University of Iowa Postdoctoral Association – Executive Board Meeting  
Friday, August 16th, 2012, 10 am  
EMRB Café  

In attendance: Phillip (Phil) Gander, Michael Crawford, Scott Small  

This was the first meeting of the Executive Board for the 2013-2014 academic year.  

- Postdoc Appreciation Week (September 15-21)  
  o We decided that the UIPDA will hold the fall family picnic and the September happy hour this week.  
  o We decided to hold the picnic on Saturday 21 during the day (starting around noon). Scott will determine a suitable park. Michael will pick out food.  
  o Scott will select a location/date/time for the happy hour.  
- Committees  
  o In accordance with tradition, Phil will chair the Professional Development Committee, Michael the Policy and Advocacy Committee, and Scott the Social Committee.  
  o Members of the College of Council Representatives will be encouraged to join the three committees.  
- Postdoc Research Day  
  o Postdoc Research Day will be held at Iowa this spring.  
  o Details are to be determined. We must determine date, venue, speakers, program, etc.  
  o To help pay for the event, we will look into additional funding from various sources, such as the Colleges of Medicine and Engineering.  
  o Speakers must be invited soon to guarantee availability.  
- General Meetings  
  o General Meetings of the UIPDA must be held every semester.  
  o The fall semester meeting is to be determined.  
- Budget  
  o Phil and Scott will meet with Minnetta regarding the budget.  
  o We expect the budget to be similar to last year’s budget, with the additional cost of the Postdoc Research Day.  
- Research Council  
  o The UI Research Council now has a non-voting member from the UIPDA.  
  o The executive board will attend the first meeting of the Research Council for the year. Michael will probably represent the UIPDA on the Research Council.  
  o Our goal for the year is to become a voting member of the Research Council.  
- Information for Postdocs  
  o Minnetta has proposed creating a committee for the creation of a postdoc handbook. The UIPDA should be an integral part of this.  
  o Information should be compiled for various programs of interest for postdocs and presented on the UIPDA website. For example, the pros and cons of UIGradCare vs SHIP.  
- Policy and Advocacy  
  o Michael will look into improving the parking permit procedures for postdocs.  
- Council of College Representatives  
  o Phil was contacted by a postdoc in Dentistry. Phil will inquire if this individual is interested in filling the vacant College of Dentistry Representative position.