



**Postdoctoral Association at Western**

**Minutes from March 1st, 2016 (4:00 pm /Meeting Room, Grad Club)**

**Attendance**

Matthew Fox	President, VP Finance, Senate Observer, University Research Board (URB) Rep., Department of Medical Biophysics, Robarts Research Institute	-
Baraa Al-Khazraji	Vice-President Internal, Outreach Coordinator, School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Health Sciences	X
Jiro Inoue	Vice-President External, CAPS Representative, Robarts Research Institute	X
Andrea Di Sebastiano	Vice-President Communications, Webmaster, Department of Clinical Neurological Sciences	X
Ming Wu	Secretary, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering	X
Tim Burkhart	University Council on Research Ethics (UCRE), Department of Mechanical Engineering	-
Blake Butler	Department of Physiology & Pharmacology	X
Yara Hosein	Western's Mental Health and Wellness Initiative representative, Schulich Dentistry	-
Kalin Penev	Tax representative, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering	Regrets
Jessica Esseltine	Schulich Anatomy and Cell Biology	X
Emma Holmes	Brain and Mind Institute	Regrets
Lauren Solomon	Department of Microbiology and Immunology	X
S. Amanda Ali	Health Studies, Faculty of Health Sciences	X
Yan Yan	Department of Computer Science	Regrets
Kyle Paradis	School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Health Sciences	X
Kate Parham	Department of Microbiology and Immunology	X

**1. Ratification of the Minutes from the previous meetings**

Passed

**2. Ratification of the Agenda**

Passed



### **3. Announcements/Introduction of new members/Attendance**

Welcome to new member Kate Parham.

### **4. Postdoc research forum (Baraa)**

Mihaela is helping with most of the organising, and Baraa has organised PAW volunteers to help with MC-ing and on the day. The aim of the forum is learn how to develop your own longer-term (e.g. 5-year) research plan. Everyone agreed that the objective of the forum and proposed schedule looks good (some breaks should be added). Ideas were discussed for the panel and sessions.

### **5. Winter social event- Maple Sugar Bush (Andrea)**

Andrea went over the plans for the Sugar Bush trip on March 5th. All postdocs and family welcome. About 20 people have signed up, so it should be a good trip.

### **6. First call for nominations for the new exec (Andrea)**

The first call for nominations for the new exec came out in late March last year so that the new exec could be in place by late April to attend the May and June PAW meetings to make the transition easier. We'll do the same this year, and Andrea will send out the call. Discussion was had about whether we should keep the same roles as last year, or combine/add some roles. It was agreed we will advertise for the same roles and see how many nominees we get.

### **7. New Business/Open Forum**

#### **Website (Ming)**

Andrea and Ming are in the process of updating the PAW website. Please email Ming ([mwu265@uwo.ca](mailto:mwu265@uwo.ca)) if anyone would like to help with updating the website content or has comments/feedback about the website.

The postdoc happy hour social will be on March 3rd 2016, 4.30pm, at the Grad Club.

The next PAW meeting will be on April 5th 2016, 4pm, at the Grad Club meeting room.