

## GPSA Executive Board Agenda for Spring 2025

GPSA Exec Board 02/06/25 | 03:00 – 04:00pm | Zoom

- **Attendance at 03:00 PM**

- Ajay Barman
- Desmond Aboagye
- Ali Maleki
- Joseph Akowuah
- Andrew Sutherland
- Augustine Attah
- Redwan Khan
- Nazua Idris
- Sajjad Mahmud
- Dr. Tammy Barry
- Matt Shaw

- **Agenda items**

- Piktochart subscription
  - Piktochart is an image editing software that we currently have a subscription with, but it seems like we mostly use Canva.
  - Redwan uses Piktochart for events and designing fliers. However, he does know if there is much of a difference between the premium account versus the free account.
    - For Canva, the only real difference is access to higher-quality premade designs and graphics.
  - Sajjad recommended that if the price difference is not so much, we can compare the uses and whichever is more user-friendly. Especially allowing the next administration to decide.
  - Ajay will look at the prices and services to determine what might be best for the future.

- **Committee updates**

- Legislative Affairs: Ali Maleki
  - We are currently organizing a lobbying day with the University of Washington.

- Organizing for an online lobbying day. There will be a 2-hour training and the lobbying day will take place on the February 17.
  - Ali attended the PBSN lobbying day focusing on childcare, housing, and food security.
  - We helped pass a free speech bill that rescinded a law that would take away financial assistance from those who were involved in protest.
  - People can still submit their research for funding opportunities when it comes to federal funding.
- Programming: Md. Redwan Ahmad Khan
  - February: Restaurant Friday on February 28
  - We are planning to organize three events in March
    - Movie Night
    - Restaurant Friday – first week of March
    - Wellness Event
- Communication: Andrew Sutherland
  - GPSA Election announcements have gone out
  - GPSA slate announcement of PDI and Programming will go out around Feb 17.
  - Finishing up promotional material for Research Expo
  - Excellence Awards Announcements will continue to be promoted.
- Budget committee: Desmond Aboagye
  - If you are sending in your purchase requests, CC' Desmond to keep track of the budget.
  - Try to use your GPSA email account to help keep track of the material.
  - Keep track of the material and include documents for the purchase requests.
- Travel Grants: Austine Attah
  - Currently reviewing 21 applications with 6 applications declined. People were provided an appeal link.
  - Invited to present to the Chemistry department to discuss travel grants.
- Community Affairs: Madison Hönig
  - Not present
- Internal Affairs: Nazua Idris

- Applications for elections are alive right now. We had our first info session on Tuesday (2/4)
- Next week (2/10) we will have a coffee hour info session from 12-2.
- If anyone is having difficulty accessing any forms, please contact Nazua.
- PDI: Sajjad Uddin Mahmud
  - Currently, we have an event at the Library and our next event will take place mid-February.
  - We will have a photoshoot at Prosser Research Center.
  - We are discussing if we want to continue to use Grammarly for next year. Please discuss with your constituents to see if they still plan to use the free subscription.
- Awards & Scholarship: Joseph Siaw Akowuah
  - We started reviewing applications and abstracts. We should be done by Wednesday (2/12).
  - People are submitting their dissertation grant applications and excellence awards applications.
- University and Student Affairs: Ajay
  - She is looking for a representative for CCR. She is looking to fill in that position.