

**Reproductive Health Interest Group
General Body Meeting
June 1, 2006**

I. Welcome and Introduction of New Officers

Robin introduced the newly elected officers for the 2006-2007 year:

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

II. Dr. Tavrow

Dr. Tavrow announced that the deadline for graduating MPH students to apply for the Bixby Certificate is June 5th. She also congratulated the new officers.

III. RHIG Superstars

Natasha acknowledged Anthony, Galina, Cara Mae, Robin, and Bitia for their hard work.

IV. Committee Reports

1. *Off-campus*—Anya & Kristen (new chairs)—They would like to work on education and soliciting donations for the fistula campaign. Movie nights will also continue. Safer sex for sex workers will be discussed after the presentation.
2. *Speakers*—Anthony & Nathan (outgoing chairs)—The religious panel discussion on Tuesday was insightful and generated good dialogue between the panelists and the audience; however, it was difficult to get undergraduates to attend. Lessons learned include contacting professors of large undergrad classes for permission to make announcements and collaborating with an undergrad organization, particularly to gain access to the dorms for advertising.
Ariel & Kerry (new chairs)—They would like to choose speakers based on the on- and off-campus committee topics and try to get Ani DiFranco to perform next year.
3. *Fundraising*—Sharie (new chair)—T-shirts will be ready by fall quarter. The winning slogan is “Condoms are for Lovers.”
4. *On-Campus*—Cara Mae (outgoing chair)—Cara Mae, Natasha, Miriam, Kerry, Kerry, Ariel, and Robin are going to try to access EC at pharmacies around Westwood during the next two weeks without a doctor’s prescription and report back on their experiences.
5. *Treasurer*—Julia (new)—She will be establishing a RHIG bank account with the University Credit Union and needs to have acknowledgment that Natasha, Nathan, and she will be signers on the account. She will be the primary contact person on the account, and committee members requesting money should talk to her. A vote was taken, and all present members agreed.

V. Reorganization of RHIG Committees?

Natasha and Nathan suggested reorganizing the committees according to projects. This will reduce the overlap between the On-Campus and Off-Campus Committees and provide more focus for members. Suggested committees are EC Campaign, Son of Prop 73, Adult Film Industry, and Fistula. RHIG members were supportive of this idea, but asked that the Co-Presidents provide more details about how this would happen. It was agreed that Speaker and Fundraising Committees would remain, but the four chairs for the On-Campus and Off-Campus Committees would take over projects, either individually or in pairs. They could also involve a first-year student as a Co-Chair in the fall. Exact committees will be decided at the next officers' meeting.

VI. Prop 73's Offspring

A unanimous decision was made to have this committee. Officers not traveling for the summer could start working on this before school starts, but most of the work will be done in October.

VII. Presentation about the Adult Film Industry by Anya & Sharie

Anya and Sharie gave an overview of safe sex issues in the adult film industry, recommending what could be done and barriers to doing so. A substantial discussion about possibilities for RHIG's role regarding this issue followed.

Of particular interest were the comments made by Dr. Corita Grudzen, Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at UCLA, who is currently doing research in the industry and will be conducting focus groups of performers this summer. She offered to be a resource to RHIG. She pointed out that the industry is already regulated to prevent minors from participating, and it takes this seriously. She also suggested that RHIG approach this from the viewer's perspective, i.e., analogous to tobacco in film romanticizing and encouraging smoking.

RHIG members seemed hesitant to try to draft legislation but open to raising awareness of the issue, particularly by creating and distributing printed materials about the topic and/or by hosting a forum/think tank at UCLA for interested parties. Cal OSHA, county health officials, women's rights groups, legislators, performers, and the ACLU would all be invited. The viewer angle and social justice angle were thought to be the most potentially effective approaches. Because this is such a complicated issue, it would be best to create a one-year plan and reassess it next year.