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CALIFORNIA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 22, 2025

Attending: Drs. Mike Changaris, Jill Cohen, Ana Zdravkovic, and Barbara Ackerman
CPAGS members Kenric Tran, Priscilla Kwong, and Lilah Behnke-Mehne
CPA CEO Scott Parker

Absent: Drs. Darlene Hall and Josie Valderrama
CPAGS member Sara Kim

1. The virtual meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm – Barbara
2. The minutes of the March, 2025 meeting will be reviewed next month.
3. CEO Scott Parker attended this meeting to address the following topics:
 - 3.1 Research Committee webpage at the CPA website
 - 3.1.1
Ana and Flora will continue collaborating with Scott on adding information to the webpage.
 - 3.1.2
Barbara will provide Scott with a 3-4 sentence description of the Research Committee to post on the webpage.
 - 3.2 CPA Newsletter / Research Committee News
 - 3.2.1
Scott suggested putting a link in the monthly CPA newsletter so readers can access the Research Committee's news (Field Notes) at the Research Committee webpage.
Scott and Mike will continue to collaborate on this matter.
 - 3.3 CPA 2025 Convention Poster Session
 - 3.3.1
The call for poster submissions will be sent out tomorrow to all CPA and CPAGS members and about 7500 non-members who connected with CPA in various ways throughout the past year, such as attending the CPA Convention or a CEU webinar.
The deadline for poster submissions will be May 30th.
 - 3.3.2
Poster submissions will be reviewed by five Research Committee members (Changaris, Cohen, Ma, Zdravkovic, and Ackerman) as well as CPA members recruited from the CPA Board of Directors, the CPA Convention Planning

Committee, and possibly members of Division II (Education). Barbara and Scott will work on forming a Poster Submission Review Committee. Criteria for reviewing poster submissions will be decided in the near future. Reviews need to be completed by June 30th. At least 2 persons should review each poster submission.

3.3.3

About the poster session at the CPA Convention -

The convention planning committee has scheduled the poster session for Friday evening from 5 to 6:30 pm. Refreshments will be served at the poster session to encourage attendees to view posters. Posters will be judged at that time.

Barbara and Scott will work on forming a panel of judges. Scott has the scoring rubric used last year for judging posters. He would like scoring to be done electronically this year. Prizes for first, second, and third place may consist of a free CPA membership or free registration at the 2026 CPA Convention.

Honorable Mention ribbons can also be awarded. Jill suggested categorizing the posters and giving 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards in each category. Scott and the Committee discussed Jill's suggestion of videos in lieu of in-person poster presentations but this would incur expenses that CPA cannot afford and prevent attendees from engaging in person with poster authors.

The convention planning committee is also suggesting a viewing of the accepted posters on Friday morning at breakfast time in the main ballroom, prior to the keynote speaker's address. The Committee discussed ways to safeguard posters between the morning and evening poster viewing sessions. Authors would have the option of reclaiming their poster after the morning session or keeping the poster on the display boards that will be locked in the room to be used for the evening poster session.

3.3.4

Post-convention, Scott suggested displaying the posters in a pdf format at the CPA website.

4. Small Research Mentoring Groups

4.1

Research mentors will decide with their mentees whether to end their monthly meetings or continue through summer.

4.2

The Research Committee can invite this year's mentees from all 3 groups to meet virtually to network and to give feedback to the committee about what they liked about the mentoring group and what would make the mentoring group better.

4.3

The Research Committee needs to make a plan for recruiting more mentors and forming new mentoring groups in September.

5. Research Committee table at 2025 CPA Convention
Barbara will ask Scott about this.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm
7. The next virtual meeting of the Research Committee will be on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 6 pm.