# PDA Meeting Minutes

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**Location:** Rm134, BRT

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## Minutes

**Introductions**

Nancy Moran, Co-chair gave a brief background on the PDA

**PDA:** Elections for a new co-chair was held and Hugh Morris was elected co-chair

Nancy commented on how great Shareef is – all were in agreement

Secretary to be elected next month

Post-doc appreciation week

* + - September 21st to 25th
    - PAC are providing a profile photographer
    - Ice-cream social??
    - Survey is being produced by Nancy Moran

**PAC:** Marcela Hernandez

* Draft of MOI asked for language expressing that the Office Grad Affairs and Office of Research will commit to the Office of Post-doctorate Affairs.
* Opinion was shared that the College of Medicine may have difficulty providing this intent, but other colleges want to move forward.
* This initiative is awaiting response from Jeff Agnoli (on vacation)
* Pac will continue to offer writing workshop every year
* Student worker is worki.ng well. Email task, materials needed, due dates etc. She will stay on in the fall
* Reported on the Faculty survey. It was well responded to and some take aways:
  + NPA membership not understood by the faculty
  + Need to get all post-docs to sign up to the NPA
  + Faculty want help from the PAC to place post-docs into jobs
  + Faculty want hlp with the mentoring plan.
* Visiting the faculty meetings has been effective.
* Stuck a deal with UOAB so that Post-docs are able to use their services. Submitting five speakers to them to put on. Need to advertise this!
* Implementing a way to track IDPs. Grad-central being used to track grads. They are open to post-docs, hoping the the OPA will pay for it.
* Discussed that need to include visiting scholars in the PDA. Yoshie Narui will add some text about the openness to prof development events to the website
* Discussed the increase in health insurance being especially hard on J1 visa holder.
* Expressed the need for a PDA representative to be at the PAC meeting
* The PAC will experiment holding meetings via Carmen connect to increase attendance.

**Treasurer:** Vanessa Varaljay

Research-Vendor show

* In account $792.42
* $250 profit from t-shirts. Success, do it again. Sold 80 t-shirts.
* Reported that it was very time consuming to facilitate the sale. Proposal put forward to get help from the student helper in the future
* Vendor show – October 27th, Tuesday, 11-1pm, BRT 115 from 10am to 2pm
* Working with Ian Butters through VCR
* Will charge $250 dollars to be sent via check to the OSU foundation but an approval letter from the foundation is required before this can happen.
* Need sponsorship for food, maybe for the PAC??
* Questions raised:
  + Want 100-200.
  + How did Ian advertise?
  + How do you we get to technicans??

**Career development:** April Joyce

* 1. **Professional Development** –April Joice, Chair (Jan 2015- Dec 2015). Members: Zeenia Kaul, Kareem Usher, Arijit Ghosh
* Fall Professional Development Series:
  + 1. **August** 19th from 10:30Am – 11:30AM location BRT105; Dean Zadnik (Dean of Optometry) will present a talk on **cultivating mentors**.
    2. **September** – Professor Lawrence Inks from the Fisher College of business will speak on **Leadership and Talent Management**; details TBD
    3. **October** 29th from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM in BRT rom 105; Ana Berrios will give a presentation on **interviewing (with a specific focus on interviewing for industry positions)**.
    4. **November** 3rd from 11:00 AM – noon in BRT rm 105; Orin Hemminger (scientific equipment representative) and Annette Ratcliff (Technilogy Commerilization Office; Ohio State) will present talks on **careers outside of academia**.

**Policy:** Hugh Morris

* Contacted the new chair of the university research committee and she is investigating what decision was made at the last meeting regarding post-doc involvement with the committee and setting a date and timed for the next meeting.
* Contacted the USAC and received positive feedback regarding a post-doc applying for the committee. The next opening is in February and the Policy chair is committed to advertising for this role

**International Committee:** Sayak**,** Suresh Kari

* Meeting with Dr. Holly who will discuss how post-docs are effected by the funding climate.
* Volunteering on the Science and Research Indian Collaborate committee.
* NPA – immigration assistance for international students. Could ask for them to come.\
* Survival guide almost finished
* Suggested asking Fisher college to host a professional development event

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

* Move coffee break to 9am – next one is August 4th
* Picnic – location: Beechman Park / Whetstone Park
  + - August 2nd Sunday, 4-7pm.
    - $43 dollars to rent the space
    - Potlock with the PDA providing some food
    - Buy burgers, have to bring Coke.
    - Hugh Morris will go to Costco
    - Need RSVP

**Website**: Yoshi Narui

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

**Survey of post-docs**

…….Nancy will create a google doc.

Use survey monkey – get Fatima to do it

Use the Faculty survey

Would live course be useful of responsible conduct of research

Suggestions for prof. development course

Are international post-docs aware of the limitations that you would have before you came

Do you have an IDPs