Monthly Postdoctoral Association Meeting  
Wednesday, June 6, 2012  
Light Hall Room 415, 11:30AM

Meeting Minutes

List of Postdoctoral Attendees: Tara Schwetz, Jenny Noto, Ebany Martinez-Finely, Dan Durkin, Barbara Natalizco, Jeri Bryant, Dan Trott, Annet Kirabo, Melissa Fischer, Rachel Greer, Jeong Im Ju, Erika Holmstrand

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

Topics Discussed:

1. Monthly Happy Hour
   - Next Happy Hour: Thursday, June 7th at 6:00 pm at Mellow Mushroom

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

3. Vanderbilt Postdoc Networking Lunch
   - To take place in early August
   - Open networking at first, then three 10 minute rotations at tables, each with a different topic to discuss
   - Register in advance
   - Handbook including name, email, short (140 characters) research summary, and country of origin?
   - Volunteers to help with planning, set-up, or clean-up needed

4. Nashville Sounds Baseball Game
   - Tentatively scheduled for August 11th or 12th (Salt Lake Bees)
   - Group tickets are $10 (for less than 100 people)

5. PDA Bulletin Board in LH
   - Needs to be re-organized and creatively assembled — scaled down version of NPA Poster
   - Web and Communication Committee Volunteers
6. **The Annual BRET Office of Career Development Career Symposium**
   - Drs. Randy Ribaudo and Larry Petcovic (Human Workflows) will present their SciPhD workshop PhD students and postdocs, introducing participants to 24 business competencies valued in industry and helping participants relate their PhD and postdoctoral training to industry competencies.
   - Monday, August 13 from 1:00-5:00
   - Follow-up Q&A from 9:00-10:30 on Tuesday, August 14

7. **Sign-up sheets for PDA committees**
   - Scholarly Learning/Symposium Planning
   - Postdoc Advocacy
   - Social Networking and Activities
   - Web and Communication

8. **Suggestions for upcoming topics**
   - July: Finances and Retirement Roundtable (next PDA meeting)

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

10. **New Form**
    - Roger discussed issue of extended sick time
    - Legal wants system to alert PI about exceeding sick time
    - An annual leave form has been created and is waiting on approval
    - If it is approved, an email will go out to faculty and it will be put on the web as a PDF
    - Will be appended to IDP at time of reappointment