

## **CU Denver/Anschutz Postdoc Association**

July 2017 Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2017

**Interested in becoming part of the PDA Executive Council? Many positions are open for the next year!** Here's a brief description of duties for each position. Have more questions? Feel free to email the current officer and ask them about their experience.

- President: The President is the face of the PDA at the University level and nationally. The President attends the National Postdoc meeting, writes about and promotes the PDA, etc. The President also leads monthly meetings and is a touch point for ideas.

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- Vice President: The VP is the face of the PDA on campus. The VP act as a liaison to departments and try to get broader involvement, as well as providing assistance to the President as needed.

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- Treasurer: Manages the finances for both PDA and PDRD. Acts as a go between for the PDA and the University financial office and helps make approval decisions. Treasurer is a great stepping stone to President! 😊

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- Chief Communications Officer: Calls the meetings (creates agendas for meetings), sends out emails and manages the PDA email account. Fosters a relationship with the University's communication's office and contacts as needed.

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- Postdoc Engagement Committee Chair: super flexible and fun. The goal is to reach as many postdocs as possible to encourage them to get out of the lab and meet other people. Plans things like happy hour, coffee hour, hikes, science lounge...lots of options!

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- Director of Digital Media: Manages the PDA website and social media pages (Facebook, twitter, linkedin, instagram) and takes minutes. Very fun and low time commitment. A great way to get involved if you are new on campus.

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- Travel Award Chair: manages the travel awards, sends out announcements and collect applications. Recruits and contract faculty judges.

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## **National Postdoc Appreciation Week**

September 18-22, 2017

- This needs to get rolling now
- Events we had last year:
  - Monday: social media contest
  - Tuesday: Head shots, fancy coffee hour
  - Wednesday: Networking and snacks
  - Thursday: Ice cream social
  - Friday: Happy hour with trivia at Ursula
- Helping out with NPAW is a great way to get more involved with the PDA
- All events need to be pre-approved. Probably have about \$1000 to budget for this week.
  - > Hardest thing we had last year was the trivia night, because we had a hard time
- Carol is going to spearhead NPAW
- Ideas:
  - > Gong show/“STEM at Stem”. Would be a public event, and people would have buzzers or gongs and would gong if you got too margining.

## **PDRD**

- Will put up videos from PDRD
- This will only be up for a month or so on our website

## **Upcoming hikes**

- July 15: North Table Mountain in Golden. This will be in combination with CU Boulder PDA.
- July 20: Science Lounge. 20 tickets are available. New timers will get free tickets, veterans will get half-price tickets.
- August 13 (tentative): Collaboration hike with the Museum of Nature and Science with the Young Professional Committee. A curator will join us and tell us about either fossils or health (depending on who is coming), and a postdoc from CU Anschutz will do a talk about his research as well. Location TBD.
  - > Suggestion: next year, for the first hike do a really easy hike to get people acclimated, maybe something close to campus

## **Elections**

- Election will be held at next months meeting: Monday, August 14th
- We will try to get some sort of snacks (donuts, hummus and pita)
- Advertise with food and celebration for the end of term
- Maybe do coffee hour before (3:30ish) to lure people in