

OPA Meeting 10/5/12

- 1) PAW Poster Session: Guillermo does not have the catering total from POPS, but will sort out the billing situation with OSU Catering. Some of the total may have been billed directly to sponsors, but we need to know how much. The total billed to sponsors should be \$400, ideally covering the wine. David Haim will sort out how much is remaining to add to the OPA account.
- 2) Survey feedback on PAW Poster Session: there was positive feedback overall from the Google survey. In addition, postdocs would like to see more professional development opportunities supported through OPA (grant writing, ethics training, teaching training)
- 3) Item for the future: development of an annual or semi-annual newsletter? Would provide information on the events we've done and provide it to the postdoc community
- 4) Annual meeting with all postdocs: Something that would coincide with the spring BBQ or a separate meeting? Possibly as a pizza lunch? Perhaps elections would be scheduled before the meeting so that the new board can be introduced?

We agreed that a good strategy would be to: (1) host a pizza lunch to recruit candidates, talk about elections and positions, and review what OPA has done in the previous year; (2) follow this with the elections; and (3) host the spring BBQ would to celebrate and introduce the new board.

- 5) Future poster sessions: Will be important to emphasize to the new board how financially successful the poster session was. Also, suggest having a prize for best poster or presentation next year to encourage participation. Timing of the poster session was not ideal for many administrators because it's such a busy week, making it difficult for administrators to attend. Maybe schedule the poster session for a different week in the future?
- 6) Lunch with Brenda McComb: Agreed that this would be a great idea and opportunity to thank her for her support (and to ask for continued support). Would provide a chance to get some face time and to let her know how active we've been as an organization. Also would provide an opportunity to ask about OPA office/storage space.
- 7) NPAW awareness: Guillermo received an appreciation note from the Dean of his college, so our efforts to raise awareness of National Postdoc Appreciation Week have had some success!
- 8) Board meeting schedule change: Siba will send out a doodle to re-schedule, as well as a doodle poll for Peers and Beers to ensure that a board member is always present (with a sign in hand).
- 9) COMPASS meeting: Monday 10/8? @ 5:30 - communication training for CEOAS, then happy hour after. Rebecca and Siba will attend in order to talk about opportunities for training for postdocs.
- 10) Thank you notes: 9 donors (Michelle/Rebecca), 4 vendors (Siba), Kay Dee (Rebecca) and Peter (Siba), Brenda McComb and Rich Holdren (Michelle)