

## **Agenda for OPA Board Meeting**

04/05/2013, 414 Snell Hall

### I. Updates

- a. Spring picnic – David D. has announcement prepared and will send RSVP survey to Barb to include in OPP newsletter; Siba will send a separate announcement to the OPA listserv – will plan separate meeting for planning when it gets closer; Siba or Michelle will introduce new board
  - i. Plans – menu: burgers, veggie burgers, buns, misc., paper plates, charcoal?, beer (keg?), non-alcoholic drinks to bring; Rebecca & Guillermo will help purchase food/drinks; assign clean-up crew (Michelle will help); Siba may have moved out of town by then
  - ii. Budget – likely \$200-300 range; might be able to get keg sponsored – David H. & David D. will look into sponsors
- b. NPA Meeting – Siba got a lot out of the meeting and networked with many folks from the association; received some ideas for future board – Rebecca took notes from lunch meeting with Siba (re: fundraising activities, increase diversity and attendance); Siba will send meeting to OPA members encouraging them to join NPA (it's free)
  - i. Notes on ideas from the NPA mtg for next year:
    - consider sending 2 people to the mtg next year
    - move elections to Feb. so new chair can start by attending NPA?
    - OSU service: put on events for grad students (life as a postdoc, etc.)
    - joint events w/ grad students (maybe the grad school will pay for speakers?)
    - try to have more contact w/ the NPA (PR board position)
    - fundraising: vendor shows?
    - more focus on fundraising in general next year
    - develop a partnership with industry (HP?)
    - keep track of former OSU postdocs (via LinkedIn?); potential future speakers
    - need more events
    - need more events to be family friendly
    - separate NPAW poster session into a symposium w/ both scientific talks and career development talks



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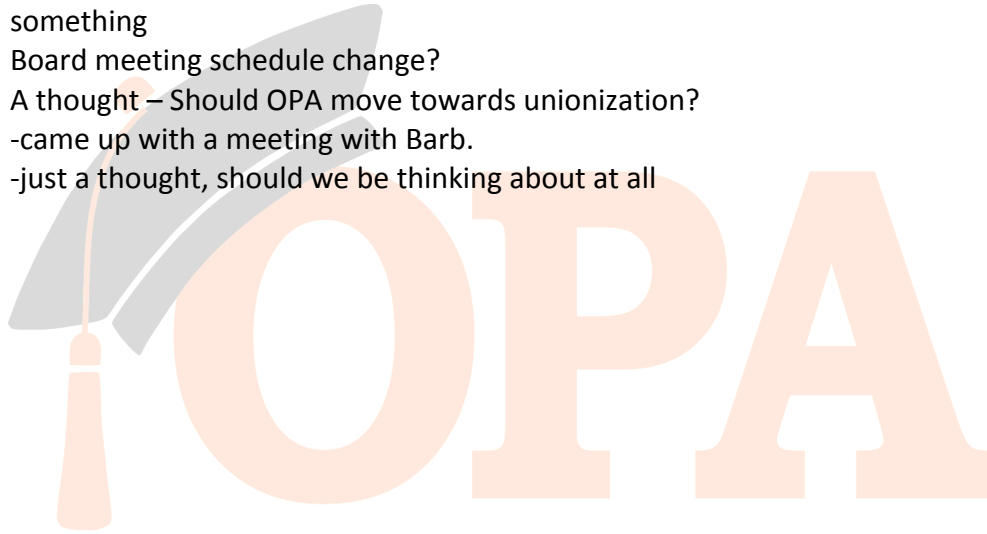
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- run a survey of current postdocs about what they'd like to see from OPA?
  - how to improve international postdoc attendance?
  - get more OSU postdocs to be NPA members
  - at DVD, encourage postdocs to develop broader-impacts-style outreach events in a range of disciplines
- c. Welcoming committee – David D. will try to add sidebar table of contents to PDF using Acrobat Pro.  
Power Point: (get Michelle's notes until here)  
-have as common space (dropbox or google drive) to have so can be edited. Since won't be living documents, maybe the best is to have one contact person who gets it done. Others can email suggestions  
-do we need people for Welcome Committee—there is a loose Welcome Committee. Can just point them to Peers & Beers, without people trying to fit another meeting into schedule.  
-If there are people coming, new batch of postdocs, email everyone so can have more people there. Plan is for Barbara or Debra to let us know when new postdocs now.
- d. Coffee Hour plans  
-haven't decided for a catchy name. It's at 1, next Tuesday—will be once every month. Want name to be lunch focused or coffee-focused. Will try to come up with a name.  
-Do we want a topic? Something to draw them there.  
-Will we draw people actually come—do they have time to even come? If you are going to eat something why not during this hour? There are some people that want to but cannot do 5pm, but maybe can do one. Ultimately, it just depends—another opportunity for social interaction  
-Rebecca will ask Brew Station if we can get a discount for meeting there
- II. Elections
- a. Finalize date
    - 3 weeks for bios
    - most spots have people interested
    - Michelle will send Siba the descriptions to send out and solicit others (especially 3 positions with no one); send Kerry the name so that can ask for bios.
    - April 26 unofficial deadline, May 5<sup>th</sup>, official, election done by 5/17
  - b. Finalize necessary formalities
- III. Vendor Show – A potential fundraising plan  
-while at meeting Siba met woman from Scientific Solutions who handles the vendor shows on campus. We need to provide date and venue. They will provide food and contact vendors. If enough vendors, OPA will get part of profit.



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- isn't this something to suggest new board? Or are you thinking it's something we should do before leaving?
- there already is a vendor fair. Redundant? Stepping on toes?
- OSU vendor fair is at end of May so won't do this year. Will let new board decide.
- Seems like consensus is to pass
- concern is that there really isn't much money
- IV. A common place for all OPA documents
  - Should we have?
  - Start using google account and drive
- V. An OPA newsletter of accomplishments.
  - thinking to send out before end of the term, so people can see we actually did something
- VI. Board meeting schedule change?
- VII. A thought – Should OPA move towards unionization?
  - came up with a meeting with Barb.
  - just a thought, should we be thinking about at all



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