# THE YALE POSTDOCTORAL ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 | 6 pm | BCMM 206/208



# GENERAL MEETING

#### Chairs: [8 min]

- Welcoming remarks [Daniel and Sam]
- FY 2020 budget approved for \$14k
  - o Provost office and Med School fully support our budget proposal.
  - o They requested that YPA not solicit financial support from Yale departments any longer and that honoraria payments be capped to \$500
- Emerging Biomedical Scholars at Yale Conversation
  - o Social event to get graduate/MD students, postdocs and faculty together.
  - o We can encourage postdocs attend it in the future.
- Use microphone to improve Zoom performance

### **Advocacy Committee: [6 min]**

- Update on Health Insurance
  - o We have had another productive meeting; currently the copay decision has been delayed but we are continuing to have meetings with the administration to end this policy.
  - o The feedback from members of the board have been very helpful.

## **Mentorship Committee: [6 min]**

- Buddy program coordinator position available
  - Contact mancy.tong@yale.edu or alejandro.abello@yale.edu for more information
- Feedback from John Alvaro's Mentoring Workshop
  - o 18 people attended first workshop
  - o Mentorship committee plans to organize this event once a semester.
  - Some attendees want more content included in this workshop but we think two classes, 4 hours each should be the best form
  - Will mentioned CTL has mentorship lunch workshop, however he is not sure whether they still run this workshop or not

# **Community and Networking Committee: [8 min]**

- Hockey game Liz
  - We have around 50 people signed up
- Meeting with Molly from OISS regarding Spring trips
  - We will have 2-3 trips this spring.
    - 2 with OISS
    - 1- brewery tour, organized by YPA

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- Upcoming Rivendell Institute events
  - We plan to hold 3 events with Rivendell Institute, one will be round table.
- Other events: Happy Hour, Concert and Last Saturday at the Museum

# **Professional Development Committee: [7 min]**

- Job Trek
  - The idea of Job Trek is to visit companies (Provost office asked why we will not invite companies come to Yale).
  - We will make a list, about 4 companies in one day
- IDP Committee update
  - We have many volunteers. First meeting will be on February 21st.

### **Communications:** [7 min]

- Mailchimp newsletter, website statistics, and Facebook
  - o 560 users access newsletter
  - o read 723 sessions
  - o average reading time is 2 min
  - o 50% receivers opened newsletter
  - o Hot topic: Health care, which has 100 clicks. Symposium is also a popular topic

### **Treasury Committee: [8 min]**

• FY2019 budget update

We have \$1111 dollars expense spent in June 2018 but was accounted in FY19

- YPA t-shirt and jacket ordering and new product plan
  - o New plan is scarf and knit hat

### **Questions/Comments:** [5 min]

- Anne: Please advertise symposium
- Erin: We need expert in transition between PDA to PDF