

**2/21/13 OSU PDA Meeting Minutes**  
**4-5pm, 385 Bricker Hall**

**· Up-coming National PDA meeting**

Discussed sending a delegate to the NPA. Jeff noted that funds would cover air, lodging, registration, per diem.

It was noted that someone had been interested at the last meeting, though they are not present today. It was agreed that that person would be supported by PDA when identified.

02/15/13 update: Jeff identified Sukhinder Sandhu as having inquired about attending NPA 1/16/13. She has been contacted by Jeff about attending the conference.

**· Committee Reports & Announcements**

Career Development:

Rick Laguna: Career development has recently been updated on the PDA wiki

He requested suggestions for links and topics of interest.

Jeff suggested checking the NPA reading list and potentially having PDA reading groups to review items available.

Shareef suggested getting linked up with the PDA at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Rick Laguna had contacted UCAT (University Center for the Advancement of Teaching) regarding getting a speaker for the next meeting. He will email PDA officer(s) when/if he gets confirmation.

Jeff and Career Development Group had met prior to the general meeting: They discussed asking PI's to address specific issues about grant writing (e.g. procedural issues/OSU specific aspects, peer review, NIH panels) in a short talk at our meetings.

Jeff: suggested that the Office of Research VP can make request of PI's on behalf of the PDA  
He is asking for nominations of PI/persons of interest to speak on issues of interest

Ioana and Dan suggested coordinating these events with the Council of Graduate Students

SOCIAL:

Ioana: Following up on previous discussions of an RPAC day for PDA members, Ioana asked if we'd like a specific date for post-doc free class/event or vouchers for individuals to go at a time of their choosing.

It was suggested that Jeff would ask RPAC for both. If they say no to both, we'll go with vouchers and name our day to meet up for a specific event, e.g. ping pong, volleyball.

Such event would be open to significant others.

It was also proposed that the PDA might lobby for extended hours at the Faculty & Staff Fitness Center. Presently the Faculty and Staff Fitness Center is open morning, lunch, after work (4:30-6:30). Membership costs \$160/yr.

**Election of remaining PDA officer positions**

**Treasurer-** Rick Laguna volunteered to take over for Hanah Chapman

The Chair of the Social Committee will be decided amongst committee members.

Remaining PDA officer positions will be filled as required.

**Membership Coordinator** - (open)

**Grants Coordinator** - (open)

Defining the objectives of the PDA was discussed.  
Jeff suggested using the NPA site as a starting point.

Rick Laguna suggested that getting PDA recognized by the Senate should be a goal.  
Jeff: We don't know what that entails but suggested that we might invite a member of the senate to a meeting: perhaps Tim Gerber?

Dan: A current goal should be to encourage attendance with the aim of getting an established 15-20 people.  
Re-sending a mass e-mail to all post-docs fielding for new members was discussed.

Perhaps we could send such email quarterly and/or when we have an event/speaker scheduled.  
Jeff noted: [OSUtoday@osu.edu](mailto:OSUtoday@osu.edu) can be emailed to get our events in the daily email.

Will: Do we want a PDA website beyond the existing wiki?  
Jeff noted that Dr. Whitacre (OR VP) wants a PDA website to be linked off of the Office of Research page.  
We need to define content: List officers? Highlight individual post-docs?  
Will offered to build a template webpage. We will get a preview next meeting.

In attendance:

Will Cantara  
Vanessa Varaljaj  
Ioana Boeras  
Rick Laguna  
Asuko Uchida  
Shareef Dabdoub  
Emily Butler  
Jennifer Larson  
Daniel Kiss  
Jeff Agnoli