

OSU PDA Monthly Meeting Agenda and **Minutes (Red Font)**

September 20<sup>th</sup> 2017; DHLRI 165, 12-1pm

**Background:** The PDA was established in January 2013 with support from the Office of Research, is run by Postdoc volunteers, and supported by Postdoc Advisory Council (PAC) advisors from the Office of Research and colleges throughout the university. The purpose of PDA is to address the needs and concerns of its members by:

Providing representation and liaison between its members and the administration

Advocating for constructive changes in the research environment and in policies that affect the lives of postdocs and their families

Promoting the academic and non-academic career goals of its members

Building a community of postdocs by promoting interaction between postdocs on academic, social, cultural and political issues

National Postdoc Association (NPA)

General PDA Business	Yoshie Narui and Jess Irons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Postdoc Appreciation Week events (Sep 18-22)</li><li>• Elections next month</li><li>• <b>Please let Yoshie or Jessica know if you are interested in a position or want to continue in your current role on the PDA</b></li><li>• Travel awards</li><li>• <b>There will be one travel award per semester, starting next spring semester, information will follow on how to apply.</b></li><li>• Events at EEI?</li><li>• <b>There are several post-docs at the Ear and Eye Institute who would like to attend meetings, but are located off campus (west campus). We could try having webcast for some of the monthly meetings. To test out interest we may have a coffee break first.</b></li></ul>	
Postdoc Advisory Council (PAC)	Marcela Hernandez
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mentoring awards</li><li>• <b>In the future the PAC will need to establish more clear guidelines on how to break ties, some mentors campaigned for the award and asked post-docs to nominate them, so using number of nominations as a criteria may not be appropriate.</b></li><li>• English as a second language report</li><li>• This program was very successful, many PI's paid for their mentees to attend, PAC is exploring ways to continue and build on the program.</li><li>• Coming soon PAC 2.0</li><li>• <b>The PAC is determining what its new role will be now that the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs has begun, they may meet quarterly instead of monthly.</b></li><li>• <b>The OPA town halls provided a lot of feedback; a survey with similar questions is planned and will be distributed so that they can hear from other postdocs who couldn't attend the meeting. t</b></li></ul>	
Professional Development	Amara Greer-Short and Angela Filous
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• September 26 at 12 pm. Research Commons Rm 352. Job Market for Teaching Careers. - Angela Filous (possibly more talks in the future)</li><li>• October 5th at 12 pm. BRT Rm 105. The Cycle of Innovation. Technology Commercialization Office. - Amara Greer-Short</li><li>• November 8th at 11 am. BRT Rm 105. Topic TBD. By Dr. Erandi di Silva. - Sujeet Kumar</li><li>• Meeting with Noah</li><li>• <b>Planning regular meetings with OPA; will develop a survey asking about topics important to postdocs for</b></li></ul>	

the professional development seminars; West campus post-docs may be missing out on the career development seminars, one solution may be to provide resources to west campus post docs so that they could organize their own seminars.

#### Policy and Advocacy

Mary Beth Wade and Sara Koenig

- An executive summary of the FLSA survey was submitted to Provost McPherson and Dr. Carol Whitacre on 8/17. We have not yet received a response. We will be following up with them in the coming weeks.
- Clear from the post-doc survey that hourly post-docs are not happy
- We are preparing to launch a faculty survey to assess their opinions of FLSA implementation so that we can provide the best recommendations for moving forward with FLSA.

#### Social

Atsuko Uchida and Rudra Purusottam

- We had August Happy hour from 6pm on Aug 25th at Hounddog's Three Degree Pizza
- We had September coffee break at BRT 134 at 9am-10:30am on September 5th
- Very few post-docs attended the coffee break, next one will be near the chemistry building, may consider adjusting the time.
- We had the annual Summer Picnic & BBQ at Beekman Park Volleyball Shelter at the west campus. The attendees was over30 people with their family
- We are planning to have ice cream social soon later the PDA regular meeting here. Please help us to set-up and clean-up this event!
- We are planning to have September Happy hour at woody's in Ohio Union from 6pm this Friday, Sep 22th. This event is supported by Office of Postdoc Affair (OPA)

#### International

Faith Brennan and Mona El Refaey

- International postdoc guide update: Carina from OIA should be back around Sept 25, so we should know more then about getting the booklet distributed
- Booklet is ready, just waiting on OIA approval so it can be distributed.
- There are a couple more post-docs interested in doing the international committee so we could bring them on board with planning upcoming events

#### Development

Nathalie Houssin

- 27 suppliers have given confirmation they are attending. According to Lina Osmani (VWR Sales Representative), there are still a few she needs to track down and they are hoping to add a couple more to our list as well.
- A reminder will be sent to the suppliers about registering. Kerry Hodak will be requesting the coke donation by the end of the month and we should receive from now weekly reports from the fiscal service to track down the payments. As the booth is priced \$350, we should expect a fair amount of money (\$9450 so far) to finance the travel awards to come.
- There are still slots available on the volunteer signup sheet is still open for volunteering to the event and a reminder will be send on the listserv to remind everyone.
- Please sign up to volunteer one one of the time slots, can volunteer for as much time as you are able, even as little as one time slot.

#### Communications

Manoj Gottipati

- Please send event updates, with the flier, as early as possible so they can be put up on the website and Facebook page
- If anyone is interested in expanding our social media efforts, please contact Manoj (or stay after the meeting to discuss) gottipati.5@osu.edu

#### Treasurer

Elaine Wells-Gray

- Current balance is: \$8628 (not including vendor payments)
- Reimbursements: Give Elaine the original receipt and a copy of the event flyer (wells-gray.1@osu.edu)

**Secretary**

**Laura Chavez**

Next monthly meetings are as scheduled:

- **Wed. 10/18**, 12 - 1pm, Research Commons
- **Wed. 11/15**, 12 - 1pm, BRT 134
- **Wed. 12/13; one week earlier than usual due to December holidays – 12-1pm Research Commons**