

The NGSO had a great first meeting, with lots to talk about!

Keri opened by announcing this year's annual retreat will take place Thursday October 5th at the Park of Roses. There will be an alumni talk with a social afterwards. The social will most likely involve some type of food and outdoor games.

Jess embodied her new role as president by proposing to amend the constitution. With all voting in favor of the amendment, the constitution will now more accurately represent the committees in the organization.

Updates from the committees were as follows:

Fundraising- Jess was the winner of the T-shirt contest- congrats! Keep an eye out for an email from Liz that will allow you to submit the size and number of shirts you would like to preorder. Additional fundraisers for this year are still in the works. Perhaps a clean-up at the Schottenstein Center or attending the Torpedo room for a comedy night will help raise money for our organization.

Professional development- OUAB is hosting a variety of workshops that could be very useful, like creating CV and cover letters or assistance in crafting research statements. Email reminders will be sent out closer to the events. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Social- The next happy hour will take place at Pins Mechanical on Monday September 18th at 5:30. Pins has giant Jenga, pinball, duck bowling, and a great happy hour! Other ideas for social events include a winter semi-formal, attending a Blue Jackets or OSU hockey game, and another board game night. If anyone has other ideas, please email them to Kathryn.

Website- Sarah has done an excellent job revamping the NGP and NGSO websites! The NGP website now contains information for students (us). Under the current students tab there are program milestones that report exciting achievements, and information about NEURO. Sarah is currently working on creating an interactive graphic about student housing for incoming students to reference. Please fill out the survey sent to your email about where you live. The NGSO website now has an events calendar with all NGSO and NGP events, so please check it! It has everything from happy hours to professional development events. Also, under the student resources tab there are resource guides written by Sarah and Liz. Are you a first year student wondering what to expect? Are you thinking about candidacy? There are guides for you! Also in the works is a list of seminars from all departments for anyone interested in attending talks in other fields.

Thanks to everyone for all their hard work! The next meeting will be September 20th right after seminar.

Best,
Nicki
NGSO Secretary