

## GENERAL MEETING

### Chairs: [5 min]

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- Welcoming remarks [Daniel and Sam]
- Anne and Alejandro will attend National Postdoc Association conference on April 12-14
- Introduce new Mentorship Committee coordinator: Summer Thompson

### Mentorship Committee: [8 min]

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- Peer Mentoring workshop and program
  - The peer mentoring program has been launched. Work will include writing CVs and resumes, interviewing, and so on.
  - Pilot has 3-5 people per group.
  - 2 groups in the non-academic track will have meeting soon.
  - 6 groups on the academic track have been made and will have meeting soon.
- Introduce Anselm as the new coordinator of the Buddy Program
- Collaboration with the YURA

### Community and Networking Committee: [5 min]

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- Inaugural Wednesday Postdoc Happy Hour
  - It was great and well attended (20 to 30 people). We will continue with the initiative; the first Wednesday or Thursday of every month.
  - Postdoc Social is on the third Friday, after Yale Postdoc Orientation.

### Professional Development Committee: [15 min]

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- Law Firm Presentation
  - A law firm wanted to meet with us to talk about jobs outside of academia; particularly in law firms where you can act as a technical advisor.
- Someone from a financial advising company contacted us
  - Wanted to do some presentations particularly for postdocs. The idea would be to help postdocs with personal financial planning (at no charge)
  - He is an alum who works closely with Steve, not doing this to drum up business.
- Job Trek and Orientation 2.0
  - Still in the development stages here.
  - If you are interested, contact the committee.
- IDP (re)kick-off meeting
  - Planning is going well so far, they are planning on putting together another planning meeting.
- Exit survey
  - Only a third of postdocs fill this out right now, they want to increase this.
  - They want to have social scientists come in and look at the data.
- Annual YPA survey
  - Moving forward they would be interested in collecting yearly data from postdocs.
  - Having an annual survey would be incredibly valuable.
  - Idea: can you make filling out the survey mandatory for some popular events?
- We may want to designate a liaison to facilitate this.

**Communications: [7 min]**

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- Mailchimp newsletter, website statistics, and Facebook
  - 50% of postdocs opened the newsletter within 1 week.
  - The Facebook group has over 1200 members. 700 members are active right now.
  - Every time we advertise on Facebook, we can reach a large number of members.
  - Our FB posts reach 1800 people right now.
  - The “last day to submit your abstract” post got over 1000 interactions.
  - If people start sharing posts, that increases the engagement rate.

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

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- Summer idea: Pint of Science.
  - These are very popular; it is an event at a bar where you have a few postdocs tell stories about their research (8 to 10 minutes).
  - 5 or 6 of those, lots of people come. The ones that she has done before have been well received and well attended.
  - The Yale Science Diplomats do something similar. They used to do this at Bar but now they do this at another place.
  - If the YPA provided drink tickets what would that do? A few committees could chip in and it would be a nice way to get some communities to come together.
  - Moving forward we will create a Slack channel on this topic.