



**One-hundred and Forty-ninth Meeting Minutes
December 3rd, 2012 5:00 P.M. (Stellar-Chance 104)**

Attendance: Rohinton Tarapore, Caleph Wilson, Nicole Sunnen, Tim Connelly, Whelton Miller, Matt Wimmer, Becky Chanoux, Lucas Smith, Maria Chacon, Alexis Marie Barbarin, Girish Ramaswamy, Mary Anne Timmins

Minutes of November meeting were approved

Updates from Co-Chairs:

- none

Updates from Subcommittees not in attached table:

a. Symposium – Adam

- see table
- Adam will be taking over as Chair

b. Environmental – Maria

- see table
- Maryanne will contact Sustainability for Maria
- according to Rohinton and Whelton, both the dental school and TRL are bad at recycling

c. Fundraising – Lucas

- see table
- raffle price for each tech seminar (in auditorium) will cost an extra \$200 to the vendor (to cover the cost of the raffle prize) OR the vendor can provide the prize

d. Foreign National Committee (FNC) – Chris Jang (not present)

- see table

e. Website – Alex (not present)

- no updates, but Nikki will be contacting her to add the Gmail contact email addresses for each committee to their respective website pages.

f. Treasurer – Rohinton

- still waiting on the numbers from the Symposium

g. Seminar Series – Jason (not present)

- Maria requests a seminar about how to talk, as scientists, about climate change and other “hot topic” scientific issues

h. Career Enhancement and Training (CET) – Caleph

- none

i. Newsletter – Tim

- met with a new recruit
- still trying to get this issue together and out, hopefully before the holidays

j. Postdoc Editor’s Association (PEA) – Tim

- few jobs steadily coming in
- Tim is thinking about stepping down as Chair

k. Community Service – Girish

- see table
- Jen had her baby, so Girish will be acting as the only Chair for a while
- Barry was supposed to speak at the meeting tonight, but cancelled; still trying to figure out a prize system to recruit more participants into the blood drive; can use the busadmin listserv to get posters out
- will try to get a count of how many postdocs volunteer at science fairs

l. Diversity – Caleph (interim chair)

- trying to get a new chair/co-chair

m. Social Events – Nikki & Becky

- still need to add Family Resource Center links to our webpage
- happy hours are still pretty well-attended

Other updates/agenda from members

- none

Update from BPP Office:

- DestinationPenn is doing/planning a diversity symposium with other local intuitions; will need volunteers to review abstracts
- new postdoc orientation is Dec. 10
- have been doing surveys to see why attendance is decreasing for workshops/seminars; there’s a problem with people pre-registering and then not showing up; suggestions on how to improve that may involve livestreaming/webinars when the access code is given only to those who pre-register

Next Meeting January 7th, 2012

Maria Chacon	Environmental	<p>* Bike racks seem to be under construction across from BRB.</p> <p>* Contacted Penn Sustainability office to determine ways to both increase awareness of and participation from Postdocs into ongoing sustainability initiatives at Penn.</p>		
Chris Jang	FNC	BPC orientation was run for November.		
Girish Ramaswamy	Community Service	<p>The blood donation drive will be happening in the second week of January. Barry Overton the coordinator will be speaking at the upcoming BPC meeting on Dec 3rd. Emails will be sent out with the event flyer to the postdoc group before the December holidays and also during the donation drive week. Posters will be set up at multiple places.</p> <p>iPraxis mentoring is ongoing at several schools. A few science fairs are coming up and will require volunteers for judging. I'll be print out the details for the meeting. I'll also forward the information to Seth to be sent out to the group</p>		
Lucas Smith	Fundraising	<p>At this point we have 4 vendors confirmed, with two splitting a table</p> <p>Slide makers has volunteered a free poster printing as a raffle prize</p> <p>Added more vendors to our list</p> <p>Early bird deadline is Friday the 7th</p> <p>We think 10 tables are needed to make it a go</p>		
Adam Walker	Symposium	<p>Debrief meeting organised by Melissa Mendez Oct 16 - ideas for next year, and Melissa handed over some info. Contacted 2012 committee members for 2013 involvement - Charlotte Chung, Fernanda Novais and Melissa Mendez will continue on committee. Contacted 4 vendors who attended to thank/invite back - no responses. Sent email to all 2012 poster/talk presenters - 3 gave feedback on judging/abstract submission/poster-talk timing but no response re: volunteering. Adam met with Mary Anne and Seth Nov 19 to go over BPP funding for 2013. Will meet with Seth in March 2013 to organise timeline. First invite for keynote speaker sent Nov 30 - will follow up this week.</p>		