

WHOI Postdoctoral Association

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 26

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

MRF Conference Room

Committee members present (newly elected and from last year): Michael Berumen, Sebastien Bertrand, Michelle Portman, Ernst Galutschek, Mar Nieto-Cid, Ananya Sen Gupta, Jong Jin Park, Anna McIntyre-Wressnig

Other representatives present: Janet Fields (Postdoctoral Coordinator / Academic Programs)

1. Positions and committee involvement of newly elected WHPI-PDA

Ernst Galutschek (President), Mar Nieto-Cid (Vice-President), Anna McIntyre-Wressnig (Secretary), Michelle Portman (Treasurer)

Since newly elected committee member Sam Laney does not want to participate in any committees all committee positions are distributed among the PDA representatives present:

Educational Council: Michelle Portman, Anna McIntyre-Wressnig (alternate)

Gender Equity Committee: Jong Jin Park, Mar Nieto-Cid (alternate)

International Committee: Ananya Sen Gupta, Jong Jin Park

Women's Committee: Anna McIntyre-Wressnig, Michelle Portman (alternate)

Diversity Committee: Ernst Galutschek, Mar Nieto-Cid (alternate)

2. Summary of feedback from PDA symposium

Information from the feedback forms distributed at the WHOI PDA symposium and a discussion held at the symposium (October 14th) is summarised by Michael Berumen:

- Overall the symposium was well advertised
- There was no clear preference for time and location of future PDA social events

- The election process for PDA committee members was considered unsatisfactory by many post-docs. The two main suggestions for an overhaul of the process were a nomination process for post-docs interested in being part of the PDA committee and postponing the election date to at least the day of the post-doc symposium

Janet Fields informs us that in order for such changes to be made a change in the WHOI PDA Charta is necessary which will require some time.

3. Coffee hours

Possible venues for coffee hour for coffee hours: Ships – Janet will look into ships' schedules; work shops, remote vehicles, necropsy facility, SEA, ESL. Ernst will pursue the various options. Janet suggests that if the cost of future coffee hours low she will cover the costs out of her post-doc budget.

4. Next meeting

Before the Postdoctoral Breakfast.

Meeting closed

Minutes recorded by Anna McIntyre-Wressnig