

**Reproductive Health Interest Group
General Body Meeting
October 5, 2006**

I. Reproductive Health Action

Those present signed letters to Senators Murray and Clinton thanking them for their stand on making emergency contraception available without a doctor's prescription for women 18 and over and encouraging them to do the same for women under 18.

II. General Introductions of All Participants

Approximately 50 people were present, and everyone said a few words about their interests, including the new officers:

Co-Presidents, Natasha Desai and Nathan Nickel
Secretary/Treasurer, Julia Dudek
Fundraising Co-Chairs, Sharie Cheng and Sonya Trinh
Speaker Committee Co-Chairs, Kerry Hood and Ariel Shumaker
Special Projects, Miriam Boxerman, Kristen Hess, Anya Gutman, Kerry Lamb

III. Officers' Introduction to Upcoming Projects

1. *Nathan* described the importance of Proposition 85 and how RHIG's activities for the next month will focus on it. On Sunday, October 8, Joy Lawson from ChoiceUSA will be conducting a free advocacy training on Prop. 85 for anyone interested. *Natasha* said that after Prop. 85, RHIG would like to have one local and one international project happening simultaneously.
2. *Sonya and Sharie* will be holding a bagel sale with informational materials about Prop. 85 from 8 am- 12 pm on October 17 in the Health Sciences Courtyard and asked for volunteers to help. They also asked for volunteers to plan RHIG t-shirts with the slogan "Love Carefully" as an upcoming fundraiser.
3. *Ariel* and the speaker committee will hold a Prop. 85 event with a speaker from ChoiceUSA from 4-6 pm on October 19. They need volunteers for publicity, especially for undergraduates, and are open to future speaker ideas.
2. *Miriam*, who is developing projects with off-campus organizations, announced that Planned Parenthood Los Angeles (PPLA) needs volunteers to host fundraising house parties, canvass, and help at phone banks to campaign against Prop. 85.
3. *Kristen* announced an upcoming PPLA young professionals fundraiser at a local pool hall.
4. *Anya* asked for volunteers to present information with her about Prop. 85 at fraternities and sororities before the election.

IV. Adult Film Industry Think Tank

Eunice Muthengi, RHIG member and Bixby Assistant, gave an overview of the safer sex for adult film industry workers issue and described the upcoming think tank event, to be held Friday, October 27, from 9:30 am-5 pm at UCLA. The Bixby program has secured funding from the California Family Health Council and Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program to host this event. Response from stakeholders has been extremely positive,

especially because the event will be held on the neutral ground of UCLA. Participants include public health officials, AIDS activists, performers, lawyers, CalOSHA, and Kay Stone from the CDC. Due to the overwhelming response, there will only be space for five RHIG members. Members who wish to attend will be asked to help with event preparation, registration, and note taking.

V. Introduction to the Bixby Program

Dr. Paula Tavrow explained the history of RHIG and the Bixby Program at UCLA. She described the lecture series, internship program, and mentorship program. She suggested future RHIG projects: focusing on the Ashe center, possibly on it providing medical abortion; working with the mobile clinic; auctioning items brought back from students who did international internships; revisiting the obstetric fistula issue. Also, she encouraged students to recruit faculty to attend RHIG meetings. Hopefully a new course on adolescent health will be developed this year. Finally, Bixby funds will be tight this year, but there are still funds available for some student support for conferences and mentorships.

VI. Comments on Internships in Reproductive Health

The second-year students' presentation of their international internship experiences will be held on Wednesday, October 25, from 3-5:30 pm, and is open to the UCLA community.

VII. Project Groups

Miriam, Ariel, Anya, and Sonya and Sharie headed project groups, while Dr. Tavrow met with a group of students regarding international projects.