PDA meeting, 28 April 2017

Present: Janet, Brian, Hilary, Annie, Virginie, Zhixuan

* Update from the group planning the **Access to the Sea workshop (Virginie, Annie, Lola)**
  + Aiming for a date of June 2 (waiting to hear from UNOLS contact at URI about availability)
  + If we can’t get that date, will try for later in the month
  + Other people to include on the panel: Adam Soule, Mary Murphy, 2 scientists @ WHOI in different disciplines (note that we should make sure at least 1 is a woman to avoid all-male panel)
* Start planning summer picnic
  + Set a date of July 13th
  + Discussed holding it behind Redfield, on Eel Pond (though other location options are possible)
  + Janet can reserve a grill, and Brian has volunteered to do the grilling (and/or borrow a friend’s smoker)
  + Will work out details at May meeting
* Plan next coffee hour
  + **Hilary will check with George Liles whether we could do a coffee hour at the Aquarium** in May or June
  + Can do Woods Hole Historical Museum (where Janet has a contact) hopefully in other month (but asking Aquarium first because anticipate they are busy over summer)
* Follow-up on lunch with assistant scientists and ed/postdoc coordinators
  + Next time will ask the department mentoring committees to support by providing funding for pizza
  + Discussed other options as well, such as doing later in the day as an appetizer + drink hour, or potentially moving it outside in nice weather
  + Aiming to hold the next one of these in the fall
* Going to get in touch with the department mentoring committees and set a meeting for all of them with the PDA to discuss what they are doing to mentor & provide professional development for postdocs, what the PDA is providing, and what gaps exist that need to be filled (partly motivated by feedback from the PO mentoring meeting)
  + **Janet will send to Hilary a list of everyone on all department mentoring committees to invite to this meeting**
  + **Hilary will send out a poll and schedule this meeting** (aiming for May 30-June 2)
* Survey to send out to help plan for fall job application workshop 🡪 send out to list in June
* Annual PDA planning calendar is complete and Hilary has uploaded to PDA Google Drive