

3/13/18 PDAC Meeting Minutes

Overview for Feb events - Ozge

- Board games
- Writing a killer abstract!

Around 20 signed up for both events. Attendance was 12-14 people. For board games, people who knows the game and can lead would be helpful. Overall it was a nice different event. For writing workshop, the time was a bit short. Next time 1.5 hour event would be better. A survey is sent out to the participants which will be helpful not just for PDAC but for the Writing Center in the future events.

Overview for upcoming events

March – Saumil

- **Joint happy hr** – It will be a UMB only event, since there is no response from JHU. March 22nd is the date.
- **How to give a talk! – 29th March** – so far 14 post-docs registered for lunch and 23 registered for the talk (22 post-doc, 1 grad student).
- Follow up events:
 - This was proposed by a postdoc (he reached out to us during career interest group survey. He was interested in leading but had to step down). Either an oral or a poster presentation event where post-docs can practice their talks and get feedback in a friendly environment. Post-docs would have a chance to get feedback before they even get to the point where they must give a talk.
 - Organizing seminars when post-docs need to go for interviews/seminars/conferences as proposed by Saumil. We could send out an email for people to come listen to the talk and give feedback. This would be irregular and take place only when demanded.

April – Katie

Individual development plan workshop. Katie will lead the event herself and explain how IDP can help us, why it is important. Event will be held over lunch.

Social event will be Lab Olympics taking place at MSTF (end of April, 26th or 27th). There will be a small charge to cover expenses that cannot be charged to PDAC budget. BIORESCO might sponsor the event. Examples to the races: Mad lip hypothesis, relay race, pipetting accuracy... etc. The event will be open to everyone.

Month	Event		Social	Person-in-charge
Feb	abstract seminar/workshop	Feb 23rd	Board games— 2/13	After Feb 25 Ozge
March	David Stern	March 29 th	March 22 nd	Happy hr Saumil
April	IDP			Lab Olympics Katie
May				Scott

PDAC elections: need to start advertising/ recruiting. The elections take place in May. Starting day of the new board is June 1st. New positions could be created if we have people interested in. We are open for suggestions. These positions aren't necessarily administrative roles, they could be more related to organizing events.

Career interest Groups: A presentation is sent out together with this minutes. This presentation explains in detail the career interest groups and lists the leadership roles currently assigned. Below is the summary of the key points from career interest group meeting that was held on Feb 19th, 2018.

- One concern about these groups was the continuity. To address that two leaders are assigned to each group and there is an overlap between the primary and the secondary leaders. This way work is divided between the primary and the secondary leaders, and the risk of groups fading away is minimized when one leader steps down. There is going to be a contact point with the PDAC and OPS.
- Career Interest Groups, could help organizing the postdoc retreat, and monthly career events in addition to holding events for their individual groups.
- 1 career group specific for international postdocs was proposed by Mario. This group would work in close collaboration with the office of international scholars.
- Budget for career interest groups can be established from PDAC resources, however speakers that require higher expenses cannot be invited regularly.

Postdoc Retreat: OPS budget is sent in May. If we have the keynote speakers, part of the cost could be covered by OPS. Two names were mentioned as potential speakers:

- 'The Professor is in' author, Karen Kelsky, Ph.D.
- Paula Stevens, Ph.D.