



**OSU Postdoctoral Association**  
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## Minutes from OPA Meeting 7-23-15

- I. 3:50 call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Approval of minutes of previous meeting, all current members present voted to approve, no dissenting votes
- IV. Officer and committee reports and unfinished business
  - a. Treasurer
    - i. Proposed budget
      1. Proposed budget from last meeting is slightly over \$10,000 for the upcoming year
      2. Will modify our plan for the number of professional development awards – 3 fall awards and 2 spring awards for a total of 5 awards (\$5,000)
      3. We have not yet received our \$10,000 (from graduate school and research office) for the upcoming year
    - b. Professional development report
      - i. Karen Kelsky event (October 1<sup>st</sup>): No update this month; committee meeting planned within the next few weeks
      - ii. OPA mugs
        1. Mugs were delivered to Dorthe's office; Sumit has a list of recipients, and Amanda will order and write thank-you cards
      - iii. Fall professional development awards
        1. Announce awards in late August/early September so we can present awards at Postdoc Appreciation Week Poster Symposium
    - c. Website/Webmaster
      - i. Discussion related to options for hosting OPA website (on [blogs.oregonstate.edu](http://blogs.oregonstate.edu) vs the graduate school website)
        1. Blogs option might be preferable, but might be linked to one board member's ONID account
        2. Hold off on a decision for now; once new webmaster identified in December, will plan a meeting with John from the graduate school to discuss and make a decision.
    - d. Networking committee
      - i. August pizza lunch planned: Pat Kight will discuss social media and new media. Sumit will host.
      - ii. Peers and Beers event planned for August 20<sup>th</sup> after OPA board meeting
      - iii. Dixon volleyball event planned for tomorrow (July 24<sup>th</sup>)



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- e. Poster Symposium/Postdoc Appreciation Week
  - i. Discussed changing the dates of the poster symposium to accommodate speaker schedules, room availability, and to avoid overlap with Board of Trustees meeting
  - ii. Summit will look into room availability and will create and send a to-do list
- V. New Business
  - a. Rachel Okrent – Postdoc in Botany and Plant Pathology
    - i. Peer group
      - 1. Rachel would like to initiate an informal peer working group for postdocs on the job market. This might include hosting speakers, working on job materials together, etc.
      - 2. Renee and board agreed that the first meeting of this peer group could replace a coffee with faculty event planned for September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We would provide coffee.
    - ii. Education/outreach event
      - 1. Rachel has funding to develop a workshop (planned for Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>) designed to teach grad students and postdocs about involvement in education and outreach
      - 2. We will forward announcement to postdoc community
  - b. Continue to collect and send list of events with postdoc attendance and student attendance at each event to Dorthe
  - c. Dorthe: Possible postdoc teaching event during winter term facilitated by Robin Pappas from the Center for Teaching and Learning
- VI. Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.