THE POSTDOCTORAL ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH 2019 | 6 PM | BCMM 206/208

GENERAL MEETING

Chairs: [8 min]

- Welcoming remarks [Daniel and Sam]

- FY 2020 budget approved for $14k
  - Provost office and Med School fully support our budget proposal.
  - 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
  - Social event to get graduate/MD students, postdocs and faculty together.
  - We can encourage postdocs attend it in the future.

- Use microphone to improve Zoom performance

Advocacy Committee: [6 min]

- Update on Health Insurance
  - 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.
  - 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
  - 18 people attended first workshop
  - 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
• 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
  ○ 560 users access newsletter
  ○ read 723 sessions
  ○ average reading time is 2 min
  ○ 50% receivers opened newsletter
  ○ 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
  ○ 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