

# **Postdoc Association Monthly Meeting**

January 9, 2017

## **Outreach**

- Maybe have one large committee called “science outreach” or “science education” with one director, and then subgroups (YHIS, local outreach, etc)

### Young Hands in Science

- Working with 4th graders
- Funded by AAAS
- Multiple schools
- Multiple levels of commitment (only a couple hours, or multiple days)
- Open to anyone on campus: faculty, staff, grad students, etc
- Current curricula for weather, forensics, etc
  - > would be awesome if anyone wanted to come up with new things
- May also develop a summer program for this
- Jess will send out an email in the upcoming weeks about this
  - > Volunteers needed!

### Outreach with local Aurora community

- Dean’s office wants grad students and postdocs to interact with high school students in the area and talk about careers in health industry
- William Smith High School in Aurora is having a career day in February
  - > probably more events like this
- There will probably also be someone from the Graduate Student Council to help out with this
- Should this be a new committee, or part of the current Outreach Committee?

### Turtle Project

- Before Christmas there was a bag assembly “meeting” - put together and dropped off 84 bags!
- Shawna was on the news!
  - > from this got a \$300 donation and 98 brand new bags!
- 150 bags needed to assemble. Awesome!

### Adult outreach

- Things like Mini-med school are really effective
- More things like this could be really nice
  - > Cafe-Sci 3?
- Put up flyers in elementary school for a “parents” night
- Could go to farmers markets and set up booths there

## **Travel Awards**

- Next deadline is February 1
- Some people have already applied- no questions so far so hopefully newest updates to website have been helpful
- Right now, 2-3 awards per term; 10 total
- Qi is hoping that next year we can get more money

### **PDRD**

- January 23rd at noon is next meeting about this
- This year PDRD will be Thursday, June 29th
- Would be nice if we could get in touch with some/more postdocs at the Downtown Campus

### **Eat and Educate**

- Kent Springfield is the lobbyist for CU
- Erin chatted with him about what postdocs could do to help on the policy front
- Eat and Educate event will be a day where people get together and call, tweet, email congress people about a specific topic.
  - > Will probably be about the budget, which will be released in February and voted on by Congress in March.
  - > Want to emphasize **stable** increase in funding, not things earmarked for specific initiatives. This is important for planning ahead.
- Kent will put us in touch with some staffers on the Hill to help us out, and we will also help them understand the need for science funding
- In the future, maybe trying to bring some Congresspeople to campus

### **Postdocs on Denver campus**

- How can we get more involved with the postdocs at Downtown Campus?
- Stream meetings to downtown?
- Downtown liaison

### **Upcoming social events**

- Coffee hour 31st
- Happy hour end of Jan or beginning of February
  - > 15% of proceeds will go to PDA
  - > Would be great to get downtown postdocs to come down for this too
  - > Probably will be Friday 6-7ish
- February 10th- after hour event about PhD Scientist who became comedians