Monthly Postdoctoral Association Meeting
Tuesday, March 1st, 2011
Light Hall Room 350, 12:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

List of Postdoc Attendees:
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List of Faculty/Staff Attendees:
Trish Labosky
Claudia Cottingham
Kim Petrie

2011 Postdoctoral and Shared Resources Symposium
• Date: Tuesday, April 26th, 2011
• Tentative schedule of events passed around for feedback
• Online abstract submission survey
  o Deadline today – 19 abstracts so far
  o Extend deadline to Tuesday, March 15th, 2011 on Wednesday March 2nd (Greg)
  o Send email confirmation to all postdocs who have submitted an abstract (Jenny)
• Symposium Sponsors
  o Seeking support for T32 Postdoctoral Training Grants
  o Procure list of all T32 directors & send letter to request support of the symposium
    ▪ Molecular Endocrinology & Molecular Toxicology T32 Training Grants have already agreed to provided funds ($100 each)
    ▪ Contact Katie Dickie to identify all postdocs that are currently supported by T32 (Ebany)
  o Offer sponsors & other Vanderbilt organizations tables during the Symposium
    ▪ VMAA, Office of Career Development (Kim agreed), Center for Teaching, Aspironaut (Stephanie), Procurement, Development, Health Plus, International Scholar and Student Services (great suggestion by Kim), etc.
• Call for Mentor & Postdoc of the Year Awards
  o Mentor of the Year Nominations – 6 so far
  o Postdoc of the Year Nominations – Claudia has a few so far & plans to extend the deadline as well because a couple of PIs have requested an extension
• Recruitment of judges
  o 19 judges so far (should be plenty in combination with Shared Resources judges)
• Lunches & other refreshments
  o Lunches $6.80 per person – plan to order 50-60 – contact Claudia to order via Café Courtyard
Plan to hand out tickets for the first 50-60 attendees (set up at front of room, not doors) or Trish suggested hand stamps rather than tickets
- Refreshments needed as well, but no alcohol

**Postdoctoral Recruiting Event**
- May 22-25, 2011
- Volunteer sheet passed around for Tours & Dinners (Holiday Inn & Roger’s house)
- Send out another invite to Departmental Representatives & Subcommittee members to ask for volunteers for this event

**National Postdoctoral Association Meeting**
- March 25-27, 2011
- Greg, Jenny, & Trish will also be attending
- Passed around poster for feedback

**Open forum**
- Announcement:
  - Tuesday March 1st, 2011 3:00 pm–4:00 pm in PRB 206 – meeting for postdoc trainees
    - Meeting to discuss differences between postdoc trainees vs. postdoc employees
    - Forward this notice to all postdocs on the Advocacy Committee
- Issue regarding travel reimbursement & the amount of time this should take – definitely less than one month
- Suggestion:
  - Monthly PDA meetings should incorporate information sessions regarding various postdoc issues, i.e. training grants, health insurance, IDPs, etc.
  - Not necessarily every month, but this may encourage higher attendance and would be helpful to new postdocs as well as others
- Start planning for postdoc outing: Nashville Sounds game