



OSU Postdoctoral Association
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01/16/14 OPA Board Meeting Minutes Snell Hall 416

Members present: Rebecca Hutchinson, Doni Schwalm, Linnéa Andersson, Jim Rivers, Sascha Hallett, Alba Argerich, Robert Kykyneshi, and Yasmeen Nkrumah-Elie

Absences: Dave Dickson

Non-board member present: Sumit Saha

- I. Meeting called to order** at 2:10 pm by Rebecca Hutchinson
- II. Roll call**
- III. Reading and approval of the minutes**

Last meeting minutes were lost due to a computer failure.
Motion: approve the committee reports from the December OPA board meeting
Vote: motion carried
Resolved: the committee reports were approved without modification
- IV. Officer and Committee Reports**
 - a) Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was presented (attachment #1)
 - b) Active Committee Reports**
 - a. PAW Planning Committee Report**

No report this month. Suggestion to create a final NPAW financial report with recommendations regarding which accounts should be charged (catering, vendor show).
 - b. IEP Committee** (attachment #2)
Motion: open IEP activities to the graduate student community
Vote: motion carried
Resolved: IEP activities will be open to the grad community
 - c. Professional Development Committee**

No report this month
 - d. Welcome Committee**

No report this month
- V. Unfinished Business**
 - a) Bylaws changes**



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Different wording options for the bylaws were proposed by Yasmeen and discussed. A final draft will be sent before the next meeting.

b) Travel award funds

Dave is working on a proposal for travel award funds from the grad school, but cannot attend this meeting. It seems that the Dean may provide some seed money for the travel program.

V. New Business

Search committee for Bab's replacement: Jim will serve on the search committee for Barb's replacement. Possible candidates are recently tenured faculty interested for a path into administration.

National Postdoctoral Association meeting on April 4-6 in St. Louis: the Graduate School will provide funds to attend to the conference. Rebecca has applied for NPA' travel funding. Yasmeen and Sumit are also interested in attending.

Social events: Should we continue having 2 Peers & Beers a month? What about lunches?

Motion: to have one Peers & Beers a month (on the third Friday of the month)

Vote: motion carried

Resolved: OPA will organize only one Peers and Beers per month and it will be every third Friday of the month

Motion: to have one brown bag/coffee a month organized around an informal talk with a selected speaker.

Vote: motion carried

Resolved: OPA will organize one brown bag/coffee a month around an specific topic of interest to the postdoc community. The first one will be a coffee at 10 am (day tbd) at the West Dining Hall about interdisciplinary research. Yasmeen will contact her advisor.

New secretary? Alba is not a postdoc anymore. Sumit Saha has showed interest in joining the board.

Motion: Sumit Sasha to be the new secretary

Vote: motion carried

Resolved: Sumit will be the new secretary.

Revisit OPA mugs idea.

Motion: to revisit the OPA mugs idea

Vote: motion carried

Resolved: next meeting we will revisit the OPA mugs idea

VI. Open forum

VII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm



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Attachment 1: Treasurer Report

Treasurer Report

Treasurer: Dave Dickson

Date: January 8th, 2014

Report:

GRD040 Index balance:	\$1,113.36
Foundation Balance:	\$502.68
Petty cash:	\$6
TOTAL assets:	\$1,622.04

Recent Activity

Description (date paid)	Revenue	Expenditure
Reimbursement to Alba (11/4/13)		\$175.70
Reimbursement to Rebecca (pending)		\$66.05
OSU Catering, alcohol (pending)		\$468.15
Vendor Show (pending)	\$1,100	
Laughing Planet Fundraiser (11/6/13)	\$180	



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Attachment 2: OPA Committee Report

Name: Industrial Exploration Program (IEP)

Mission: Explore alternative career paths to academia and connect PhD-level researchers with Oregon industries, businesses, and agencies.

Chair: Linnéa Andersson

Members: Linnéa Andersson, Barb Bond, Dave Dickson, Rebecca Hutchinson, Maciej Maselko

Date: 14 January, 2014

Report:

The first IEP event, a workshop on innovation, took place in December. Two panel discussions on career planning and industry R&D, respectively, are planned for February-March with so far four confirmed panel members. An invitation to local research agencies for a panel discussion on their activities and research is being formulated. We discussed connecting with CH2M Hill, Oregon Best, MBI, and Google. The search for a faculty advisor, for which Terri Fiez has been suggested, and possibly a co-advisor in industry is ongoing. We are awaiting a list of OSU alumni from Ann Murphy, Director of Development, to contact and connect with.

Items for discussion at the board meeting:

Invite former OSU postdocs to the OPDA LinkedIn page?

Suggestion for a panel member for a QnA session with postdocs and graduate students on Research and Development in Industry? Tentatively scheduled for March/April.