

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)
 - We decided that the UIPDA will hold the fall family picnic and the September happy hour this week.
 - 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.
 - Scott will select a location/date/time for the happy hour.
- Committees
 - In accordance with tradition, Phil will chair the Professional Development Committee, Michael the Policy and Advocacy Committee, and Scott the Social Committee.
 - Members of the College of Council Representatives will be encouraged to join the three committees.
- Postdoc Research Day
 - Postdoc Research Day will be held at Iowa this spring.
 - Details are to be determined. We must determine date, venue, speakers, program, etc.
 - To help pay for the event, we will look into additional funding from various sources, such as the Colleges of Medicine and Engineering.
 - Speakers must be invited soon to guarantee availability.
- General Meetings
 - General Meetings of the UIPDA must be held every semester.
 - The fall semester meeting is to be determined.
- Budget
 - Phil and Scott will meet with Minnetta regarding the budget.
 - We expect the budget to be similar to last year's budget, with the additional cost of the Postdoc Research Day.
- Research Council
 - The UI Research Council now has a non-voting member from the UIPDA.
 - 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.
 - Our goal for the year is to become a voting member of the Research Council.
- Information for Postdocs
 - Minnetta has proposed creating a committee for the creation of a postdoc handbook. The UIPDA should be an integral part of this.
 - 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
 - Michael will look into improving the parking permit procedures for postdocs.
- Council of College Representatives
 - 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.