

**TPN Business Meeting Minutes**  
**2007 APA Convention**  
**August 17, 2007**

**Co-Chairs:** Yu-Wei Wang and Gisela Lin  
**Secretary:** Frances Shen

**Attendance:** Soina Song, Yuping Huang, Hsin-Ya Liao, Frances Shen, Shengying Zhang, Hung Chiao, Tzu-Chen Cheng, Chun-Chung Choi, Shih-Ming Shih, Yu-Wei Wang, Ya-Shu Liang, Tina Yang, Jill Chen-Kuendig, Hsiao-wen Lo, Jean Tzou, Gisela Lin, Winnie Ma, Shu-Ping Lin

**Agenda:**

1. Updates from Committees/Officers:

- Membership Officer (Frances Shen)
  - Total members = 166
  - Breakdown of membership (also published in TPN Newsletter):
    - Professors = 22
    - Practitioner = 33
    - Post-doc = 6
    - Graduate Students = 80
    - Undergraduate Students = 7
    - Other = 3
    - Unknown = 8
    - Taiwan = 27
    - U.S. = 125
    - Other countries = 9
  - TPN membership application and mentoring program application have become web-based and are available for use online
- Newsletter Committee (Chun-Chung Choi, Hung Chun)
  - Newsletter posted online, distributed through listserv, and passed out during business meeting
  - Article topics/content from Mentoring Blogs were obtained and invitation to TPN members to submit articles for publication was sent.
  - Newsletter committee now seeking new editors.
  - Previous template available for use, but new templates or designs are also welcome.
- Website Committee (Chia-Lin)
  - New website has been moved to a new domain, currently up and running.
  - Nine free emails are available for officers to use for TPN purpose.
- On-Site Coordinator (Jill Chen)
  - Social dinner plans were arranged at Imperial Palace.

- Mentoring Committee (Hsin-Ya, Hsiao-Wen)
  - Three mentoring programs currently running: Mentoring Blog, One-On-One Mentoring, and Online Mentoring.
  - Mentoring Blog:
    - Requires members interested to create a new account for participation in order to maintain confidentiality of information shared;
    - Currently 3 coordinators take turns with submission and review of blog topics, responding to emails from members, and providing mutual support;
    - Claire will continue working on this program next year.
  - One-on-One Mentoring:
    - Developed application surveys for mentors and mentees;
    - Requires a 6-month commitment for each mentor/mentee per term (July to December or January to June).
  - Online Mentoring Conversation
    - Topics this past year have focused on internship and early career issues;
    - MSN format in which a few mentors are invited to answer questions for TPN members/participants;
    - Encountered some difficulty: unstable attendance;
    - Surveyed members about Mentoring Conversation experience;
    - Would like suggestions during Mentoring Meeting.
  - Important not to feel frustrated or discouraged by poor attendance in mentoring programs.
  - Hung Chiao will begin as the Professional Development officer and oversee the mentoring program.
  - Attendees agreed that this is the largest and most active TPN committee, and these are important programs to continue developing/maintaining.
  
- Faculty Representatives
  - Unable to make it to the business meeting, but will be around to meet with new faculty later during the mentoring meeting.
  
- Bylaws Committee
  - Consulted with lawyers, APAGs past president, etc. to create the TPN bylaws;
  - Bylaws have been officially passed;
  - Regular election was conducted for new officers;
  - Important for new officers to be familiar with the tasks of their positions.

## 2. Certificates of Appreciation:

- Yu-Wei and Gisela passed out certificates of appreciation for past officers;
- Certificates from newly elected chairs (Hsin-Ya and Chun-Chung) to current/past chairs (Gisela and Yu-Wei).

- If members are interested in further get-togethers and socials, please feel free to initiate (i.e., social dinners at various conferences throughout the year other than APA).

### 3. New Directions for TPN:

- Hsiao-wen (newly elected Chair) described her vision for the next 3 to 5 years.
- Goal to eventually be able to develop membership fees—allow further development and programming activities for TPN.
- Need to focus on setting-up programs in order to work towards this goal—once members can benefit more from TPN programming, then able to move towards charging membership fees.
- Purpose to increase “networking”
- Goals include: (1) more connection between the U.S. and Taiwan, (2) increase members from disciplines outside of counseling and clinical psychology.

### 4. Discussion about New Directions for TPN:

- Difficulty in reaching other disciplines outside of counseling and clinical because APA is greatly attended by these two disciplines primarily (other disciplines may have own conferences that they attend regularly).
  - TPN has tried to recruit more members from non-counseling or clinical program. However, because almost all of the members who were willing to serve as officers were in counseling or clinical, it has been difficult to design programs that fit with the needs of members in other disciplines. Call for members who are in other psychology fields to get involved in TPN and more efforts will be made to recruit more members from various subdisciplines of psychology. All members can become involved in advertising TPN to all conferences when opportunities arise.
- Possibly identify student members before they come to the U.S.—advertise to Taiwanese school or psychology programs and let them know that we are a helpful resource
  - Consider creating a membership division in Taiwan—focus on students considering coming to the U.S. for education and preparing them for the culture-shock.
- Important to be planful of our human resources and to pace ourselves—are we able to handle a greater increase of members?
  - May need to set limits at times to prevent burnout
  - Think about how much we want members to increase
- Goal for each officer: develop a program that can be continued by following officers.
  - Continuity is key as each officer only has 2 years (limited time)
- Need to examine what the needs are of *CURRENT* 166 members
  - We have been doing well with “networking”
- Historian needs to keep a record of the past milestones, past officers, and documentation of contributions

- Yu-Wei passed CD of past records to Hsiao-wen (chair elect) and Chia-lin (webmaster)
- Website should document our programs in the past to advertise to others what we have done and are able to provide
- Consider what we have to offer new members when they first join TPN
  - Provide a sense of belonging
  - Possibly schedule social hours before business meetings in the future
  - Providing context for new members so they can follow business meeting agendas
  - Yu-Wei and Gisela encouraged more members to get involved and continue supporting the new officers.