

2017-18 Report from the AAPA Ad Hoc Student Committee
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Committee Structure

As per the structure created by the Executive Committee of the AAPA, the Ad-hoc Student Committee co-chairs are the current and incoming Student Liaisons for the AAPA ExComm. The current (and outgoing) liaison is Ellen Fricano and the incoming liaison is Natalie Laudicina.

2017 AAPA Meeting (New Orleans) Summary

- The 2016-2017 Student Liaison (Katie Grow Allen) and the 2017-2018 Student Liaison (Ellen Fricano) represented the Student Committee and student issues during the proceedings of the 2017 AAPA Executive Committee meeting.
- The Student Committee meeting was held Wednesday evening. Twenty-five students attended the meeting. The Co-chairs introduced themselves and asked for student feedback. A main concern raised was reducing costs of the meeting for students and that they would like more feedback after applying for student awards.
- The Student Committee and the Early Career Excomm Liaison planned and executed a meet-and-greet for students directly following the Student Committee meeting. Ten early career professionals from a variety of fields and job types discussed their experiences and positions and were available for informal networking and socializing for the more than 65 students that attended the event.

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2017-2018 Student Liaison Summary

- Due to the success of the meet-and-greet in New Orleans, the current Student Liaison (Ellen Fricano) and the 2017-2018 Early Career Excomm Liaison (Felicia Gomez) decide to plan a similar event for the 2018 meeting. The meet-and-greet is planned for Wednesday, April 11th.
- The AAPA American Association of Physical Anthropologists Student Members Facebook group continues to be an active place for student interactions and advertising for student-relevant news and events. The group currently has over 2,400 members including both students and senior AAPA members who frequently post opportunities and information for students.
- Continuing the tradition of a student newsletter, the current Student Liaison and the current and incoming AAPA Presidents composed an email bulletin that was sent to all registered student members of the AAPA on October 10, 2017. The bulletin highlighted student-relevant opportunities and deadlines (abstract submission, funding opportunities, student presentation awards, etc.), with links to the Association's website for more detailed information. Additionally, the bulletin highlighted ways for students to become more involved in the AAPA. A second student email bulletin, planned for distribution prior to the annual meeting, will highlight meeting activities that will be of particular interest to student members and a student guide to the meetings will be posted on the AAPA website.
- In response to the students' request for cost-cutting options, the Student Liaison and incoming Student Liaison worked together to create a new forum to post requests for

roommates for the AAPA meetings and beyond. The group has grown quickly, it now has over 80 members. We expect the group to continue to grow, and the Student Liaison will ask the Ad-hoc Student Committee for feedback on the effectiveness of this format.

- Also, in response to student requests, the Student Liaison and Student Affairs Committee Chair worked together to provide an avenue for student presentation award applicants with brief feedback from judges. We hope that this will acknowledge the great work of all the applicants and prove for even better presentations in the future.

2018 AAPA Meeting (Austin) Student Committee Events

- AAPA Student Committee Meeting: Wednesday 4-5pm.
- AAPA Student & Early Career Meet-and-Greet: Wednesday 5-6pm.