



OSU Postdoctoral Association
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11/06/13 OPA Board Meeting Minutes Snell Hall 416

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

Absences: Robert Kykyneshi

I. Meeting called to order at 10:10 am

II. Approval of the minutes

Motion: approve the minutes from the October OPA board meeting

Vote: motion carried

Resolved: the minutes were approved without modification

III. Officer and Committee Reports

a) Treasurer's Report (attachment #1)

Index account only for dues. Foundation account is the only operational. Index is useful only for some internal OSU business (e.g. to pay the catering?)

Motion from Jim: implement fees for postdoctoral scholars –e.g.. \$50/year, present the idea to Barb

Vote: motion carried

Resolved: Jim will meet with Barbara Bond to present the idea.

b) PAW Planning Committee Report (attachment #2)

Improvements to consider for next year:

- Tax seminar: More interactive format for next year? Things to improve: organize questions by topic. Maybe have a booth during the poster session to answer specific questions.
- Vendor show: Scientist Solutions charges \$399 to the vendors (last year it was \$100), not all the contacts that we provided were contacted. Maybe next year we can do it by ourselves? Advertising could improve. Some vendors complained about little traffic. Shorten the length of the vendor show -maybe start half an hour before the poster. Jim and Rebecca will contact the vendors and Scientist Solutions for feedback.
- Poster session: Change the dates to the beginning of the month (after payday and after Halloween) and after midterm. Open the posters to Honors School? Assignments for undergraduates, and graduates. Open the session to posters from graduates and undergraduates advised by postdocs? Work with the Undergrad Research Office. Start planning next poster session soon. Document for planning at the Google drive.
- Change the name of the event: instead of Postdoc appreciation week use Research Fair?

c) IEP Committee (attachment #3)

Next event: Ideas to innovation workshop on Dec 4th pizza lunch about intellectual property.



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Motion: Next workshop about careers outside academia with national agencies.

Vote: motion carried

Resolved: Next workshop will be about careers outside academia with national agencies: USFS, EPA, USGS, USDA, NOAA

d) Professional Development Committee (attachment #4)

Looking for editors or associate editors for the next event.

Motion: Last event only half of the registered attended the event. For next event: send a reminder the day before.

Vote: motion carried

Resolved: Jim will send a reminder the day before the event.

e) Welcome Committee (attachment #5)

Motion by Doni: keep sign-up sheets at future events to gather contact information.

Vote: motion carried

Resolved: Members of the board will keep sign-up sheets in all future events.

Motion by Doni: review the Survival Guide and provide comments to Donelle Schwalm in a timely fashion

Vote: motion carried

Resolved: Doni will start the revision and will pass it to the rest of the board.

f) Da Vinci Days Committee

Da Vinci Days won't happen next year.

Community service: do we want to expand our service outside the university? If it is only for the Uni maybe we can put something on the MU quad? (e.g., research fair for the undergrad)

IV. Unfinished Business

a) Bylaws changes

Motion: Yasmeen will post a proposal of the modified bylaws in the Google drive. The Board will revise it and send comments before Thanksgiving.

Vote: motion carried

Resolved: The Board will revise the proposed changes to the Bylaws before Thanksgiving.

b) Mugs

The cost of different options was presented.

V. New Business

- Search committee for Barb's replacement: Brenda wants to start looking for a replacement for Barb on spring. Brenda will contact us on January.
- Alba has been promoted to Assistant Professor and by the bylaws she won't be able to serve in the Board in the future.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm