

PDA Exec Meeting

May 20, 2021

1. Officer Updates (if there are any)
 - a. Vice President (Arpa): childcare space for postdocs
 - b. Treasurer (Steph Klein) – Welcome Steph! Introduction
 - c. Secretary (Niladri Gomes) - Karin Lawton-Dunn is open to present in the fall
 - d. IT Coordinator (Cassandra) - absent, no updates
 - e. Graduate Council Rep (Chamari) - last council meeting, several changes to grad handbook (one affects postdocs). Postdocs are no longer allowed to serve as graduate faculty associates. No longer allowed to teach graduate courses or serve on POC committees
 - f. College Rep (Hashish) - absent, no updates
 - g. UCW Rep (Yuderka) - absent, UCW report website is live:
<https://womenandgender.diversity.iastate.edu/>
2. ISU Graduate Society of Women Engineers (GradSWE) 2021 Research Poster Presentation April 22 – Much thanks to officers who served!
3. Library Childcare Space for Postdocs – Cris Broshar (staff at library) presented at the GPSS meeting that a new family space can be available to accommodate parents and children at Parks Library – Cris has encouraged postdocs to apply for the space – Natalie drafted a letter to the library and needs your inputs – [Please review the letter](#) and edit or comment!
4. Postdoc Awards in May – Spring 2021 Awards were due May 15. Exec board members to judge the faculty awards at a later date. Next steps? Misty can help with further instructions
 - a. Postdoc mentor award has been extended to June 2
5. Officer Elections - should be happening soon?
 - a. Known openings:
 - i. UCW rep
 - ii. Social Coordinator
 - iii. President
 - iv. Vice President
6. General Meeting Planning
 - a. 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. Attendees: 17
 - vii. Event was successful - great Q/A session and interactive audience!
Speakers enjoyed the discussion as well.
 - b. May 18, 2-3PM: Immigration

- i. Speaker: Jonathan Moore, Attorney, McCandish Holton
 - ii. Moderator - Cassandra
 - iii. Attendees: 26
 - iv. Questions sent to Jonathan ahead of time and he sent us his presentation materials for the audience.
 - v. Event went very well: highest number of registrations and attendees yet!
- c. 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. Only Q/A panel – no presentations
 - iv. **Moderator needed!**
 - v. Arpa to prep questions and share with the panel before of the event
- d. July/August: Given that the CDC is easing restrictions, we could try and plan an outdoor social event? Probably best to give postdocs a “break” during the summer and resume with informational general meetings in Sept.