

UPDA Meeting Minutes 8-17-12

Attendance: Catherine Loc-Carrillo, Ashley Fricks-Gleason, John O'Shea, Lisa McFadden

- 1) Postdoc Appreciation Week
 - a. Annual social event at Gracie's
 - i. Let's aim for Sept. 20th
 - ii. Ashley will email them to set up a reservation
 1. On the patio if possible
 - b. Annual General Meeting
 - i. Let's aim for Sept. 18th at noon
 - ii. We'll have pizza and soda delivered
 - iii. Ashley will get a room reserved (one of the larger ones in HSEB)
 - iv. We'll meet to prepare on Sept. 14th at 8:00am over coffee in HSEB
 - v. We will have elections at the end of this meeting
- 2) Pamphlet
 - a. Ashley forgot it on her kitchen table, she'll email the electronic version out to everyone
 - b. It currently contains the email address postdocs@gradschool.utah.edu, which goes to Catherine
 - i. Should we also include upda@utah.edu
- 3) New postdoc emails
 - a. We finally got this figured out, Eloisa (in the Dean's office) is getting the info from Mary Anne and forwarding it to Catherine
 - b. Nelly has already received a few responses from her last welcome email
- 4) Alternative Careers Panel
 - a. Ashley arranged for us to jump in with the PH/TX Professional Skills course alternative careers panel
 - b. The date will be released Monday, Ashley will forward the info to the group for advertisement
 - c. Maybe we'll provide snacks
 - d. Should we ask for RSVPs to make sure we get a big enough room
- 5) Linked-in presentation
 - a. Ashley is working on this
 - b. It will be scheduled for either October or November (whichever month doesn't contain the alternative careers panel)
- 6) BioCareers.com
 - a. Catherine and Ashley did a virtual tour with Nick Folger (who Ashley met at the NPA meeting in March)
 - b. Nick is really interested in trying to get the U to sign on as a member
 - i. He suggested that we could likely split the cost of membership amongst a number of organizations/departments on campus

- c. He gave us a temporary account to use to evaluate the site (it will be active until August 30th)
 - i. Login: susan3
 - ii. Password: chang
 - iii. Please log-in and see what you think!!

7) Survey

- a. Tim contacted someone at the NPA to look over the survey, but they didn't think they had someone qualified to do that
- b. Catherine will pester Mary Anne to give it a look
- c. We should plan to have it ready so we can present the data at the AGM in September

8) Has our NPA membership lapsed?

- a. Catherine couldn't find us listed when she looked on the NPA site
- b. Catherine will contact Laura to see how long of a membership she purchased