

## GENERAL MEETING

### **Chairs: [5 min]**

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- Welcoming remarks [Daniel and Sam]
  - We have elected a new chair: Maikel
  - Daniel will be stepping down
    - Involved in YPA since beginning (Treasury, Communications, etc....)
    - Thank you
- Introduce incoming coordinators.
  - Professional Development: Eric Emmons
  - Community and Networking: Victor Oria started on June and Giuseppe Militello will start on July (need vote)
  - Secretaries: Soumya Yandamuri and Colleen Lopez
  - Treasury: Anil Kumar Ganga
  - Advocacy: Sean Edington
  - After the meeting, Lina Ntokou agreed to be new communication coordinator

### **Mentorship Committee: [3 min]**

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- Difficult conversations course
  - Launching
  - 2 sessions, 2 hours each
  - Handling negative feedback
  - At capacity, have waitlist
- Meet a Mentor lunch
  - 40 participants
  - 6 mentors, lost industry mentor
  - Feedback: looking for more time to interact, and with more than one mentor
    - Reached out to WISAY
    - Possibility with several meetings with same mentor

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

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- New Arts subcommittee (Bekir)
  - Bekir will head up new Arts subcommittee
  - Express thoughts and emotions we have as do our research using music, literature, poetry, theatre-give us a unique voice
  - Explore intersection between art and science/medicine
  - Possibility of having mixers between postdocs and artists
  - Center for Collaborative Arts and Music
- Thimble Island trip
  - OISS- June 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Tickets sold out-waitlist
  - Molly will organize

### **Professional Development Committee: [8 min]**

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- Chantal and Eric

- Thank Anne
- Collaborations with OCS & CTL - statement writing workshop series
  - 3-part workshop on statement writing, i.e. research/teaching statement
  - July 11, 17, 23
- Pfizer Jobtrek evaluation
  - First Jobtrek
  - 16 postdocs, tour, panelists, Q&A, networking
  - Want to have again

### **Communications: [8 min]**

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- Committee Update
  - The website: 850 sessions, 670 unique visitors
  - Facebook: 50% opened (400 postdocs); 50 people interested in Thimble Island Trip
- New section on YPA website: job search
  - Provide with list of jobs relevant to postdocs
  - Challenge to keep updated
  - Found someone to take this over
  - Post on Facebook using a link

### **Symposium Committee: [5 min]**

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- Report on 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Symposium
  - Just released survey for symposium
  - 160 people attending of 200 (very good attendance rate)
  - Timing for each section was good
  - Party at Jack's was well attended
  - Carl Zimmer talk: scientists should be in the public more
  - Confusion about Art and Research Winner
  - Concerns about nepotism in talk/poster awards
  - Prize awarding: YPA chair won 10-min talk (conflict of interest)
  - Option to have audience judge the talks
  - Gender discrepancy on picking people to ask questions
- Last thank you for those stepping down