

PDA Exec Meeting
April 15, 2021

1. Officer Updates (if there are any)
 - a. Vice President (Arpa): No update
 - b. Treasurer (Adam) No update
 - c. Secretary (Niladri Gomes) Introduction
 - d. IT Coordinator (Cassandra)
 - e. Graduate Council Rep (Chamari)
 - f. College Rep (Amro) No update
 - g. UCW Rep (Yuderka)
2. Quick Notes as the new Newsletter – Niladri is continuing to send the Quick Notes out. Great job, Niladri!
3. Postdoc Awards in May – Spring 2021 Awards deadlines and reminder advertisements are out: Due date is May 15. Exec board members to judge the faculty awards at a later date.
4. ISU Graduate Society of Women Engineers (GradSWE) 2021 Research Poster Presentation – This will be conducted virtually on April 22. PDA Officers to serve as judges. Anyone interested? Contact Oluwaponmile Afuwape at oafuwape@iastate.edu
5. General Meeting Planning
 - a. March 25, 1-2 PM: Work/Life Balance
 - i. Moderator: Natalie
 - ii. Speaker: Stephanie R. Downs, Senior WorkLife and WellBeing Coordinator from ISU UHR, Cris and Keri as WorkLife Specialists
 - iii. 25 attendees
 - iv. Event went very well and we got good responses!
 - b. April 22, 2-3PM: Industry panel (4 speakers)
 - i. Liza Alexander, former postdoc fellow at ISU, now Associate Scientist
 - ii. Ryan McCormick, Corteva
 - iii. Sandra Huynh Truong, Corteva
 - iv. Chad Peterson, postdoc who is transitioning to industry (starting in April)
 - v. Moderator: Yuderka
 - vi. Registration links gone out, event getting advertised and speakers are communicated about time and schedule
 - vii. Arpa will send questions by April 16
 - viii. Only 3 have registered – Misty/Niladri, can you signal boost this week?
 - c. May 18, 2-3PM: Immigration
 - i. Speaker: Jonathan Moore, Attorney, McCandish Holton
 - ii. Jonathan last gave this talk in 2019 and it's very popular with our international postdocs!
 - iii. **Moderator needed!**
 - d. June: New Faculty Panel?

- i. Focus on faculty who have accepted positions during the last two years to get fresh perspectives on the interview process and what it's like to start your own lab
- ii. Potential panelists:
 - 1. Shawana Tabassum – ISUPDA alum, PFF alum, new tenure-track position at University of Texas Tyler (emailed)
 - 2. Rahul Nelli – ISUPDA alum, research assistant professor at ISU (emailed)
 - 3. Kelsey Gasior – Postdoc at Florida State, just accepted a position at University of Ottawa, Canada (Natalie's contact) (confirmed!)
 - 4. Other suggestions?
- iii. **Moderator needed!**