

TPN Mentoring Meeting Minutes
2007 APA Convention
August 17, 2007

Co-Chairs: Yu-Wei Wang and Gisela Lin

Secretary: Frances Shen

Mentoring Program Coordinator: Hsin-Ya Liao

Attendance: Shu-Ping Lin, Chun-Chung Choi, Yu-Wei Wang, Hsiao-wen Lo, Hung Chiao, Gisela Lin, Chia-wen (Winnie) Hsieh, Jill Chih-Mei Kuendig, Hsin-Ya Liao, Shih-Ming Shih, Sonia Song, Wei-Chin Hwang, Meifen Wei, Paul Wang, Hung-Bin Shen, Frances Shen

Agenda:

1. Self-Introductions and welcome new members.

2. Discussion of mentoring program this past year:
 - Hung Chiao will be leading the mentoring program.
 - Needs more volunteers for committee (if interested, please contact her).
 - Hsin-Ya shared some of the challenges for past programs:
 - Currently running all three mentoring programs, and structure has been established;
 - To what extent should TPN run the mentoring programs and what is the minimum amount of involvement required to sustain the programs?
 - Mentoring Blogs: (1) hope more blog entries are posted, (2) blogs are closed to maintain confidentiality (requires sign-in ID and password);
 - Conversation Hours: sign-up was less than hoped for, issue with participants coming late to conversation hour was discussed.
 - One-on-one Mentoring program: Mentoring survey was created and distributed, but response rate was very low; Hard to match mentors with mentees due to member information not readily updated.
 - New directions for coming year? Cut down on programs?
 - Some members expressed that even if only one or two members benefit from mentoring programs, it is worth continuing with programming.
 - Mentoring Blog was developed to deal with common issues
 - Issues discussed include combining multiple questions of same topic area, obtaining permission from authors, and encouraging members to post responses on the blog.
 - Consider more coordination between mentoring and other areas (i.e., newsletter), so new members can be aware of these services immediately after joining TPN.
 - Ways to provide information about mentoring programs to new members were discussed.
 - More collaboration between Membership Officer and the Mentoring Program Officers is needed.

- Consider developing an email account to answer members' questions—link mentees to various resources/individuals if “mentor” is not able to directly answer questions.
- Increasing networking between different locations (i.e., Taiwan and United States)
 - MSN and blog programs are great avenues to establish more connections.
 - Officers have tried to recruit more members from various locations and different disciplines in psychology and will continue trying to do so.

3. Any ideas or suggestions can be directed to Hung Chiao.

4. Small group discussions among attendees: Academia vs. Practice