**January 2017 OSU PDA Monthly Meeting Agenda**

January 18th (Wednesday) BRT 130 12-1pm

**Attendees:**

Brenda Reader

Myrriah Tomar

Ioannis Mergos

Yoshie Narui

Mona El Refaey

Sara Koenig

Jess Irons

Rudra Purusottam

Dan Kiss

Jeff Mason

Manoj Gottipati

Elaine Wells-Gray

Valerie Coffman

Mary Beth Wade

Frances Sivakoff

**Introductions and brief background on the PDA –** The PDA was established in Jan 2013 with support from the Office of Research, is run by Postdoc volunteers and supported by Postdoc Advisory Council (PAC) advisors from the Office of Research and colleges throughout the university. The purpose of the Ohio State University PDA is to address the needs and concerns of its members by:

* Providing representation and liaison between its members and the administration of the Ohio State University
* Promoting the academic and non-academic career goals of its members
* Advocating for constructive changes in the research environment and in policies that affect the lives of postdocs and their families
* Building a community of postdocs by promoting interaction between postdocs on academic, social, cultural and political issues
* Maintain a charter with the National Postdoc Association: You are all members!
1. **General PDA Business -** Brenda Reader (June 2016 – Current) and Yoshie Narui (Oct 2016)
2. **Current Postdoc Issues/Announcements:**
	1. Division of co-chair labor for executive board and committees:
		1. **Yoshie** will take Social, International, Website, Communications, and will continue to represent us on the URC.
		2. **Brenda** will take Policy and Advocacy, Development, Professional Development, Treasurer, Secretary, and will continue to represent us on the PAC and as an ad hoc member of the PPCW

**Announcements from the College of Medicine Postdoctoral Office: Jeff Mason**

* The website for the CoM Postdoctoral Office is currently being redone
* Jeff will be working in on supporting diversity in postdocs, and is open to suggestions from postdocs.
* CoM is running a workshop on mentoring undergrads and trainees on the evenings of Feb 9th and 16th. This is targeted at T32 postdocs, but others may also attend (note space limited). See <https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bpVrHfSzuMyZ7BX>
* Jeff will be meeting with Marcela to discuss coordination between CoM Postdoc Office and PAC
1. **Announcements from the Postdoc Advisory Council (PAC) Marcela Hernandez**

 No announcements.

1. **Updates from the Secretary – Jessica Irons (Oct 2016-current)**
	1. PDA monthly meeting times: 3rd Wednesday of every month 12pm-1pm switching between the BRT and Research Commons
	2. February 15th (Wed) 12 – 1pm, Research Commons 352
	3. March 15th (Wed) 12 – 1pm, BRT 134
	4. April 19th (Wed) 12 – 1pm, Research Commons 352
2. **Updates from the Treasurer** **– Elaine Wells-Gray (Nov 2016-current)**
	1. Our current balance is $10,127.15!
	2. The vendor show brought in $6795.
3. **Committee Updates**
	1. **Website—Manoj Gottipati:**
		1. If there are any new events to add to website, please let Manoj know (gottipati.1@osu.edu)

Manoj will be working on ways to provide easy sign-up options for committees on the website.

More pictures have been posted to the website. If anyone wishes to add more photos to the website, email Manoj.

* 1. **International—Suresh Kari (Co-Chair) and Yoshie Narui (Co-Chair)**

No announcements.

* 1. **Professional Development – Valerie Coffman (Co-chair) and Eric (Xiaojin) Wang (Co-chair)**

The next professional development seminar will be held at 12:30pm Friday at Research Commons 352. The topics is on tips for finding work in industry, refreshments will be serverd.

* 1. **Social – Atsuko Uchida (Co-Chair) and Rudra Purusottam (Co-Chair)**

December 2016 coffee break was successful, with 30 attendees.

* 1. **Policy and Advocacy Daniel Kiss (Co-Chair) and Frances Sivakoff (Co-Chair)**

No announcements.

1. **New Year, New Goals, New Vision: Committee 2016 accomplishments and 2017 goals**

See PDA January Meeting slides. Additional comments listed here.

* 1. **International**

Immigration attorneys: one-on-one meetings with attorneys may be beneficial for most postdocs and the international committee will be working on providing this. There is a possibility that this could be held once every quarter, in association with PAC or OUAB.

International postdoct guide: The guide has not yet been updated to reflect the changes in relation to FSLA but will be updated soon.

* 1. **Professional Development**
	2. **Social**
	3. **Policy and Advocacy**

FSLA: OSU has fully implemented FSLA policies, and is retaining these policies despite the court injunction against the policies. OSU is one of the only Big 10 schools to fully implement and maintain these policies. The Provost has confirmed that OSU is committed to FSLA.

Paid parental leave: The provost is committed to helping with paid parental leave, though action on this is likely to be delayed until after the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs has been established.

Events calendar: Professional Development and Policy and Advocacy will work together to compile a list of events and resources from university-wide sources that are helpful to postdocs. It was suggested that these are made available through a calendar on the PDA website. A weekly summary of events could also be sent through the listserv to all postdocs.

**Outreach & diversity**

A proposed committee that would organize outreach events, both research related (e.g. science talks to public) and non-research related (e.g. volunteering at food bank). The committee would also be involved in supporting and educating on diversity across postdoc populations. Anyone interested in getting involves in this area should contact Elaine (wells-gray.1@osu.edu).

* 1. **Co-Chairs**

Co-chairs will be sending out a survey to postdocs about the impact on the new FSLA policies. A survey is also being planned for advisors to assess how the policies are being implemented by employers.