One-Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Meeting Minutes

January 9th, 2017 5:00 PM (Stellar Chance Room 104)
In attendance: Terry Cathopoulis, Mary Anne Timmins, Helene Leger, Andrea Stavoe, Dondra Bailey, Reuben Das, Doreen Becker, Ana Misic, Nicole Anderson, Andrey Parshin, Daniele Morevia, Nehal Solanki, Amanda Boggs, Benjamin Liebov, Jagmohan Hooda, Sayantani Sinha

1. Welcome

2. Approval of minutes and membership

3. Update from Co-Presidents – Terry and Amita
   a. Amita is the new Co-President

4. Updates from Committees

   a. Career Enhancement & Training (CET) – Dorian/Jagmohan/Sean
      i. We have an issue with the next seminar on p-hacking. There are no rooms for February 9. I have contacted the speaker (Prof. Joseph Simmons) to have him choose another date but haven't heard back from him.
      ii. On another front, we received 13-15 valid ideas for the inter-disciplinary seminar series, although some ideas overlap. We discussed things with Jagmohan and will need to sit down and make a careful plan on how to choose the speakers, the topics, and the dates. Seminar series typically require more effort than single events. The idea, therefore, is to come up with a list of dates, so we can advertise the series in a single block.
      iii. On my side, I have already talked to Prof. John Detre, one of the early personalities in neuroimaging. He agreed to give a seminar. We will need more people to divide the work. Jagmohan mentioned someone from his lab that can help. Perhaps someone else from BPC can be active with the organization of the series too.
      iv. On a third front, we had the idea to organize a seminar about 'predatory journals'. These are journals that typically have low reputation, non-restrictive acceptance policies, and charge
fees. Their main aim is to get the money. We have all received invitations by some obscure publishers. Science Magazine just had an article about these journals. The idea of the seminar is to explain how to recognize how these journals work, how to distinguish predatory journals from new promising journals, and, more importantly, how be promoters of new interesting journals without falling pray of predatory publishers. If Jagmohan is present at the meeting, he can elaborate more about the topics I mentioned above.

b. Social Media – Yann/Ama
   i. Business as usual.

c. Newsletter – Nehal
   i. 12th January Spring Edition-- BPC feedback required.
   ii. Lots of articles including an exit article with Doreen.

d. Penn Editor’s Association (PEA) – Diana/Amy
   i. Business as usual! Associate Editor-in-chief Amy Ghiretti will be stepping down at the end of the month as she got a new position and is leaving Penn. We will look for a replacement before she leaves as Diana will be going on maternity leave mid-February.

e. Community Service –Brian/Amanda
   i. Starting the outreach demos back up. One date per month.
   ii. First round of emails went out. Filled 3 slots, next round of emails will be sent out this week.
   iii. Getting very good feedback and the committee’s work got recognized at Moder’s end of year program.
   iv. Going to start a donation drive, partnering with the Bethesda project.

f. Diversity –Mat/Dondra/Zenobia
   i. In transition mode – no updates, Zenobia is looking for a new co-chair.

g. Advocacy – Andrea
   i. No updates

h. Social Activities – Ana/Rueben
   i. Happy Hour – Friday, January 13th
   ii. Yard’s Brewery Tour – Jan 14th
   iii. Feb 1 – Nerd Nite, Ana is speaking
   iv. February sweets social
   v. Hidden Figures – the movie, at the Rave
   vi. WWI – American Art – PIFA.
   vii. Informed Consent – Lantern Theater
   viii. Arborist workshop – seasonal depression and anxiety
   ix. Penn TedX – tickets at a discounted price
   x. Doreen’s farewell – Bowling party at Lucky strike – need to set a date

i. Symposium – Ben/Glenna
   i. No update
ii. Easier to make decisions if someone

j. Environmental – Terry/Kristen
   i. Looking for new co-chair
   ii. 2 months away from doing garden work

k. Fundraising – Terry/Beau
   i. 6 vendors have signed up for the show.

l. Foreign National Committee (FNC) – Helene/Nicole
   i. The immigration seminar was held in December. Over 100 people showed up.
   ii. Had 9 individual 15-minute consultations.
   iii. Will do this again next year.
   iv. Pizza was all eaten.
   v. No welcome session because of the BPP welcome session. Will have a welcome session on January 26th.

m. Website updates – Terry/Jennine/Amanda/Jason
   i. It's almost done!

n. Treasurer – Beau
   i. No updates

o. Seminar Series – Andrea/Jagmohan/Sayantani
   i. We had an interesting seminar on medical school lectures through Penn’s history from the archivist.

5. Other updates/agenda from members

6. Updates from BPP Office - Morgan/Lauren/Mary Anne/Susan
   a. Orientation was successful
   b. Article from one of the Penn publications from the Landscape Architecture, they want people with backgrounds in science

7. Next Meeting — February 6th, 2017, 5 PM.