Meeting Minutes

List of Postdoctoral Attendees: Jenny Noto, Ebany Martinez-Finely, Dan Durkin, Jeri Bryant, Manuel Chiusa, Barbara Natalizco

List of Faculty/Staff Attendees:
Trish Lathosky, Roger Chalkley, Claudia Cottingham

Topics Discussed:

Monthly Happy Hour Get-Together
- First one Feb. 2 5:00 at Sportsman’s Grille
- Time was thought to be a bit early
- Received rave reviews, will continue event
- Next Thursday March 8 at 5:30

Lunch with Dean Wente
- Discussed multiple issues pertinent to postdocs including alternative careers, gaining non-benchwork experience, mentor issues, etc.

Symposium
- 208 Light Hall and the Light Hall and Langford Lobbies have been reserved for May 1st, 2nd.
- Keynote Speaker: Greg Kopf
- Request for judges – 21.5 confirmed so far
- Contact Tara if you know of any potential judges – would like 5 more
- Abstract deadline extended to March 19
- Vanderbilt orgs have purchased tables for the event
- Symposium committee meeting in March to go through abstracts and nominations
- Procurement $200
- Idea to ask mentor of the year nominees to be judges
- Should let mentors know if they’ve been nominated
- Core speakers are finalized, waiting on postdoc speakers
- Need plaque for Mentor of the Year, Postdoc of the year certificate – order whatever Jenny ordered last year

PDA Bulletin Board in Light Hall
- Needs to be reorganized and creatively assembled
- Possible add NPA poster
- Make neater & reorganize, add pictures
- Put up a reference page rather than papers
• Roger had an idea about putting a star on the board one day and giving $500 to whoever brings it to BRET office

Other
• Need a topic for April
• Roger suggested setting up a blog for the PDA – a small group of students in IGP have set one up
• Jenny mentioned LinkedIn site for PDA
• PDA Google website (does Greg have access?) – Claudia says the idea behind it is that you could post things not on the listserv (e.g., car for sale) – Jenny says it gets spammed a lot