Monthly Postdoctoral Association Meeting  
Wednesday, May 9, 2012  
Light Hall Room 415, 11:30AM

Meeting Minutes

List of Postdoctoral Attendees: Tara Schwetz, Jenny Noto, Ebany Martinez-Finely, Dan Durkin, Barbara Natalizco, Greg Digby, Gus Wright, Kristin Jernigan, Courtney Netherland, Chantel Sloan, Jeri Bryant, Dan Trott, Annet Kirabo, Sabah Ghazi

List of Faculty/Staff Attendees:  
Trish Labosky, Roger Chalkley, Claudia Cottingham, Kim Petrie

Topics Discussed:

1. Symposium Overview
   - Received both compliments and complaints about Greg Kopf’s talk
   - Suggestion to keep Mentor of the Year from previous year coming back to give a talk
   - MOY talk should be more specific, e.g. what to look for in a mentor
   - Suggestion to email nominees to let them know they were nominated, issue with people thinking they received the award
   - Suggestion that next year we have coffee in the morning as well
   - Suggestion to reduce the time in the morning
   - Suggestion to introduce a 15 min. RCR during symposium to encourage attendance
   - Judging: smaller # of posters helpful but judges had different scoring systems, the ranking didn’t work, would be helpful to have a more detailed rubric and tighter scoring (e.g. 1-5)
   - Complaints that it was hard to hear
   - Next year vet posters to reduce the # (e.g. anyone who does not follow the guidelines)

2. International Potluck
   - To be tentatively held in June or July
   - Ask that each person bring one dish to share
   - Sign-up to help with planning, set-up, or clean-up
   - Suggestion that it be held in the same room as the Christmas & Halloween parties

3. Vanderbilt Postdoc Networking Lunch
   - To take place in early August
4. Nashville Sounds Baseball Game
   - Tentatively scheduled for August 11th or 12th (Salt Lake Bees)
   - May be a problem with August 11
   - Group tickets are $10 (for less than 100 people)

5. Student Rec Center Membership
   - Postdocs may be interested in summer membership
   - May 2 – August 15
   - Family summer membership (4 people or more) - $178
   - Includes racquetball courts, indoor track, etc.
   - See website for details

6. The Annual BRET Office of Career Development Career Symposium
   - Monday, Aug. 13 from 1:00-5:00
   - Follow-up Q&A Tuesday, Aug. 14 from 9:00-10:30
   - SciPhd Workshop on 24 competencies valued in industry
   - Help participants relate training to industry competencies
   - Identify experiences relevant to industry
   - Tailor experiences to meet industry needs
   - Access to online assessment tool with registration
   - $10-$20 per person TBD
   - Registration is limited, hopefully up to 500 attendees
   - Often use a real postdoc as an example – can be anonymous, get feedback ahead of time

7. Reminder: Register for Kim Petrie’s Career Development List