



OSU Postdoctoral Association
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OPA Meeting Minutes

05/16/14 OPA Board Meeting Minutes Richardson Hall, Room 201Q

Members present: Rebecca Hutchinson, Sumit Saha, Dave Dickson, Doni Schwalm and Linnéa Andersson, Jim Rivers, Robert Kokenyesi, Yasmeen Nkrumah-Elie and Sascha Hallett

Absences: None

- I. Meeting called to order** at 3:05 pm by Rebecca Hutchinson
- II. Roll call**
- III. Reading and approval of the minutes**

Motion: to approve the minutes from the April OPA board meeting
Vote: motion carried
Resolved: April 2014 meeting minutes were approved with some minor corrections. Sumit will make those corrections.
- IV. Officer and Committee Reports**
 - a) Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer report was presented (Attachment # 1)
 - b) Active Committee Reports**
 - i. PAW Planning Committee**
 - a) Date and location: To organize a Happy Hour for the PAW (15-19th Sept.) & after that in between Sept. 30th and Oct. 8th, we will have Poster Session/Vendor Show; Possible location: MU Ballroom/ Kelley Eng. Center/ Valley Library
 - b) Fundraising plan: Vendor Show; Pairing up and go to the Departments to ask for money & mention them to be our Gold/Silver/Bronze Sponsor
 - ii. IEP Committee**

The IEP committee report was presented (Attachment # 2)
 - iii. Professional Development Committee**

The PD committee report was presented (Attachment # 3)
 - iv. Welcome Committee**

No report was presented
 - v. Social Events Committee**

OPA Lunch: Tuesday, May 20th at 12:00 PM; Location: West Dining Hall



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Spring Picnic: Saturday, June 7th from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM; Location: Maple Grove shelter at Avery Park

V. Unfinished Business

a. Finalizing Bylaws

The draft of the Bylaws was presented. Some corrections were suggested.

b. Update on search for OPP director (Jim)

The meeting with next candidate will be on Friday, April 23rd from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM in Kerr 400

c. Next steps on travel awards

Rebecca and Dave will have a meeting with Dean Brenda McComb

d. Follow up on reports from the NPA meeting

VI. New Business

- a. Progress on volunteer recruitment

VII. Open Forum

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

IX. Next Meeting: Thursday, **June 19th**, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM; Venue: Nash Hall Room 104J



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Attachment 1: Treasurer's Report

Treasurer: Dave Dickson

Date: March 25th, 2014

Postdoctoral Association

Income

OSU Foundation	\$1,685.00
GRD040 Index	\$2,376.41
Total Income	\$4,061.41

Expense

OSU Foundation	\$2,077.46
GRD040 Index	\$1,307.38
Total Expense	\$3,384.84

Totals

Income	\$4,061.41
Expense	-\$3,384.84
Total funds	\$676.57

OSU Foundation Income	\$1,685.00
OSU Foundation Expense	-\$2,077.46

Total OSUF Funds **-\$392.46**

GRD040 Index Income	\$2,376.41
GRD040 Index Expense	-\$1,307.38

Total GRD040 Funds **\$1,069.03**



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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 May, 2014

Report:

The second IEP panel discussion on "Research and Development in Industry" took place May 8 10-11 am in the JPLC Journey room in the Memorial Union. The panel members were Bill Cowell (OSU), Robert McGorin (OSU), and Laura Kramer (HP). This panel discussion attracted a smaller crowd of 16 people, compared to the panel discussion on "Career Path Alternatives to Academia" with over 40 participants. This panel discussion provided some learning opportunities for the moderator, for instance to clarify for the audience that questions during the event are encouraged, and always use a sign-up sheet and ask for feedback after the event.

A third panel discussion is scheduled for June 3rd, 10-11 am in the JPLC Journey room in the MU on "Research in Federal Agencies". We have confirmed representatives from the Forest Service (Dede Olson), the EPA (Dave Olzyk) and the USDA (Bob Martin). So far there is no answer from the NOAA. The ambition is to make it possible to connect to this event remotely via audio using goto-meeting.

After two panel discussion it appears that the topic of "careers" attracts more people as many students and postdocs are concerned about the possibilities of getting a job outside of academia after their exam or the end of their funding. To address this interest and identified need IEP would benefit from organizing a workshop in the fall on bridging the gap between academia and industry. This workshop would be for a group of 20 people (4-5 smaller groups) and more interactive and focus on practicing muck interviews or elevator talks, going over the CV, and etc. Bill Cowell has agreed to participate in such a workshop.

Items for discussion at the board meeting:

Does anyone have any contacts or know any names at NOAA?

Does the board have any points of view on the possibility of making the panel discussions available on the net after the event? Should those files be protected somehow?



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Attachment 3: OPA Committee Report

Name: Professional Development Committee

Mission: Provide professional development opportunities for OSU postdocs and to the broader university community

Chair: Jim Rivers

Members: Sascha Hallett, Rebecca Hutchinson

Date: 16 May 2014

Report: The last Student Success Series Workshop of the 2013-2014 academic year was held on 21 April. We had 4 OSU postdocs serve as panel discussion members (Jim Rivers, Doni Schwalm, Mark Crowley, and Sascha Hallett) that discussed the fundamentals of peer review. A total of 54 students were registered, but approximately half of those were present despite limiting signups to the 3 weeks prior to the event.

Items for discussion at the board meeting: None.