

PDA Exec Meeting

July 15, 2021

1. Officer Updates (if there are any)
 - a. Vice President (Arpa): Helping with Outdoor social event organization and email about International visa letter
 - b. Treasurer (Stephanie Klein): No updates
 - c. Secretary (Niladri Gomes): Organizing Outdoor social event
 - d. IT Coordinator (Cassandra): No updates
 - e. Graduate Council Rep (Chamari): No updates
 - f. College Rep (Amro): No updates
 - g. UCW Rep (Yuderka): No updates
2. Postdoc Awards – Misty any updates or further processing needed? Waiting for 1 email to get the evaluations done
3. Library Childcare Space for Postdocs
 - a. Cris Broshar (WorkLife & Family Services Coordinator) helped with Postdocs getting access to Library Childcare Space and further wants to help postdocs get involved in Cyclone Family Network
 - b. Waiting for Cris's Survey to come up for PDA review in July
4. Officer Elections – Begin the nomination process on July 2nd – Election results and pass down of duties in August – Some officers are nominating suitable candidates – Encouraged officers to consider staying or passing the word to others
5. General Meeting Planning
 - a. June 24, 2-3PM: New Faculty Panel
 - i. 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. Panelists:
 1. Shawana Tabassum – ISUPDA alum, PFF alum, new tenure-track position at University of Texas Tyler
 2. Kelsey Gasior – Postdoc at Florida State, just accepted a position at University of Ottawa, Canada
 3. Sougata Roy – ISU PFF alum, Postdoc at ORNL, currently Asst. Prof. at University of North Dakota
 - iii. Number of attendees:
 - iv. Event went very well and great audience engagement via Q/A
 - b. August 14, 4-6 PM: Outdoor social event - A summer barbecue for postdocs and their families
 - i. Organizers: Niladri Gomes, Misty, Stephanie and Amro Hashish
 - ii. Venue: Brookside Park
 - iii. Fee: \$17.00/hour with a two-hour minimum

- iv. Food: Food catering and water bottles provided – Postdocs can bring their own food/drinks – Ice Cream by PDA!
 - 1. Hyvee for ice cream, ice and cooler (Amro might have a cooler)
 - 2. Hickory Park – good deal, make the food and we go by car and bring it to the park – they don't deliver
 - 3. Work with Misty for the ordering and payment
 - 4. Couple of people with cars (Niladri, Stephanie for Hyvee ice cream pick up)
- v. Getting initial interest by a survey followed by a more detailed RSVP form - ~30 people said yes!
- vi. Next steps: [Availability](#) and Reservation – Book soon!
- vii. Total budget - \$250 with some flexibility → \$10/person max
- viii. RSVP form getting ready with options for different dietary choices or restrictions
- ix. Time to reserve: 3-7 PM and Time to advertise: 4-6 PM
- x. Niladri will work with Misty to order the food
- xi. Misty will do the reservation for Brookside park