Notes

• Introduction – name, department, hobby and anything else you would like to share

• Budget in 2 weeks, Cassandra discussed the items
  o Pranaw and Matt will present budget to Carolyn in 2 weeks
  o No objection but Cassandra and Pranaw can send a reminder to see if anyone has any other suggestions

• Survey by Matt, has lots of great inputs and Matt will incorporate them and send out a pilot version to all
  o Misty needs to be added as a moderator so she can share with future teams

• Pranaw will send 1-on-1 invites, Misty and Matt can join

• Pranaw will send availability survey for executive team members to meet monthly

• General meeting planning – Every officer should moderate/organize 1 general meeting during the term

• List of speakers?
  o Top of the agenda

• Misc.
  o Twitter account, Ellen can help
  o Send Misty sizes if interested in PDA t-shirts
  o We also have funds for professional headshots, need to highlight and publicize it as it may help us reach out to more members
  o LAS has significant number of postdocs and Niladri also suggested that communicating with them will help us expand
  o Stephanie can lead if setting up virtual social events may be of interest
Welcome everyone!

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Treasurer: Cassandra Stambuk
Secretary: Niladri Gomes
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Graduate Council Representative: Katherine Geist
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*ISU-PDA Advisors*
William Graves
Misty Treanor
1. Brief Introduction of participating members

2. ISU-PDA, a brief introduction
   o Explore ways to increase engagement at the association
   o If there is a certain goal you want to achieve being a part of ISU-PDA, please actively engage

3. Budget introduction by Cassandra
   • Follow-up discussion

4. Postdoctoral association survey introduction by Matt
   • Follow-up discussion

5. Executive and general monthly meetings
   • Format, timeline, topics and speakers

6. Member updates and concluding thoughts
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Iowa State University – Postdoctoral Association

• Community of 240 postdocs

Postdocs by college

Ames Lab – 41
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) – 29
CALS & College of Human Sciences (CHS) – 4
CALS & College Of Engineering (COE) – 4
CALS & Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) – 30
CHS – 8
College of Veterinary Medicine – 26
ENG – 34
LAS – 58
Vice President for Research (VPR) – 4
Vice President for Extension and Outreach (VPEO) – 2
• Monthly meeting participation

• Tax and immigration have been hot topics
• Virtual format has increased the participation
Approaches to increase engagement

1. Need to increase association wide participation
   • Invite renowned speakers for general meetings
   • Please share ideas and speakers if you have someone in mind

2. Awareness of National Postdoctoral Association
   • Full of excellent resources
## Budget request FY 21-22

- **Cassandra**

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Survey to Postdocs

• Matt

**Objective:** Acquire information that will help us improve attendance rates to general meetings and social functions in 2021-22.

**Method:** Qualtrics survey to fellow 240 ISU postdocs

**Questions:**
1. Do postdocs prefer to attend events in a virtual, F2F, or hybrid format?
2. What influences whether a postdoc attends events?
3. What general suggestions do postdocs have for event hosting, speakers, format, or schedule?
Planning Events

Executive and general meetings

1. Monthly executive meeting on Fridays, starting 10/22 at 1
   - Thoughts?
   - Previously, on Thursdays

2. General meetings 1 week apart from exec meeting, on Fridays, starting 11/05 at 1?
   - Need time to find a speaker for the first one, thoughts?

3. Planning and coordinating the meetings
   - Every officer should be able to host/moderate a speaker
Planning Events: Calendar

1. Planning the speakers
   - Thoughts? Someone you would like to host and date that works for you?
   - Tax and immigration have been of constant interest
   - Everyone should be able to moderate/host a speaker

2. Previous year
   - Communicating your research to general public
   - Postdoc Fellowship Panel
   - Virtual Winter Postdoc Social
   - Tax Workshop

Executive Meetings

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Member Updates

1. Member updates
2. We can meet in smaller groups also
   - Critical for planning near-future events
   - You can email and share your thoughts anytime
3. Plan to send one-on-one meeting invites so we continue to brainstorm ideas
4. Miscellaneous items: Twitter account and concluding thoughts?