

OSU PDA Monthly Meeting Agenda and **Minutes (Red Font)**

November 15th 2017; BRT 134, 12-1pm

Background: The PDA was established in January 2013 with support from the Office of Research, is run by Postdoc volunteers, and supported by Postdoc Advisory Council (PAC) advisors from the Office of Research and colleges throughout the university. The purpose of PDA is to address the needs and concerns of its members by:

Providing representation and liaison between its members and the administration

Advocating for constructive changes in the research environment and in policies that affect the lives of postdocs and their families

Promoting the academic and non-academic career goals of its members

Building a community of postdocs by promoting interaction between postdocs on academic, social, cultural and political issues

National Postdoc Association (NPA)

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General PDA Business

Yoshie Narui and Jess Irons

- Postdoc Advocate Award
PDA Members voted at the meeting on the recipient, Jeff Anioli will receive the award
Also planning to put together a certificate to acknowledge advocacy from PAC
- Innovator of the Year Award – now open to postdocs
For someone with a new scientific invention/technique, OSU awards one each year, this is first year post docs are eligible.
- Volunteers needed for OPA Orientation (4-5pm on 12/13/17, 2/14/18, 4/11/18, and 6/13/18)

Two new volunteers signed up for December and January, will ask for additional volunteers at upcoming meetings. This involves doing a brief info session (~15 mins) on the PDA, slides will be provided, at the orientation

- Volunteers still needed for P&A and Social committees!

Contact Jess Irons/Sara Koenig if you are interested!

Two volunteers needed (one voting member and one nonvoting) for University Research Committee starting in January. Attend the monthly URC meeting, time/location can vary and is set up each month.

- Travel awards update

Received 17 applications, some were incomplete, 9 were sent out for review, 2 will be selected. Next cycle will be in May for July 1st 2018-Dec 31st 2018 travel.

- Nationwide Children's Hospital has invited the OSU PDA to participate in a 2-hour workshop by Peter Fiske on "The Science and Strategy of Communication" on Wednesday, November 29th from 9-11am in Discovery Auditorium of Research Building 2 at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Register here: <https://redcap.nchri.org/surveys/?s=Y49YF9LFMM>

This is the first time that Nationwide Children's Trainee Association has opened seminars to OSU postdocs, we are hoping for more collaboration between groups in the future and opening up some select OSU career development seminars for Nationwide Children's postdocs. If you want to attend the workshop, register at the link above, parking (\$2) is available at Nationwide Children's for visitors. Shuttle from OSU to NCH can fill up around the noon hour.

Office of Postdoctoral Affairs Noah

Weisleder/Marcela Hernandez/Fatima Vakil

- Monthly orientations start Nov 14th
- OPA-PDA meetings
- Upcoming events

International

Faith Brennan and Mona El Refaey

- The most recent version of international post-doc guide is now on website - now includes OPA details and updated PDA chairs
 - Upcoming international event: Post-Doc Happy Hour: Thanksgiving Edition (coordinated alongside the social committee) is scheduled for 6:30pm Nov 17 at Mad Mex. We will also be collecting nonperishable donations for the mid-Ohio food bank.
 - Open to new ideas for events (can be professional or networking/social) in December/January 2018
- Please send any new ideas for events to Faith or Mona

Policy and Advocacy

Mary Beth Wade and Sara Koenig

- Faculty FLSA survey was administered on October 17th and was open for 4 weeks.
 - We received 134 responses from OSU faculty - The majority of respondents favored salaried positions for postdocs
 - An official report will be prepared for Provost McPheron
 - Both P&A co-chair positions are vacant! Email Sara (sara.koenig@osumc.edu) if you are interested.
- Next co-chairs would be involved in further analyzing/summarizing the faculty survey.

Social

Atsuko Uchida and Rudra Purusottam

- "Happy hour" in October was held on October 27th at Bakersfield at Short North. Unfortunately, attendance was low, but we had a nice time. The location was great!
- We are planning "Happy hour -Thanks giving edition" as a joint event with the International committee this Friday, November 17th at Mad Mex (<http://www.madmex.com/columbus>). Starting time is 6:30 pm.
- November coffee break was put off because it was difficult to find a location. If we can find a good location, we will set up sometime in December.

Professional Development

Amara Greer-Short and Angela Filous

- Planning seminars for next year. Topics to include: decision making, volunteer opportunities and internships in industry, careers in academic administration, teaching opportunities panel, BioOhio
- If you have any ideas for seminars you would like to see please email the co-chairs!

A new company is working to raise awareness about new technology/inventions, they can also pay grad students/post docs to work some hours per week to identify new technologies developed by OSU researchers and raise awareness. If interested in learning more, contact the co-chairs.

Development

Nathalie Houssin

- We sincerely thank all the volunteers that were involved in the The VWR Big Show/PDA fundraising event
 - The fundraiser has been a great success with the participation of 35 vendors
 - \$12,250 was raised (still waiting for the confirmation from fiscal service) to finance the PDA travel award and social events
 - Positive/negative feedback would be appreciated to improve the vendor show next year
 - A guideline is currently being updated to help organizing the future events
- Estimate over 300 hundred attended, still waiting on exact count.

Communications

Manoj Gottipati

- Please send event updates, with the flier, as early as possible so they can be put up on the website and Facebook page
- If anyone is interested in expanding our social media efforts, please contact Manoj (or stay after the meeting to discuss) gottipati.5@osu.edu
- Travel award update (see general PDA business)

Treasurer

Elaine Wells-Gray

- Current balance is: \$7,305
 - Additional ~\$12,250 in revenue is coming in from the Vendor Show, so our available balance is ~\$19,555
 - Reimbursements: Give Elaine the original receipt and a copy of the event flyer (wells-gray.1@osu.edu)
- The money that PDA has accumulated will need to be spent so that it doesn't continue to accrue. There are opportunities to do bigger ticket items, or small grants programs. Would need volunteers for managing grants/awards spending.

Secretary

Laura Chavez

Next monthly meetings are as scheduled:

- Wed. 12/13; one week earlier than usual due to December holidays – 12-1pm Research Commons
- Wed. 1/17; BRT
- Wed. 2/21; Research Commons, room 352
- Wed. 3/21; BRT
- Wed. 4/18; Research Commons, room 352
- Wed. 5/16; BRT