

2019 Student Liaison report for the March 27, 2019 Meeting of the Executive Committee

Committee Structure

As per the structure created by the Executive Committee of the AAPA, the Ad-hoc Student Committee co-chairs are the current and incoming Student Liaisons for the AAPA ExComm. The current (and outgoing) liaison is Natalie Laudicina and the incoming liaison is Donovan Adams.

2018-2019 Student Liaison Activities

- The third annual Student and Early Career Mixer was held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018.
 - The meet-and-greet attracted ~85 student attendees.
 - The fourth annual Mixer is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2019.
- The student bulletin was drafted by the Student Liaison and the current and incoming AAPA Presidents. The last email bulletin was sent to all registered student members of the AAPA on October 12, 2018. An additional one will be sent in February 2019. The bulletin highlighted student-relevant opportunities and deadlines (abstract submission, funding opportunities, student presentation awards, etc.), with links to the Association's website for more detailed information. Additionally, the bulletin highlighted ways for students to become more involved in the AAPA. These events and deadlines were also advertised via social media.
- The ad-hoc student committee met at the 2018 AAPA meeting. Approximately 25 people attended. Those present agreed that the student bulletin implemented last year was very helpful and would like to see it continue.
 - Approximately 80% of those present were aware of the student Facebook group.
 - A survey after the Austin meeting showed that the majority of students were unaware that the student committee meeting was an open event. A Facebook event was created to explain that any student member was welcome to attend for the Cleveland meeting.
 - The main request from students was for increased networking events.
- The Student Liaison worked with the Student Programs committee member to highlight the over 13 current networking events at the meeting. This included working with the App developers to make the term "student" searchable in the meeting program as well as an increased social media presence advertising meeting events of interest to the student members.
- The AAPA American Association of Physical Anthropologists Student Members Facebook group continues to be an active place for student interactions and advertising for student-relevant news and events. The group currently has over 2,900 members, an increase of 700 people since April. The members include both students and senior AAPA members who frequently post opportunities and information for students.
- The AAPA Room Sharing page, an initiative started last year has been going strong. Many students have reported using this Facebook page to find and share lodging at the annual meetings and during data collection. There are currently over 100 student members in this closed Facebook group.
- Many students reported wanting increased networking events with other student members. Therefore, a pilot "buddy" program is planned for the Cleveland meeting. Any students who want to meet other students and plan dinners, social events, etc will meet in the hotel lobby the mornings of the meeting. Attendance is not required and a Facebook event will be advertised via social media to let students know of this opportunity. This is also a good way for students who do not have other members from their Departments have a good experience at the meeting.

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Planned 2019 AAPA Meeting (Cleveland) Student Committee Events

- AAPA Student Committee Meeting
- AAPA Student & Early Career Meet-and-Greet
- Student Social Mixer
- Buddy Program