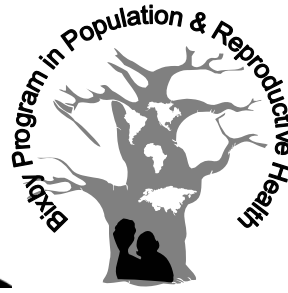




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Reproductive Health Interest Group  
General Body Meeting  
May 18, 2009

## **I. Announcements**

### a. Introduction of new RHIG officers:

1. Co-President: Monica Thukral
2. Speaker Committee Co-Chair: Cassie Marshall
3. Outreach & Education Committee Co-Chair: Marisa Cohen

### b. Bixby Updates:

1. Application deadline approaching for Bixby Certificate. Candidates need to petition for certain courses in order to have them count towards the certificate. Questions or concerns can be addressed in an email to Dr. Paula Tavrow or in office hours.
2. Bixby Internship Committee will be meeting tomorrow and decisions will be made by the end of the week.
3. Internships abroad still available: Raiding Voices in Uganda and Reseau Africain de l'Education pour la Sante in Senegal.

### c. Sexual Health Data Summit

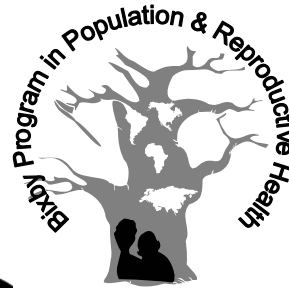
Lidia Carlton, former RHIG officer, is requesting participation of RHIG members in the Sexual Health Data Summit. The summit will be taking place on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the California Endowment. This is an opportunity to create a plan for moving away from an emphasis on STDs and towards the promotion of sexual health in general. Dr. Paula Tavrow will obtain more information on the details of the summit.

### d. RHIG Raffle

RHIG will be raffling items brought back by students who traveled abroad for internships last summer. Anthony Wang, former co-chair for the Speaker Committee, was able to photograph the items being raffled and has created a poster to be distributed during sale of raffle tickets. Tickets will be sold between today and May 28<sup>th</sup>.



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e. Opportunity to update RHIG website

All committees are encouraged to participate in the redesigning of the RHIG website, which will be updated with latest information about sub-committees and new officers. An ad-hoc committee may also be formed to make suggestions on a new look for the website.

## **II. RHIG Action: Letters to Congress regarding HPV Vaccine Requirement**

a. RHIG members were asked to hand write letters to Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein as well as to Representative Henry Waxman, regarding the policy that requires female immigrants, ages 11 to 26, who are establishing residency or a change citizen status, to get the HPV vaccine.

## **III. Committee Updates**

### *Speaker*

- a. Transfer of power to new co-chairs.
- b. Alani Price, former Speaker co-chair is working to complete a folder containing all events and speakers for this past year and also ideas for future events and speakers.
- c. Planning for next year – repeat speaker event in the Winter, coordinate speaker events around national health weeks, plan early for funding events

### *Fundraising*

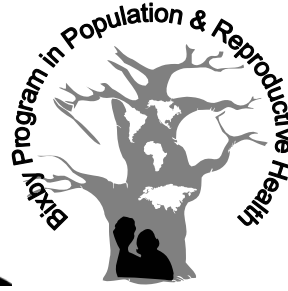
- a. Two options for transferring charity funds to Panzi Hospital: donate through their website or through a direct contact.

### *Outreach & Education*

- a. Tijuana Health Fair: Approximately 75 people attended the health fair; all handouts were given to participants; Shonali will be giving RHIG feedback from clinic staff
- b. Greendots Event: Centered around the PIH photo exhibit, inner city high school students were able to visit the exhibit on campus. The event allowed students to gain awareness of global issues and also exposure to the UCLA campus and higher education. Approximately 45 students visited UCLA and 5 RHIG members acted as chaperones. Students toured the campus and engaged in a great discussion about global



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health. Student Affairs Office provided funding for the transportation of the students and also for the food.

- c. Sex and Cookies Event: Along with medical students, six public health students participated in an event to speak to UCLA undergraduates living on the hill about reproductive and sexual health. Megan Grimm, RHIG alumna, held a training session for the event. Sex and Cookies served five different residence hall floors and obtained great feedback from undergraduate participants. Current efforts are leading towards making the event regular and dorm wide.

#### *Adult Film Industry*

- a. Currently creating a panel for the fall to possibly include Daren James, a former AFI actor. Also trying to get politically active people to speak in the panel.
- b. Before February 28<sup>th</sup> of next year RHIG AFI Committee will work to obtain an author, a Senator or Assembly Member to support legislation on mandating condom use in the adult film industry.
- c. Looking to create a contact system to create panel and obtain supporters of the proposed legislation

#### **IV. Upcoming Events**

- a. Thursday, May 28, 2009: PHSA Banquet at Tom Bradley International Building. RHIG will be selling raffle tickets at booth. For more information contact Jocelyn Chen at [jtc824@ucla.edu](mailto:jtc824@ucla.edu).