PDA meeting – May 23rd 2013

- **Presence:** Nathalie, Katie, Mike, Meg, Beatrice. Welcome Frants and Beatrice!!!

- **Postdoc Picnic:**
  - Postdoc Picnic Friday, only day no softball = Fridays, June 21st or 28th. We prefer the 21st but check with Janet to see if there is any reason to do 28th instead.
  - $700 to spend on food (Verify by Janet?).
  - We'll have it outside of the postdoc lounge, Carriage House as a backup for rain.
  - Ask Janet to book Carriage House once we choose a date.
  - We will probably go for grilling: we need to arrange a grill and pick up all the food and drinks.
  - Katie will send out the shopping list and organize. Send out email a week ahead of time.
  - We need a theme! Pinata party?

- **Application Workshop**
  - Tues, Aug 6th.
  - Cover letter, CV, Research Statement, Teaching Statement.
  - Have someone go over each section of the application package.

- **Next Coffee Hour:**
  - MRF – sometime this summer. Mike will ask Michael Moore to give us a tour of “dead things”.
  - ESL – sometimes this summer
  - George Lyles at aquarium – back up for May or do it in Sept.
  - Mike also looking into media relations with Alison and others for coffee hour.

- **Ocean Science Journalism Fellowship**
  - Tentatively: Tues, Sept 10th.
  - Panel 3:45-5pm followed by pizza party and networking.
  - Contact asatake@whoi.edu.
  - Need one or two postdocs to speak on panel and invite all other postdocs for networking.