

YPA OPEN FORUM

Chairs [2 min]

1. Call for new YPA co-chair is open!
 - The call for the new YPA co-chair is now open. Call for coordinators of other committees will open next month
 - Requirements for Chair – over 1 year of any YPA committee membership or 6 month executive board position. Other criteria are defined in the bylaws.
 - As continuing chair is an ARS, the other chair has to be a postdoc as per the bylaws. Chair candidates need to announce their candidacy 2 months prior to election date that is by the next YPA Open Forum (November 2020).
2. Final edits to Bylaws have passed.
 - Ann: Bylaws have been approved by the YPA executive board. For now ARS are welcomed in the community and postdoc events but we are not well equipped to formally expand YPA to include all ARS and do not know if they want us to do this as of now. This has been incorporated in the bylaws.

Treasury [5 min]

1. Update on YPA Financials
 - Claire: 4% of the budget per committee has been reduced because of remaining expenses from last year adjusted to this year.
 - P-card number will be held by treasurers and given to committee chairs as needed. We cannot buy things that are considered cash equivalent like gift cards.

Mentorship Committee [5 min]

1. The mentorship survey results
 - Berrak: 31 responses to the survey till date. It is still open
 - I. Majority of respondents are international postdocs
 - II. Majority of respondents do not feel supported by their PIs and are not sure of the expectations of their PIs.
 - III. Many did not think their PIs know what they expect from the postdoc experience.
 - Ideas about external mentorship outside PIs are welcomed
2. The difficult conversations workshop
 - Difficult conversation workshop was successful and appreciated by the community.

Advocacy Committee [0 min]

Professional Development Committee [8 min]

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1. LinkedIn Bootcamp update
 2. Pint of postdoc update
 3. Engagingly Postdoc (October)
 4. Scismic Workshop (November)
 5. Update on the Broad Institute (question poll)

- Nicole: LinkedIn and Pint of Postdoc events well received. Bootcamp attendance was down – perhaps because of the time.
- Other events are forthcoming.

Communications [5 min]

1. Yale Connect
 - Anderson: Yale Connect is a new social media/management platform for officers of different organizations. It will allow direct contact with the postdoc community members. It allows a lot of flexibility for management including communication and events.
 - I. ARS can be added to the platform for communication.
 - II. Information are limited to officers of organizations.
 - III. Storage space? Need to check.
 - IV. Need to check how integration would work with other environments like Google drive.

Community and Networking Committee [11 min]

1. Voting for new Community and Networking coordinator (Le Thang)
 - Le Thang was voted in and replaces Pepe
2. Trivia happy hour (Online)
 - To be organized in October
3. Science sketching workshop
4. Arts Subcommittee
 1. Slack channel for the Arts Subcommittee has been created (#arts-subcommittee); our mission statement is pinned for those interested in joining the channel to check out.
 2. Plans for our first subcommittee event – a Scientific Illustration/Note-taking Workshop – we will introduce the idea and provide some details about the format/structure of the workshop
 - Soumya: Tori and Soumya are co-coordinators of the Arts Subcommittee.
 - Science sketching workshop – 3 week course with 1.5 hours per week. It will be taught by artists at Peabody Museum. Google form for sign up will be circulated soon. This will be funded by the committee
 - Course – pencil drawing based completely for this workshop.
 - Tori: Slack Channel available for the subcommittee. Interested people can join. It will have information on events there.

Open Forum - Questions/Comments [10 min]

- Jessica Mollick/Aileen Fernandez: YaleRunsForBreonna is on Sunday, November 1.
 - I. Socially distanced run.
 - II. T-shirts for postdoc – have sent a proposed budget.

- If anyone has time to coordinate emails for donations for the events, please contact Aileen.
- Anne/Erin: If we can keep track of attendance (unique individuals reached) for each YPA event, that would be great.
- Vote of thanks for Pepe by the Chairs.
- Help with Pint of Postdoc blogs – if someone is available please contact Aileen.