Monthly Postdoctoral Association Meeting  
Wednesday, April 4, 2012  
Light Hall Room 415, 11:30AM

Meeting Minutes

List of Postdoctoral Attendees: Tara Schwetz, Jenny Noto, Ebany Martinez-Finely, Dan Durkin, Barbara Natalizco, Dan Trott, Annet Kirabo, Sabah Ghazi

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

Topics Discussed:

Monthly Happy Four Get-Together
  • Next Happy Hour: Thursday, April 5th at 5:30 pm at Sportsman’s Grille

National Postdoctoral Association Meeting
  • Attended roundtables and workshops
  • May work with LST-GA to form a regional PDA to form regional PDA
  • Louisville, St. Jude’s?
  • Postdoc at NYU created a regional PDA
  • Purpose would be to create a larger network, hold career events, and possibly collaborate on a symposium

Symposium – May 2nd
  • 208 Light Hall and the Light Hall and Langford Lobbies have been reserved for May 1st, 2nd.
  • Keynote Speaker: Greg Kopf
  • Request for judges – 29 confirmed so far
  • Still need more judges
  • Currently judges would have 9 posters each
  • May be able to get others from shared resources
  • Contact Tara if you know of any potential judges
  • Mentor of the Year selected and award ordered
  • EMPHASIS Program moved the date of their event, so we cannot share the poster boards
  • Those giving talk will also have a poster, otherwise would not be eligible for door prizes
  • Announcement for symposium will play in hall videos, up on some websites
  • Will have abstract book figured out by Friday, electronic version in PDF with full abstracts
  • Next year will make more of an effort to “enforce” 250 word limit
  • Need to know how many boards to order, esp. if we can get double-sided, not many were double-sided last year
PDA Bulletin Board in Light Hall
- Needs to be reorganized and creatively assembled
- Scaled-down version of NPA poster printed and put on poster board
- Need more people for committee

Shade Tree Trot
- Benefits the Shade Tree Clinic, which is a free clinic serving the East Nashville area that is run by Vanderbilt med students
- April 21st at 9 am
- Registration $20

Other
- Sign-up sheets for PDA Committees
- Possible topics for future meetings include: how to determine authorship on papers, finances roundtable in July
- Idea of international potluck will be revisited after symposium
- August Nashville Sounds
- Possible networking event to practice networking skills, have food and time to mingle, “topic” tables for 3 10-minute sessions, have in the evening with beer