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 Dulaiova 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)