

WHOI Postdoctoral Association

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 11

Monday, October 30

Caryn House

Committee members present:

Heather Benway, Angela Dickens, Ted Durland, Henrieta Dulaiova, Jed Goldstone, Breea Govenar, Phoebe Lam, Luc Rainville, Dave Ralston and Tim Verslycke.

Other representatives present:

Janet Fields (Postdoctoral Coordinator/Academic Programs)

1. Meeting opened by Luc

2. Results of PDA Elections

The newly elected PDA committee is: Heather Benway (G&G rep), Angie Dickens (MC&G rep), Ted Durland (PO rep), Breea Govenar (Bio rep), Dave Ralston (AOP&E rep) and Henrieta Duliaova and Phoebe Lam (at-large reps).

3. Caryn House

We met here for the first time. Money should be coming soon to renovate the room, once the budget is approved.

4. Selection of PDA Officers & Committee Representatives

We discussed whether we want to make sure we have a representative from the PDA on each committee or just a postdoc (not necessarily on the PDA), but didn't settle this question.

President: Heather

Vice-President: Phoebe

Secretary: Angie

International Committee: Tim will continue on this committee; Alternate: Phoebe

Education Council (must have a PDA rep): Dave; Alternate: Ted

Women's Committee: Henrieta; Alternate: Angie

Gender Equity Committee: Heather; Alternate: Phoebe (if allowed)

WHOI Diversity Committee: This committee hasn't yet begun meeting, but we will tell them we'd be interested in having someone involved when it starts. Tim has been in touch with them and would like to be involved. Breea is also very interested in the committee.

Management of all-postdocs list: Jed has been doing; Breea will take over from him.

5. Budget for postdoc scholarships

Janet says the numbers of scholars varies from year to year. If APO budget gets very tight financially, there is potential for one or two less postdoctoral scholar positions.

6. Alternative Careers Activity

We discussed the possibility of having a forum in the spring on career possibilities other than academia. Luc and Angie attended a meeting with the Trustees and Corporation members in which they encouraged us to use them as career resources. There are also many local companies with connections to WHOI that could be great resources. We will look into developing a late winter/early spring workshop on this issue.

7. Next meeting

Tuesday, November 14 at 9:30 in Caryn House.

8. Meeting closed by Heather

(Minutes recorded by Angie)