

PDA Monthly Minutes

December 12, 2016

Agenda

- Holiday Happy hour -Dec 20th
- Community outreach
- Travel awards
- Scientific Advocacy
- Upcoming events

Happy Hour

- Promega is sponsoring a happy hour on the 20th
- To get a drink ticket, you must bring a canned good (limit one)
- Will be at Ursula
- Maybe get some snacks? Christmas cookies? French fries and pretzels from Cedar Creek?

Community outreach

Turtle project

- Currently 71 bags have been donated!
- Some people fill them with stuff and some people don't, so Shawna will need help re-distributing and assembling bags
- Deodorant, kleenex, soap, toothbrush, socks, hats, blankets, playing cards, non-perusable snacks, etc
- Shawna is getting interviewed by 9News tomorrow! So cool!
- Lunch hour to help assemble bags sometime this week

Boys and Girls Club

- Possibility of partnership between CU-Anschutz and Boys & Girls Club
- Bruce is working on this
- They really need mentors who can commit to a year, putting in 2-4 hours a week
- Consistency is important

Travel Award

- 17 applicants, 3 applications were awarded
- Qi is going to try to recruit more faculty judges for the next cycle
- New changes to the travel award website and application

Scientific advocacy

- A new committee! Exciting!
- "Eat and Educate" event
- A morning set aside with food and coffee when people could come in and advocate for scientific funding by calling/emailing their Congress person
- Preferably something before inauguration: Week of Jan 9th
- This would be open to the entire campus

- Contact someone on GAC about this too?
- Goal for this to be at least annually
- Possibly, Tuesday January 10th - merge with coffee hour. 8am - 1 pm.
 - > Bruce is going to try to find a room for this that is big enough to allow for lots of callers and also for a separate eating space
- Erin will be speaking with Kent Springfield, who is the lobbyist for CU, who will be helping us out
- Maybe not using the word advocacy?

Upcoming events

PDRD

- Suggestions for keynote speakers
- Suggestions for career development panels
- Bruce is suggesting working with alumni
- Pair with networking happy hour at the end of the day (possible in combo with AIA)

PDEC

- PDEC is having a planning meeting this week to make a schedule of upcoming events for the next couple month
- These events will have a goal of trying to boost attendance from different populations of postdocs
- Mark has been in contact with someone at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science about how the PDA can work with the museum, and the possibility of young professional membership discount
 - > Possibility that we can interact more with the community

Grad school/postdoc office

- At some point, the grad school/postdoc office will be moving to Building 500 (possibly by the summer?)
- We may possibly get more space for the PDA than just a file cabinet- hey hey!

Social media update

- As of November, PDA now has twitter and LinkedIn Group
- Suggestions on spreading the word and getting more people to join/follow
 - > Adding QR code or shortened link to all PDA flyers
 - > Postcards at PDA events

Med students and grad student

- Are getting complementary gym membership?!
- Hard to make the argument that postdocs should get the same benefits as students since some postdocs get paid more than say, PRAs