

PDA October 2021 meeting  
<https://ucdenver.zoom.us/j/98667515989>

Welcoming 2 new members – co-CCO, outreach chair

NPAW recap

Low abstract submissions

How can we promote this better next time?

Longer period of time for submissions

More frequent emails

AIA happy hour was very successful!

Resource Fair

- We could have had info on the PDA at the PDA table.. we only had lunches.. no SWAG or info on us!
- Snarf's local sandwich shop was unkind/unhelpful and not recommended for future services. We want to support local, but not all local shops can handle larger orders, so be weary of future restaurants!
- People also apparently needed a lot of reminders/clear idea of what is happening.. lots of disappointments in regards to not clearly understanding who gets food or not.
  - o Maybe we could have had people show their email receipt of their registration?

Updates from council members

Chief communication officer – Ankita and Carmen are absent..

- Carmen needs to have access to PDA website
  - o There are some additional steps needed to take to have access.. there is a training course involved. Carmen will need to contact Bruce and get the steps to get access. Or Wyatt will email [jordan.schiefer@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:jordan.schiefer@cuanschutz.edu) and get Carmen on the list.
- How are tasks split between co-officers?
- Oct PDA newsletter – send to who?

Seminar series chair-- Felipe

- Pint (Coffee or tea or pay your own) of Science?
  - o <https://pintofscience.us/>
  - o Maybe 2 events per month
    - Pick a topic like “Genetics” “RNA” or “Industry” and have a couple post-docs give a couple 20 minute talks about their work
    - Bruce mentioned it does take extra levels of approval right now from university with Covid protocols
- Career advancement talks

Engagement chair- Tina absent

Departmental rep chair- Allison

- Put out a call if anyone else wants to be a department rep in the next month

- Will reach out to the old reps to restart initiatives
- More videos, we have one on Visas, but Allison will reach out to see if anyone else is working on videos

#### Travel award chair- Daria

- Email was sent to the dean of the grad school, basically a thank you letter
- 9,500 budget last year
  - o This could be three cycles: Oct, Feb, May
  - o 5 winners.. 2 winners get \$700/each and 3 winners with \$600/each
- Will announce the first round of the award soon
- In person conferences \$700 helps, but if it's a virtual conference then this is possibly too much. People will have to justify the use
  - o Could create two options/applications: Virtual \$250, in person \$750
  - o People have to demonstrate/justify the need.. without this I can't do this..

#### Denver postdoc rep- Nicole

- connect to an individual person on their campus and ask
- virtual events are more inclusive
- best events are during business hours, lunch, coffee, etc.

#### Diversity and International Officer- Joseyln

- Visa talks
- Cooking classes
- [https://ucdenver.co1.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV\\_djnE7ae6XTEYksZ](https://ucdenver.co1.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV_djnE7ae6XTEYksZ)
  - o A survey to try to get feedback about concerns/questions post-docs are currently having
- Is there money in the PDA budget to help with an award for child-care?
  - o This is actually a larger issue and something we can work towards
  - o Lets create a project! Gather information and push it to the administration to try for a larger change
  - o <https://www.cuanschutz.edu/student/resources/child-care>

#### Outreach chair

#### Oct PDA outdoor activities?

- At the Brewery/happy hour, we got questions about in person events
- Picture a scientist outside movie viewing was successful, there's lots of potential there
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#### Attending new postdocs orientation

- We'd like some members to attend the new post-docs orientation
- What to be included in Bruce's orientation email
  - o Maybe a short video of ourselves, why we got involved in the PDA, our job roles, etc
    - This can be shared at orientation and out on the website!

- <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1k9IFYKjDm283mlvXBcTL5nGlwov3lHes>
- Usually the last Wednesday of the month at 12-1 pm
  - o Bruce can forward the calendar invite to people
  - o If we take turns attending these orientations, then its like 1-2 meetings per year.

November PDA meeting agenda:

- PDA website – quite outdated! e.g. Link to Slack tutorial doesn't work. The page doesn't exist! Each council member please look through the tab(s) that is relevant to their position and see if any update(s) is necessary.
- Child care conversation to be continued
- PDA newsletter
  - o A little "did you know" section for the newsletter
    - Let Ankita know little facts that might be helpful but not all post-docs know! Like grant opportunities.. etc!

Talking points

Schedule: (Preferably continuing council members first before newer ones)

October – Wyatt

November –

December?

January –

February –

March –

April –

May –

June –