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CALIFORNIA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 25, 2025

Attending: Drs. Michael Changaris, Ana Zdrakovic, Jill Cohen, Barbara Ackerman
CPAGS members Kenric Tran, Priscilla Kwong, and Lilah Behnke-Mehne

Absent: Dr. Flora Ma, Dr. Josie Valderrama, and CPAGS member Sarah Kim

1. The virtual meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm – Barbara
2. The minutes of the January 22, 2025 meeting were approved (Darlene & Kenric)
3. Introduction of new members: CPA member Dr. Jill Cohen (Reseda, CA) and CPAGS member Lilah Behnke-Mehne (Biola MS-3).
4. Small Research Mentoring Group Project Update
 - 4.1
Darlene and Josie will hold their group's first meeting on February 28 from 2-3:30 pm. Four CPAGS members are planning to attend. This group is for students of color and LGBTQ students of color.
 - 4.2
Ana and Flora met with their group 2 weeks ago. They discussed dissertation topics, qualitative and quantitative research resources, and motivation to write.
 - 4.3
Michael and Barbara met with their group on February 13. The group addressed networking outcomes, conducting literature reviews, and writing solo and in the company of others.
5. Research Committee Webpage at the CPA Website
 - 5.1
Ana and Flora met with CEO Scott Parker who recommended loading weblinks into the research resource library rather than materials that can become out-dated quickly.
 - 5.2
The webpage will list the names and contact information for the committee members.
Ana will send a sample bio so committee members can submit one either for the webpage or for the Research Corner of the CPA newsletter, which Michael is taking charge of.

6. Presentation proposal for Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Annual Convention in New Orleans - November 20-23, 2025 – Ana
Ana would like to submit a proposal by the March 14 deadline for a 90-minute panel presentation on promoting research. Flora runs a mentorship program at Stanford. Ana has been involved in DEI work at Kaiser Permanente and is currently setting up a psychology science lab for KP. Michael is knowledgeable about multi-tiered mentorship models to build self-sustaining psychology research teams. Kenric is interested in participating. These four will meet on their own next week to create a presentation proposal/abstract.
7. CPA Newsletter Research Corner – Barbara
 - 7.1
Barbara clarified that Michael will take charge of the Research Corner as planned previously. Michael will collaborate with CEO Scott Parker who is in charge of the newsletter. Ideas about content for the Research Corner were discussed.
 - 7.2
Jill informed the committee about the Center for Open Science which is dedicated to increasing openness, integrity, and reproducibility of research. The Center aims to support research practices that democratize access to research, improve inclusion of all stakeholders, enhance accountability to research integrity, etc. Jill noted the center offers free webinars and online trainings. On February 26, the center will offer a virtual event: Preregistration Essentials: What it is, why it matters, and how to do it.
8. 2024 CPA Webinar Series: How to Create a Research Poster
Barbara informed the committee about this webinar series. She will obtain the 3 PowerPoint Presentations that were used for the 3 webinars and pass them on to Ana and Flora for the research resource library and/or to offer the webinars again to CPA and CPAGS members before poster submissions for the CPA Annual Convention are due.
9. Roundtable Discussion
 - 9.1
Jill informed the committee about JASP, a free, open-source statistics program that allows classical and Bayesian analyses. The website is <https://jasp-stats.org>
Jill suggested putting this in the committee's digital resource library.
 - 9.2
Jill also informed the committee about the American Psychological Association's Research Alerts and will send you a link to journal article abstracts for a particular topic, like PTSD. She recommended putting a link for these research alerts in the digital resource library.
 - 9.3

Jill suggested supporting CPAGS members by offering a mock prelims event, possibly during CPA's annual convention. She described an event she attended. Barbara asked Jill to submit a written description of how to conduct such an event.

9.4

Kenric reported that he and Ana and Flora have submitted a poster proposal to the American Psychological Association for their annual convention which will be held in Denver on August 7-10, 2025.

9.5

Darlene reminded the committee that she and Josie will take turns attending the monthly meetings of the CPA Research Committee. Josie will attend the committee's meeting in March.

10. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm

11. Next virtual meeting: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6 pm