

# School of Public Policy and Administration

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## SPPA News

### 2017-18 PPASA Executive Nominees

#### Key Date Reminders:

Campaigning Period: Monday March 20th – Friday March 24th

Election/Voting Period: Monday March 27th – Wednesday March 29th at 11:59pm

New Executive Team Announced: Monday March 31st

\*\* Sent on behalf of the PPASA CRO\*\*

**It is our pleasure to congratulate the nominees of our 2017-18 PPASA Executive Team!**

#### POSITIONS:

**President:** Justin Tan - ACCLAIMED

**Vice-President:** Pak Yan (Angel) Ng - ACCLAIMED

**Treasurer:** Daphne Lee ChiunLing - ACCLAIMED

**Director of Communications:** Pritha Mehta - ACCLAIMED

#### Secretary:

1. Ismael S. Hashim
2. John Raphael Soriano

#### Director of Affairs:

1. Elisa Alloul
2. Avneet Chahal
3. Cesar Corona
4. Samer Khurshid

#### Director of Recruitment:

1. Adedolapo Adekeye
2. Sukhpreet Singh

Good luck to all those campaigning. Please remember that as per the Constitution, the campaign budget for the prospective executive committee members will not exceed \$50.00

Please feel free to send an email to [ppasacro@gmail.com](mailto:ppasacro@gmail.com) for any comments or inquiries.



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**NOMINEES FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY:**

**Ismael S. Hashim** - I'm a second year student in the BPA Specialized Honours program within the Management stream. I'm passionate about civil service, and supporting students within the School of Public Policy and Administration. My goal is to one day become the Deputy Minister of Education in Ontario. Being a public administration student has enriched my academic life at York and really made me passionate about what I study. The Public Policy and Administration Student Association has also given me valuable strategies and skills for pursuing a career in civil work. Currently, I work as a learning skills peer, with Learning Skills Services at York University and provide assistance to students with academic problems. I'm running for this position because I want to be able to use the skills I have in order to further the academic growth of students within public policy and administration. As well, I want to have a larger impact on my student community and support them in their growth towards public service.

**John Raphael Soriano** - I am currently in my first year of university. As an individual, I believe with my skillset and work ethic I will become a valuable asset to PPASA as Secretary. In the past, I have worked for an immigration law firm as a legal executive assistant, in which I took on roles such as: answering phone calls, booking appointments, and resolving customer service issues. Additionally, I have also worked as a customer service representative at a fast food chain, in which I was dealing with customers and associates in a professional manner on a daily basis. These occupations have helped me develop valuable skills which I believe will be critical for this position. These secretarial skills which will help me succeed and contribute to the successes of PPASA include: proficiency in English and ability to communicate with people in a professional manner, completing tasks before deadlines, organizational skills, and my level of computer literacy (such as: internet-friendly, repairing computers/laptops, cleaning and reinstalling applications on equipment, and the ability to use Microsoft Office applications). My achievements throughout my academic years (elementary, high school and the beginning of university) were a result of these qualities and my unwavering determination to complete tasks to the best of my abilities. Thus, I have been able to successfully attain consecutive honor roll achievements in high school for three years while maintaining an 87% overall average and being labeled one of the best athletes that have had the pleasure of being appointed as "captain" of the soccer team during my elementary and high school years. Overall, with my skills, experiences, and determination, I believe this is the position in which I can significantly contribute to PPASA.

**NOMINEES FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF AFFAIRS:**

**Elisa Alloul** - I am a third year Psychology and Public Administration student. My interests include writing, reading, public policy, travel, and dance. I am very creative and love planning all sorts of programs and working with people. I am full of great ideas and love to engage others in unique ways! I am also very driven and detail oriented. Whatever goal I identify, I will see it through and ensure that all the details are taken care of professionally and thoroughly. Lastly, I am very organized and will always ensure that all tasks are taken care of in a timely fashion. I feel that it is so important to learn about public policy to know what is going on and that we are being properly represented and taken care of by our elected officials and public servants. I would love to engage students with public policy and the public service whether it is learning more, gaining invaluable experiences, or pursuing a career in the public service. If I am elected as the Director of Affairs for PPASA I will ensure that students are engaged with public policy in unique and interesting ways and help them apply their studies through research, experiences, and learning more. I look forward to being nominated for the Director of Public Affairs position!

**Avneet Chahal** - I am currently completing my third year in Political Science with a minor in Public Administration. I am currently the Secretary for Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA). I believe PPASA is an important organization that provides students with the opportunity to bridge theory and practice. The club has seen substantial growth in the last few years and it truly has been a privilege to contribute to the success of PPASA. I have been an active member in PPASA for two years as an Events Coordinator and the Secretary. I have successfully assisted PPASA in setting goals and achieving desired results. In addition, as the previous President of Moot Law Society I have gained insight on all aspects of club administration, including an understanding of internal and external affairs. Through my previous academic and professional experiences I have achieved a strong grasp of university policies and regulations. I believe my background in public administration, and experience as a club executive will provide the club with a unique insight that will help contribute to thriving relationships between students, executives, and professors.

**Cesar Corona** - I am a BPA major and a first-year student planning on entering the Management stream. I enjoy meeting and speaking with new individuals, it was with my experience as a waiter where I improved my communication skills along with learning how to work under pressure (being a part of the Canadian Forces also helped me a tremendous amount). I enjoy being an overall organized person and tend to schedule everything out to avoid any complications. I want to run for this position to have a deeper involvement in my program and be a part of something that will help me improve and become a better individual with the many experiences to come. Along with this, I truly believe that I will be a beneficial member towards this team and I will continuously try my best to make sure everything I do is to the best of my ability.

**Samer Khurshid** - I'll be going into my last year, come this September. I have previously run for this position twice, only to concede both times to a more suited candidate, the one and only Hania Bajwa. I am a former Canadian Army Logistics officer. I like to think that gives my story an interesting twist. I tend to idolize people like Ian Fleming, Arthur Curry, Frank Underwood and Allama Iqbal. I see the position, as a means, to say thank you to the program, that has let me pursue my dreams whilst simultaneously learning about how to combat the unique challenges of this world. The reason why I want to run is because it is a fun learning curve, outside of the course load. Although I tend to keep this on the down low, but in this case why not, my ultimate desire is to become the Prime Minister of this glorious country, which has so lovingly embraced me with open arms. I remember the wise words of the vice principal of my old school, her words were the following: "You students are not the present, but the future world leaders, diplomats, advocates of change, business people, etc. It is your duty to make a future where we all can feel secure, at peace and openly inclusive". At that time, I guess she aimed the words to my elder brother's graduating class. I look forward to a nice challenge, during the race for the position.

#### **NOMINEES FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF RECRUITMENT:**

**Adedolapo Adekeye** - I am a third-year Political Science major and Public Administration studies minor. I am an international student from Nigeria and currently studying full time. My hobbies include politics, music, sleeping and travelling. I am studying hard to obtain my bachelor's degree to enable me to further my studies in international relations and to hopefully work in the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada as an enforcement immigration officer. I want to serve in this position because I know that I can excel in this role. I put in my best in every activity and I find myself to be actively engaging and more importantly this is a way to get involved in my academic program and I consider it an opportunity of giving back to the school. This position is a good way to build my interpersonal skills, communication with students about what the Public Policy and Administration program has to offer and to actively get involved in the club. I would also like to contribute to this council positively by creating more awareness. Being the Director of Recruitment would help me to provide information to students about course advising, course related questions and job opportunities. This position would help me reach out to students by informing them about various ways to go about it which can help make students' lives more pleasant. In terms of active involvement of other students in the club, this position helps me provide a means to get more students like myself to engage in club activity by either volunteering or representing at the level they are in. I have served in other clubs at school such as, the Student Council of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies (SCOLAPS) and other friendship clubs at school. Finally, apart from having good academic grades and being a dedicated member of PPASA, one thing I can also bring to the table is my good smile and warm friendship.

**Sukhpreet Singh** - The moment I met the Public Policy and Administration Student Association, I knew they were a group I wanted to be involved with and I saw the potential for amazing opportunities. I immediately took on a volunteer position as the Junior Ambassador and I was greatly rewarded. My experience with PPASA has been extremely positive and I have been highly engaged. I am consistently at events whether they are for networking, seminars, panels or information sessions. I take pride in the fact that I have never missed a PPASA event and I am regularly available in our office to assist. I have learned how to quickly adapt to situations to solve organizational issues, alongside learning how to develop plans for events. I am an avid promoter of our club through tabling and handing out flyers, as well as speaking to various classes to market events. I work very hard to understand the perspectives of others students and my fellow PPASA members. I have been successful in my position as Junior Ambassador, as I have been able to reach out to many first and second year students to spark their interests. During the year, I took on the initiative of creating a Student Opinion Survey which was administered by the club, so that we could better cater events for our students. With this feedback, I have begun to develop a number of improvements we can make to events, our marketing and overall club interaction with students. Branching out to various forms of social media, presenting to high schools and utilizing the resources available through the School of Public Policy and Administration are some of these ideas. Improving the club and leaving a mark on the program is a goal of mine, which I intend to fulfill throughout the next few years. I can confidently say that I am the ideal candidate for Director of Recruitment. Not only do I already engage in the responsibilities of this position, but I have also been able to learn from the current holder of this position. I am a second year student in the Bachelor of Public Administration undergraduate degree. My interests include sports, global politics, music, debating, fitness and cooking. The most important part of my life is family, not only do they motivate me to succeed but they are my support system whenever I need them. I recognize the value of strong relationships like these as they are essential in life, which is why I am so qualified for this position. Lastly, PPASA has also become my family and I look forward to watching us all grow into strong individuals who leave behind a great legacy.

The PPASA conducts its elections in a democratic manner by having the general membership vote for candidates interested in filling the positions. **Your name associated with an email on our email list is the PPASA record of membership, therefore you must be on the mailing list to be able to vote. Detailed election procedures have been emailed out to all nominees on March 19th. The election will be facilitated by Chief Returning Officer Antara Quadri. All ballots will be received electronically at ppasacro@gmail.com.** All ballots will be kept strictly secret by the CRO and deleted after the election is finalized. The results will be made available to PPASA members.

## Service Transformation in the Public Sector



Innovation in service delivery is an emerging trend, as a way to improve outcomes for clients. IPAC Toronto is pleased to host key leaders of former and current major service integration projects to share their knowledge and experiences.

**Wednesday, April 12, 2017**

**Bay Adelaide Centre** - 333 Bay Street, 46th floor, Toronto

**Registration:** 5:00pm - 5:30pm

**Panel Discussion and Networking:** 5:30pm - 7:30pm

**Light Refreshments will be provided**

### Panelists:

**David Szwarc**, Chief Administrative Officer, Region of Peel

**Janet Menard**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Community and Social Services

**Liseanne Fourand**, former President of Shared Services Canada

### Moderator:

**Josh Hjartarson**, Lead Partner for the Government of Ontario & Partner for the Public Sector at KPMG Canada

**To register for this event, please visit:**

<https://www.ipac.ca/Toronto/registration-April12>

For information on upcoming events or questions regarding your registration please contact **Marta Guzik** by email at [mguzik@ipac.ca](mailto:mguzik@ipac.ca) or by phone at **(416) 924-8787 x221**.

## IPAC's 69th Annual Conference



**August 20-23, 2017**

**Delta Prince Edward Hotel, PEI Convention Centre**  
**18 Queen Street**  
**Charlottetown, PEI**

In the spirit of Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation, the theme of the conference is **"Strong Foundations, Sustainable Futures."**

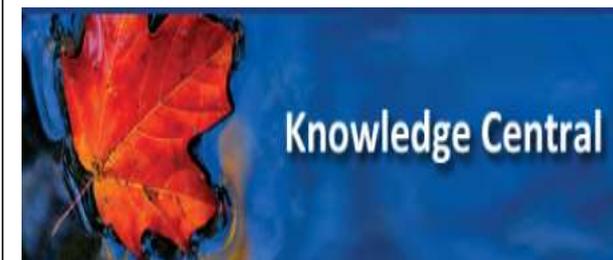
Conference participants will explore a number of sub-themes, including sustainability, policy innovation and leadership. Sustainability will be a key priority for all Canadians and their governments in the coming years. The conference will examine sustainability topics as they relate to the environment, energy, food and communities. Off-site tours will showcase Prince Edward Island's progress in addressing these areas of interest.

Additionally, this conference will provide an opportunity to share knowledge and experience as well as further the dialogue on reconciliation and renewed relationships with First Nations, Métis and Inuit governments and organizations.

**To register for the conference, please visit:**

<https://www.ipac.ca/AC2017-Register>

## The IPAC Case Study Program is Creating a New Series on Innovation in the Public Sector



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- City of Guelph: Open Guelph - Open Government Action Plan
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## Data and Policy Analyst – College of Early Childhood Educators – Toronto

### Full time Permanent

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Please click here to view details: [http://www.ipac.ca/documents/DataPolicyAnalyst\\_CECE.pdf](http://www.ipac.ca/documents/DataPolicyAnalyst_CECE.pdf)

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## Senior Manager, Business Solutions, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

**Salary Range:** 104,050 - \$137,700 per year. **Location:** 300 Water St., Peterborough or 40 St. Clair Ave W., Toronto - **2 Permanent and 1 Temporary**

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## Senior Policy Advisor, Ontario Ministry of Transportation

**Salary Range:** \$68,536 - \$100,994 per year. **Location:** 777 Bay St., Toronto - **Temporary, duration up to 12 months, with possibility of extension**

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## Senior Policy Advisor, Ontario Ministry of Government and Consumer Services

**Salary Range:** \$73,769 - \$107,220 per year. **Location:** 56 Wellesley St. W., Toronto - **Full Time Permanent**

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