# PDA Meeting Minutes

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## Minutes

**PAC:** Marcela Hernandez and Jeff Agnoli

* Attended the NPA administrator meeting and stressed the importance of signing up for the NPA
	+ Reported that the OPA is coming together in pieces. The plan is to take 3-5 years to fully establish - Nancy Moran gave a brief synapses of the OPA to those in attendance
* Working with College of Engineering with other partners to create a robust prof. development series. Considering providing the Ohio Union Activities Board (part of student life) with funding from the PAC and then using their resources. But PAC with still host the Post-doc orientation.
* PAC want all post-docs and graduate students to have an IDE and so are planning on bringing the authors of myIDE to campus for a talk.
* Suggested that all post-docs setup an orcid account. (This is a great resource and the data in an orcid account can be ported to the NIH to create a biosketch).
* Otherwise, PAC would like feedback as to what post-docs are interested in. Eg. Setup a post-doc focus group to discuss the orientation (This group may include an individual from the English Department as they are interested in setting up Post-doc writing courses/seminars).
* Alumni careers offer to have a professional recruiter webinar to the PDA
* Student worker – suggested finding impact of post-docs plus fellowships
* Jeff Agnolis announced that Tuesday September 15th, ther will be an all day, write winning grant seminar, by NIH career award winner, David Morrison. More details will follow.

**Treasurer:** Vanessa Varaljay

Research-Vendor show

* Working with Ian Butters – 12 vendors (room for 20 to 24)
* Money goes to the OSU foundation – sits there 6 months – company gets a charitable donation form - $250 per vendor.
* PAC can pay for food
* Rich in OSU vendors couldn’t be involved.
* Want 200 people to the event

Other

* Balance - $ 612
* T-shirts are - 15 or 16 left – going to do it again in the fall.
* Money in PDA-OR account.

**Career development:** Kareem Usher

* Nancy giving a report on Dr. Sen Talk.
	+ Quote: Figure out what you want to do, move towards it.
	+ Do be up-happy with your stipend. You should not have to do lab management.
	+ Video is online
* Planned events
	+ August - Dean Zadnik, speaking about mentors
	+ October - Interviewing for industry jobs
	+ December – no seminar
* Careers for PDA from the ASC

**Policy:** Hugh Morris

* An Arts and Science post-doc applied for the open Staff Advisory Committee position and got it!
* Need to follow up with USAC and URC
* Plan to approach the senate about establishing Post-Doc representation on the Senate

**International Committee:** Suresh Kari

* Discussed that the survival guide document is almost written. Will send it Nancy and Yoshi.
* When to Symposium in Chicago and research opportunities in India. Opportunities are:
	+ Joint research – work here collaborate with researcher in India.
	+ Funding easier to get in India. Their NIH equivalent has a 35% cutoff for funding
	+ Scholarships for undergrads to go to India and vica-versa (3 months)
	+ Adjunct Faculty Positions - $100,000 for 3 months
* This information will be sent out over the list serve
* PDA international committee will liason with the OR since it is putting together a list of funding opportunities for international funding

**Social Committee:** Elaine Wells-Grey (New Chair)

* July 2nd BRT coffee break 8:30 to 10am
* Picnic – location: Beechman Park / Whetstone Park
	+ - End of July – Last Sunday of July.
		- Potlock with the PDA providing some food
* Want Happy hour ideas
* Use Columbus Underground

**Website**: Yoshi Narui

* Website: Up-to-date
* Working on a LinkedIn account for alumni – tracking alumni