



OSU Postdoctoral Association
Oregon State University
416 Snell Hall, Corvallis, Oregon 97331
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OPA Meeting Minutes

04/17/14 OPA Board Meeting Minutes Kerr Administration Building, Room 400

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

Absences: Sascha Hallett

I. Meeting called to order at 2:06 pm by Rebecca Hutchinson

II. Roll call

III. Reading and approval of the minutes

Motion: to approve the minutes from the March OPA board meeting

Vote: motion carried

Resolved: March 2014 meeting minutes were approved

IV. Officer and Committee Reports

a) Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer report was presented (Attachment # 1)

b) Active Committee Reports

i. PAW Planning Committee

No report was presented

ii. IEP Committee

The IEP committee report was presented (Attachment # 2)

iii. Professional Development Committee

Brainstorm questions for next seminar on peer review

Fundamentals of Peer Review: Jim

iv. Welcome Committee

No report was presented

v. Social Events Committee

No report was presented

V. Unfinished Business

a. Update on search for OPP director (Jim)

Three out of seven candidates were finalized for the interview.



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OPA along with some interested postdocs will attend the Q&A session with the candidates. Interested postdocs will send RSVP to Rebecca.

Questions to be asked to the candidates:

1. How would you balance your obligations for postdoc community?
2. Where do you see the postdocs in the OSU community?
3. What are the biggest issues you can solve for postdoc community?
4. What are your three priorities for postdocs and timeline for completion?
5. How experienced are you working with postdocs?
6. What concerns of postdocs do you think you will be able to effectively address?
7. Ideas for fund raising/budget for OPA/OPP
8. How do you define 'postdoc' & how university should support this group?
9. <20% postdoc go into academia: what are you going to do about this?

Important Question to be presented in front of the search committee: Q#4

b. Survey Results

- i. New social event planning
 - a. Coffee with a faculty member idea:
Emily Hoe (College of Public Health & Human Sciences)
Rick Spinrad, Rich Holdren, Ron Adams (Research Office Leadership team)
 - b. Fundraising Ideas: 50/50, Buy a glass for wine, Wristband in bars
 - c. Peers & Beers: Thursday 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm; rotation of the location
(Bombs Away, Laughing planet, American Dream etc.)

c. Spring Picnic planning update

- i. Booked for June 7, 1-5pm. Avery Park
- ii. Food planning, Barb Retirement Present
- iii. RSVP for spring picnic: will be closing two weeks before the event.

VI. New Business

- a. Reports from NPA meeting:
Rebecca and Sumit presented some interesting ideas. More discussion will be continued in our next meeting.
- b. OPAW Planning

VII. Open Forum

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm

IX. Next Meeting: Thursday, **May 15th**, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM; Venue: To be decided.



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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 April, 2014

Report:

The second IEP panel discussion on "Research and Development in Industry" is scheduled for May 8 10-11 am in the JPLC Journey room in the Memorial Union. The confirmed panel members are Bill Cowell (OSU), Robert McGorin (OSU), and Laura Kramer (HP).

A third panel discussion is planned for the last week of May or first week of June on "Research in Federal Agencies". So far two candidates from the Forest Service and the EPA have tentatively agreed to participate. Answers are awaited from the USDA and the NOAA.

Items for discussion at the board meeting:

N/A