

WHOI Postdoctoral Association

MINUTES OF MEETING No. 31

Monday, October 19, 2009

PDA Lounge - Caryn House

Outgoing committee members present: Matthew First

Incoming committee members present: Neel Aluru, Kristen Davis, Travis Meador, Kais Mohamed Falcon

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

1. Transition of PDA members

After the 2009 PDA elections the following members were elected:

- *AOP&E* - Shih-nan Chen
- *Biology* - Neelakanteswar Aluru
- *MC&G* - Travis Meador
- *G&G* - Kais Mohamed Falcon
- *PO* - Kristen Davis
- *At Large* - Masako Tominaga and Juliette Smith

The new members will assume the following roles:

- *President* - Neel Aluru
- *Vice-president* - Masako Tominaga
- *Secretary* - Kais Jacob Mohamed Falcon
- *Treasurer* - Travis Meador

2. Nominations for WHOI Committees

The following members of the PDA and the WHOI postdoctoral community at large were nominated to serve on the WHOI committees with postdoctoral representation.

- *Work and Family Life*: Matt First/Kristen Davis (alternate)
- *Women's Committee*: Kristen Davis/ Nadja Neubert
- *International Committee*: Kais J. Mohamed Falcon/ Masako Tominaga (alternate)
- *Diversity Committee*: Anna McIntyre-Wressnig/ Phil Wallhead (alternate)
- *Gender Equity Program Advisory Committee*: Juliette Smith/Kristen Davis (alternate)
- *Education Council Committee*: Travis Meador/ Aaran Mooney (alternate)

3. Postdoctoral Symposium

The Postdoctoral Symposium will take place on Wednesday, November 18th at the J. Erik Jonsson Center of the National Academies in Woods Hole.

Postdocs will give a brief presentation (12 minutes + 3 minutes for questions) of their research at WHOI. New postdocs can also give a brief (~5 minutes) presentation of their research project. A poster session will also be organized for postdocs willing to present in this format.

The deadline for RSVPs and titles of the presentations will be November 10th, 2009.

4. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held between November 10th and 18th to set up the schedule of presentations for the Postdoctoral Symposium and other planning and preparation activities.

Meeting closed.

Minutes recorded by Kais J. Mohamed Falcon