

GOHWP Executive Board Call, 9/20/18

In attendance: Mahima Saxena, Morrie Mullins

Morrie provided an update on the election process; nominations have been received for executive board and student member positions, and interest has been expressed in higher-level positions by other members who have not formally submitted nominations at this point. Advertising for the elections is on-going, with Erik Zito disseminating information on social media (Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn) twice a week. Morrie will be sending another message to the listserv next week as well, and may do a final blog post to further reach the membership.

Mahima and Morrie discussed an apparent branding problem that GOHWP has. When Morrie was considering getting involved in GOHWP, he was told that it was “primarily a graduate student organization.” Recently, Mahima heard the same perception from others, as she discussed the organisation with them. They agreed that the branding issue is one that needs to be addressed, and should be a priority for the new board in November.

Mahima works with SIOP’s Visibility Committee and the Prosocial Subcommittee, and that group wants to build bridges to other, similar, organizations (such as the SIOP-UN team, SIOP Veteran’s Committee, and GOHWP). Mahima is serving as the Liason/Bridge Officer between SIOP’s Visibility and Prosocial committees and will provide an update on opportunities for GOHWP to leverage this link. This would be a great way for us to network with SIOP and communicate who we are to the broader I-O audience. Morrie suggested using TIP and the “Spotlight on HWP” column to highlight those kinds of bridge-building initiatives.

Mahima asked about the requirements for running for leadership positions in GOHWP; Morrie shared his knowledge of the history of GOHWP leadership, which has traditionally allowed and encouraged graduate students to take on leadership roles.

Meeting adjourned, 4:35 pm eastern time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Morrie Mullins