TPN members in the next two years. I believe that I have the ability to fulfill the duties of the public relations officer (including fundraising and the maintenance of TPN website) and would like to have the chance to serve TPN members.

Professional Development Officer Nominee

Hung Chiao, M.Ed.

Doctoral Student in Counseling Psychology

University of Missouri-Columbia

My name is Hung Chiao, and I am a second year doctoral student from the University of Missouri-Columbia. I am writing to express my interests in the Professional Development Officer position. I really want to contribute towards the professional development of TPN members, and I believe that my professional and student activity experiences are a great fit for this position.

In regards to my professional experiences, I was the executive secretary of the Chinese Guidance and Counseling Association (CGCA) in Taiwan during 2005-2006. I implemented approximately 30 days of workshops related to professional development for practicing counseling psychologists, and executed the 2005 CGCA annual convention. Therefore, my previous work experiences in CGCA demonstrate my familiarity in developing programming that speaks to the needs of Taiwanese counseling psychologists' professional development.

I also have experiences running professional development programs in various organizations. I was an officer of the Taiwanese Student Associations in Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (2002-2003), and University of Texas at Austin (2004-2005). As well as I am currently a graduate assistant at the International Students' Career Services (2006-2007). In my terms as a TSA officer, I actively collaborated with my colleagues and creatively ran programs with restricted financial support. I believe that these experiences can transfer to future TPN programs.

As I carefully read through the description of the position, the main duty of the Professional Development Officer is to oversee the responsibilities of the professional development of the members, including the mentoring of undergraduate students, graduate students, practitioners, and/or faculty. If I were elected, I would like to take a step further. I would like to consult with more TPN members and ask their needs of professional development. I want to use my problem-solving abilities and creativity to actualize TPN members' ideas. I am very enthusiastic about how much we all can contribute to Taiwanese Psychologist Network.

I personally believe that it's such a privilege to be a member of Taiwanese Psychologist Network. I would love to do my best for it.