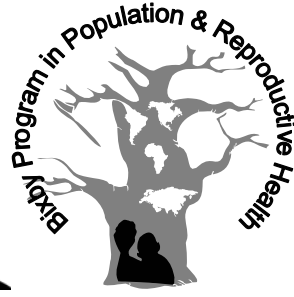


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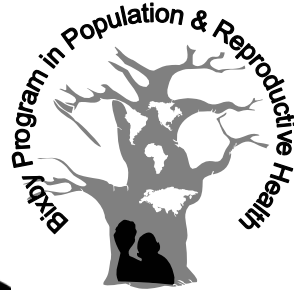
Reproductive Health Interest Group  
General Body Meeting  
February 23, 2009

**I. Announcements**

- a. Presentation by Jitka Samartinova and associate from the UCLA Blood and Platelet center to encourage RHIG to sponsor a blood-drive in the spring.
- b. Introduction of new RHIG officers:
  - 1) President: Adam Cohen
  - 2) Secretary/Treasurer: Vanessa Novoa
    - a. The election of a new secretary/treasurer means that bank account authorization will now be in the name of Vanessa Novoa and that Kavita Ramakrishnan will no longer have bank signer permission.
  - 3) Speaker Co-Chair: Julie Cho
  - 4) Outreach and Education Co-Chair: Lissa Yu
  - 5) Fundraising: Aimee Williams
  - 6) AFI Co-Chair: Cristina Rodriguez-Hart
- c. Reproductive Freedom Day: Lobby day in Sacramento, sponsored by the California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom (CCRF) to take place on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 from 8AM – 4PM. Liz Applegate shared her personal experience with the event last year and strongly encouraged participation because of career networking opportunities and exposure to reproductive health advocacy. This year, Cristina Rodriguez-Hart will organize RHIG attendance and be the point person. Reimbursement from Bixby will range from \$40-\$50 for transportation.
- d. Upcoming Partners in Health (PIH) photo exhibit opening of “On the Same Map”, celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PIH. The event will take place on Friday, April 3, 2009 from 6-9PM at Gloria Kaufman Hall, Room 208 (UCLA).



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- 1) The keynote address will be from 6-7PM, and given by Dr. Carole Browner on how women around the world exercise reproductive agency. Viewing of the exhibition and serving of hors d'oeuvres will take place from 7-9PM. The exhibit will be at UCLA from April 3 – June 12, 2009.
- 2) RHIG and David Geffen School of Medicine were able to secure funds from the Campus Programming Committee to hold the event, which is also the kick-off for the USC/UCLA Global Health Week.

## **II. RHIG Action: Making Posters for RHIG Sponsored Talent Show**

- a. Spread the message to UCLA School of Public students, faculty and staff of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual RHIG Talent Show by making posters.
- b. This year's theme is "We Can Change..." and the show will take place on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, 7-9 PM, NPI Auditorium.

## **III. Opportunity to Sponsor an Orphan**

- a. Dr. Paula Tavrow suggested that RHIG consider sponsoring a female adolescent orphan in Kenya who lacks both parents and siblings, as a way to put a human face on African youth reproductive health issues. Sharon is 15 years old and is entering her first year of high school. RHIG is requested to pay for her first year of school and associated costs, which would cover \$250, as well as make a tentative commitment to cover her remaining 3 years. The girl was identified as being in need by Tom Kangere, a medical social worker. Dr. Tavrow can request that the girl maintain a correspondence with RHIG.

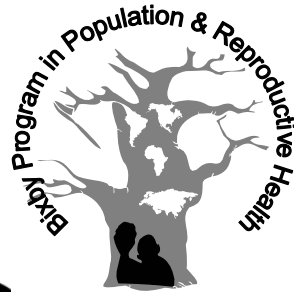
## **IV. Committee Updates**

### *Adult Film Industry Project:*

- a. Currently looking for an author of the bill and have till the end of the week.
- b. The AFI committee will also have a conference call with Planned Parenthood to see how they can support the bill.
- c. Planning for a potential panel with both health professionals and industry workers.



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*Outreach and Advocacy:*

- a. HPV presentation to UCLA sorority in January went well. Conducted a mini-evaluation that demonstrated great interest in subject and demand for overall contraceptive and STI information.
- b. Tijuana Health Fair: Currently looking for a volunteer (preferably Spanish-speaking) to accompany Shonali Choudhury to Tijuana on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> to check out clinic, and confirm fair details with staff. The potential fair date is Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Committee is looking to assemble volunteers into teams to take on health topics for presentations. Next planning meeting will be on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

*Fundraising:*

- a. Big focus for committee is on the upcoming RHIG-sponsored Talent Show. Planning meeting from last week was well attended with great feedback; however, more volunteers are needed, especially on the event day. Contact Jocelyn Chen, [jtc824@gmail.com](mailto:jtc824@gmail.com), if interested in volunteering or performing. Talent show act submission deadline is Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- b. Ideas on which organization to donate talent show proceeds are also welcome and should be directed to [jtc824@gmail.com](mailto:jtc824@gmail.com).

*Speaker Committee:*

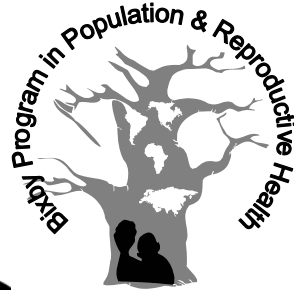
- a. Reproductive Justice Event on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, Public Policy Building, 5-7 PM, which will feature interdisciplinary speakers on global reproductive justice. Speakers represent organizations such as the Planned Parenthood International Program, National Health Law, Global Health Access Program, and LA County Department of Health. The event is targeted towards graduates interested in careers in reproductive justice as there will be networking opportunities after the event.

**VI. Upcoming Events**

- a. Monday, March 2nd, 5-7 PM, Public Policy Building: “Interdisciplinary Approach to Global Reproductive Justice”. Reception to follow. For further information, contact Alani Price at [alaniprice@ucla.edu](mailto:alaniprice@ucla.edu).
- b. Tuesday, March 24, 2009 from 8AM – 4PM, Sacramento: “Reproductive Freedom Day”, lobbying for reproductive health issues. Contact Cristina Rodriguez-Hart at [sassyrh@ucla.edu](mailto:sassyrh@ucla.edu).



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- c. Friday, April 3, 2009 from 6-9PM at Gloria Kaufman Hall, Room 208: “On the Same Map” Partners in Health photo exhibit opening. Contact Courtney Burks at [courtney.burks@gmail.com](mailto:courtney.burks@gmail.com) for more information.
- d. Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, 7-9 PM, NPI Auditorium: “We Can Change...” 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual RHIG-Sponsored Talent Show. For more information contact Jocelyn Chen at [jtc824@ucla.edu](mailto:jtc824@ucla.edu).