

## 08/05/18 PDAC Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Saumil, Scott, Ozge, Jenn, Renee, Ali, Rachel, Mario, Bekir, Katrina, Pavlos, Harry

### Overview for April Events

**Lab Olympics** cancelled due to low registration. **My IDP** event had 12 attendees (25 registered in total).

### Overview for Upcoming Events

#### May – Scott

- **Career development event- Negotiating 101:** Jenn is the speaker of the event. She will share her knowledge on how to negotiate and give tips for a successful interview. Preliminary date is May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **Social:** Happy hr. May 18<sup>th</sup>. Location 311 Madison Ave in Mt Vernon (West Madison Craft Beer & Wine).

#### June – Ozge

Ozge will email the updates for the events, coming up with a plan as soon as possible.

Month	Event		Social		Person-in-charge
March	David Stern	last week of March	22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Happy hr	Saumil
April	IDP	April 12	Lab Olympics	April 27	Katie
May	Negotiating 101	May 31	Happy hour	May 18	Scott

**Pins:** Total ~20pins were sold.

**PDAC elections:** Saumil will send out notice next week. A brief overview was given to the members that were present at the meeting.

**Budget:** Budget for 2019 was approved by School of Medicine.

**Next Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour returns back to it's old routine. Location will be BRB-1008. The attendance to the traveling coffee hour was low in general.

### Ideas for retreat:

Saumil will send information on previous years retreat.

- 'The Professor is in' author, Karen Kelsky, Ph.D.
- Paula Stevens, Ph.D.
- Josh Henkins, consulting. His workshop's are at least half a day (Price: 1500\$).
- Eric Betzig, Ph.D. currently works at HHMI. 2014 Nobel Prize Winner.
- Speaker from National Geographic
- Joe Palca, National Public Radio
- Science podcast hosts
- Feng Zhang – Broad institute

A panel in addition to the roundtables would be a good addition to the program. For roundtables, the time of the event should be adjusted so that the hosts of the tables have time to eat too.

**Future Ideas:**

- Mentorship idea has been brought up again. There is a clear interest and need for a mentorship like system for postdocs. In-line with this idea, an update to the OPS website content can be made. Renee had a guide from a different university, that will be updated with the help of international postdocs that have been through this process.
- #MeToo movement has brought up an important issue in academia too. We may not be able to create an official position (the legal issues have to be checked), however, we can organize a seminar series "Wellness Series" that would promote the resources available to postdocs if/when they need legal help. This wellness series could include yoga, etc.