

PDA Exec Meeting

March 18, 2021

1. Officer Updates (if there are any)
 - a. Vice President (Arpa):
 - b. Treasurer (Adam)
 - c. Secretary – Niladri Gomes – our new Secretary! (absent)
 - d. IT Coordinator (Cassandra) (absent)
 - e. Graduate Council Rep (Chamari)
 - f. College Rep (Amro)
 - g. UCW Rep (Yuderka)
2. Quick Notes as the new Newsletter – Misty and Arpa transferring the responsibilities to Niladri
3. Postdoc Awards in May – Spring 2021 Awards deadlines and first advertisements are out now: Misty runs herself to remove conflict of interest, and everything is ready to go. Due date is pushed back to May 15. Will ask the exec board members to judge the faculty awards at a later date.
4. General Meeting Planning
 - a. February 22, 12-1 PM: Preparing Future Faculty Program
 - i. Moderator: Yuderka
 - ii. Speakers: Clark Coffman and Karen Bovenmyer
 - iii. Registered participants 26 – Attendees 21
 - iv. The event went very well followed with many questions and interest from audience to join PFF program
 - b. March 25, 1-2 PM: Work/Life Balance
 - i. Moderator: Natalie
 - ii. Speaker: Stephanie R. Downs, Senior WorkLife and WellBeing Coordinator from ISU UHR
 - iii. Stephanie has invited one of her colleagues to speak about child care
 - c. 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
 - d. 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!**
 - e. 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
 - 2. Rahul Nelli – ISUPDA alum, research assistant professor at ISU
 - 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!**