

### **03/27/14 PDA general meeting**

Present: Shareef Dabdoub, Emily Butler, Rick Laguna, Annette Ratcliff, Ursula 'Tess' Zangrilli, Asuko Uchida, Yoshie Narui

### **Update on initiative to establish an OSU Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA)**

An email was sent out to Carol Whitacre, Randy Smith, and other relevant administrative figures requesting an update on progress toward creating the OPA. No response has been received to-date, however we have heard rumor that the initiative is supported.

### **New Postdoc orientation**

The second new postdoc orientation event will take place on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Registration is available online through the OR.

### **PDA Brochure**

Ioana has posted a request for content to put in the PDA informational brochure she is putting together on the PDA wiki <https://carmenwiki.osu.edu/display/10412/PDA+brochure>  
I will send out an email to active PDA members requesting feedback.

### **Social Committee**

The Social committee has proposed a dinner event at Basil Thai restaurant. All present were receptive to the idea, preferring a Thursday or Friday date.

### **Career development Committee**

Career Connections is hosting an event on interviewing skills in April.  
For June, Annette suggested the Wexner IDEA Studio event on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Dave Scholl will be speaking on his life's work and opportunities in Ohio. She suggested that he might be willing to meet with PDA members after the presentation to discuss building a relationship between BioOhio and the PDA. Annette also noted that the Office of Technology Transfer might be willing to host an event centered on their activities. She is interning there and will inquire.  
Nancy had suggested having Peter Mohler, PhD give a specific talk.

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Meeting Minutes prepared by E. Butler (Secretary)