Monthly Postdoctoral Association Meeting
Tuesday, September 14th, 2010
Light Hall Room 350, 12:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

List of Postdoc Attendees:
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List of Faculty Attendees:
Kim Petrie
Claudia Cottingham
Darrell Smith
Roger Chalkley

1. New Executive Committee Introductions
2. Darrell Smith, BRET Physiological Services – Introduction & Announcements:
   • Tuesday, September 28th 10:45 AM – 12:45 PM, Light Hall 415A-D
     Sponsored by BRET Psychological Services and presented by Dr. Donald Meichenbaum, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Clinical Psychology, University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
     Boxed lunch provided for the first 50 attendees
   • BRET Psychological Services can help with stress, depression, time/task management, and academic/work place concerns, etc. These services are provided at no cost to postdocs.
   • Thank you for a great Career Symposium!
   • Thinking forward for 2011 – typically 1 career event/year & this year’s topic will be “Academic Grant Writing”
   • Will be asking for volunteers for organizing committee
4. Claudia Cottingham – Introduction
5. Roger Chalkley – Introduction &
   • Wants to be involved with Web & Communication Committee
   • Reminder of Discovery Lecture during Postdoctoral Appreciation Week:
9. Postdoctoral Advocacy – Postdoctoral Training Grant?
10. Social Networking
   - Upcoming Annual Postdoc Picnic
   - Halloween Happy Hour & Canned Food Drive – should probably stick with Thursday
   - Plan family friendly networking event: Hiking Trip?
   - Networking Event with Tennessee Biotech Association (TBA)
11. Jud Schneider provided information about TBA & networking event
   - Introduction to TBA
   - Hold event on a Tuesday or Wednesday night at Yazoo Brewery/Taproom
   - $250 to rent out space
   - With 150+ attendance, provide special pint glass for event ($2.50 each)
   - Networking event to include Vanderbilt Postdocs, Vanderbilt Owen Business School, & TBA
   - TBA will be recruiting members ($25/membership)
   - Potential dates: Mid-October or November 10th
   - Plan meeting with PDA Executive Committee & Jud