

YPA OPEN FORUM

Chairs [5 min]

- Results of chair election
 - Thank you to outgoing coordinators
- Anderson Brito is the next co-chair. Congratulations Anderson!
 Anderson thanked everyone and he hopes to help YPA continue doing good work, and go beyond.
 - Chairs thanked outgoing coordinators.
 Advocacy: Chantal Vogels
 Communications: Anderson Brito
 Community and Networking: Giuseppe Militello
 Mentoring: Berrak Ugur
 Professional Development: Anna York
 Secretaries: Aryn Malik
 Symposium: Jordon White

Treasury [4 min]

- Update on YPA Financials

Financials Update

TOTAL REMAINING
\$ 17,762.02

General Budget							
Total Spent	Remaining Budget	Joint Fund Remaining	Community & Networking Budget Remaining	Prof. Dev. Budget Remaining	Mentorship Budget Remaining	Advocacy Budget Remaining	Communications Budget Remaining
\$ 1,586.87	\$ 11,211.31	\$ 1,971.13	\$ 3,618.29	\$ 1,439.72	\$ 1,312.20	\$ 1,793.70	\$ 1,151.77

Symposium Budget		NPA Budget	
Total Spent	Budget Left	Total Spent	Budget Left
\$ 170.81	\$ 4,079.19	\$ 103.48	\$ 2,471.52

Pending reimbursements to be filed (~\$500)

\$240 in Gift Cards from the Provost Office for 2020 Art in Research contest charged into our account:

OPA is aware and it will be corrected by John Alvaro

The remaining budget needs to be spent by June 2021.

- Note from Chairs: ideally, the budget should be distributed evenly so that there's nothing too alarming when OPA is reviewing.

If anyone is interested in National Postdoc Association Conference, please contact Chairs
 -The registration fee is cheaper this year (early bird: ~199 dollars)

Limit on budget to spend per person is about 20 dollars. Please contact Chairs if you are unsure or have any questions.

Mentorship Committee [1 min]

1. Introducing new Coordinator – Aakash Kumar

Aakash is the new coordinator.

Currently brainstorming new projects—more updates next month.

Advocacy Committee [15 min]

1. Mental health survey
2. YPA raffle winners

1. 100+ response so far. Data will be presented next time once more responses come in.
2. Chantal announced the winners of YPA raffle! Emails will be sent out to the winners and coordinate how to pick up the prizes.

Elze is the new coordinator. Krishna thanked Chantal for her amazing work as advocacy committee coordinator even during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Nour suggested the virtual holiday party since many are not traveling to visit families and friends.

Professional Development Committee [7 min]

1. Professional Development Events 2020 - Survey
2. Career Cafe - Panel members
3. Pint of Postdoc (Dec update)
4. Broad Institute success/feedback
5. Introducing new co-coordinator and committee member recruitment

1. Survey will be sent out to get event feedbacks and to determine which events to organize again in the spring (high attendance with positive feedback).
2. Survey will be sent out to get in touch with previous postdocs who transitioned into different career paths. The goal is to organize this event with different panels every 2 months. Please contact professional development committee if you know anyone from your lab or friends who could join the panel.
3. Survey will be sent out to get feedback. Especially to increase the actual attendance rate—65~70 people signed up but only 12~15 people attended the event.
4. Successful event! 58 people attended with positive feedback. We plan to do this event again.
5. Aileen is the new coordinator. We're currently recruiting more members—please send us an email if you're interested.

Communications [6 min]

1. The recent use of Yale Connect (events and newsletter)
2. Website visits and update requests

Update on YPA website: On YPA submission form, you can submit a blurb and extra contents as well (bit.ly/YPAwebsite). Blurb is only used for the summary that goes on the newsletter and extended contents, such as pictures, go on a separate page.

Yale Connect: YPA has been successfully hosting events using Yale Connect as the event management tool (works like Eventbrite). The newsletter for this month was sent via YaleConnect, using a layout similar to MailChimp, but with a better audience list. We're considering switching to this platform.

Gita Pathak is the new coordinator.

Community and Networking Committee [5 min]

1. Yale Art gallery virtual tour: Dec 10th
 2. Science sketching workshop: Dec 3rd & Dec 10th
 3. Trivia: Dec 17th
 4. Member recruitment for committee
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1. Free event exclusively for YPA members. About 45 sign-ups so far. Everyone is encouraged to attend! <http://cglink.me/r899240>
 - 2-3. Everyone's encouraged to attend!
 4. Lost few members so in need of more members! If anyone's interested, please contact us via social media/email/slack.

Open Forum - Questions/Comments [10 min]

1. Coordinator candidate votes
Advocacy: Elze
Communications: Gita
Community and Networking: Thang Le
Mentoring: Aakash
Professional Development: Aileen
Secretary: SarahAnn
Symposium committee will have the new coordinator in January
Please email ypa@yale.edu to confirm incoming coordinators.
2. BlanckINSTEM week—highlighting Black Scientists and Engineers in different fields each week. For more information, visit <https://t.co/P4ujYxZ3hl?amp=1>
3. Budget spending: there are google drive folders for each committees to save receipts. Further discussion on Slack.
4. Buddy system update:
 - Problems with reaching out to incoming postdocs since the new postdoc orientation went virtual. Someone from the committee used to go to the orientation to introduce Buddy system before the pandemic. John introduces the Buddy system during the virtual orientation but there's a decrease in number of people interested in the program.
 - Will have a meeting to discuss further.
 - Potentially we can reach out to new incoming postdocs through YaleConnect or coordinate with John to have YPA coordinators or volunteers attend the virtual orientation to promote the program.