

Monday, July 17th, 2017

Monday afternoon in the depths of room 130 BRT, It was a game of thrones at this NGSO meeting. It was Chris's last as sitting president. Kings and Queens will fall and new officers will begin their tenure August 1st. Who is rising from the ashes of Chris's castle to become your new leader, you ask?

Ha, you'll have to wait to find out. Chris still holds the keys to the kingdom and he'll send out an email congratulating the new officers soon.

For all those starting their new position August 1, your training must be completed between August 1 and October 7 - make sure you sign up for a slot!! (Treasurers and Presidents only). As an aside, the whole club has been thrilled with Chris and loved him as their cherished president. He was honored with a thank you card and a neuroscience coffee mug at the end of the meeting. Thanks Chris, we all thought it was well deserved.

Additional pressing business addressed at the meeting was as follows:

Keri is looking for students to take new recruits to dinner on August 14th (day 1 of new student orientation). We'll have 7 new students to entertain, a mix of Neuroscience graduates and MSTP students in the NGP program. Location is TBD, and Keri might have more info on this one. Volunteers to go for dinner please email Keri with your intent on doing so!

For the new student orientation, think of things you would like to have been told before starting that would help you along the way, and email Keri with ideas if you have any! At the meeting we came up with a few:

- 1) Make sure to meet with your rotation PI ahead of starting and ask about their ability to hire/fund a graduate student: not all PIs are taking on students and it's important to know before starting in a lab.
- 2) Your advisor probably won't set up meetings with you - you will need to set up meetings with them. Make sure you connect with your advisor or his/her administrative assistant to secure meeting times to talk science and/or your project+progress. Knowing that the impetus is on you to set up these meetings is important.
- 3) further ideas should be emailed to Keri!!

NGSO junior representative voting should take place this week - students in the running are post-candidacy juniors

The T-shirt competition is AMAZING. I saw Liz's email yesterday and WOW those are some hot designs. Clearly there's some talent being wasted on neuroscience.. we have some awesome artists in this program! (vote for me). The T-shirt design winner will get a free shirt, and others will have the ability to order for friends/family to fundraise for the club. Hope you all buy at least 3 :)

August 18th we have the Columbus Clippers baseball game: students and faculty are invited to attend for FREE, and +1's are welcome, though they will need to be paid for (approx. \$10 per person according to Kathryn). There will also be a pre-game BBQ at Fred Beckman park at 4:30, with food provided by City BBQ. Sounds like a great social event and I hope everyone can attend!!!

The next meeting will take place August 23rd at 5pm, likely after 7887 class has ended.

As the next meeting will take place after August 1st, these are my last meeting minutes as NGSO secretary. I just want everyone to know that it has been an honor serving under Chris's iron-fisted and unwavering totalitarian leadership and I will dearly miss the thrill of knowing that at least 1 person reads these minutes (me). I now pass the baton of note-taking to Nicki Pukos, who, as my esteemed successor, has assured me that will carry the torch and burn it brighter than ever. Here's to you Nicki!!

Thank you,
Luke
Secretary, NGSO