

AT-LARGE DIRECTOR
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Greetings!

This summer has been a busy one, with planning well under way for the 3rd annual Graduate and Professional Student Conference. The Conference will be held on Saturday, February 20th, 2010 in Coffman Memorial Union. As in previous years, college and school councils will be invited to hold pre-conference workshops in the morning while GAPSA will host workshops in the afternoon. We are pleased to announce that PhD comics creator Jorge Cham has been confirmed as our lunch speaker. The Conference will be capped off with evening events at the Campus Club: a book signing by Jorge Cham, a poster presentation session, and a social with refreshments and live music.

As a member of GAPSA's Public Affairs committee, I participated in the Public Affairs Assistant interviews held on July 22nd. I have also been active in our Programming Committee, and have assisted in putting together the weekly E-News.

I have attended the following meetings, orientations, and events over the summer:

- May 15: Transition meeting with former At-Large Director, Lexie Hunzie
- May 20: Executive board transition meeting
- June 10: Executive board meeting
- July 8: Programming committee meeting
- July 8: Executive board meeting
- August 12: Executive board meeting
- August 18: Programming committee meeting
- August 24: Graduate School orientation
- August 25: Graduate School orientation
- August 31: Humphrey Institute orientation
- September 2: Programming committee meeting
- September 2: Executive board meeting
- September 3: Law School orientation
- September 4: College of Veterinary Medicine orientation
- September 9: GAPSA office open house
- September 10: Welcome Back Dance Party

During the next month, I plan to continue working on the GAPSA Conference. I will also be taking over the production of the E-News, so I'd like to work on streamlining and improving that process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

I appreciate any suggestions you might have regarding possible GAPSA Conference workshop topics, or comments about how to improve the conference experience.

Thank You,

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