

PAW

Postdoctoral Association at Western

Minutes from May 7th 2019 (4pm / Grad Club – meeting room)

Attendance

Kate Parham	President, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	x
Roberta Bgeginski	Vice-President Internal, Department of Kinesiology	x
Stephen Tuffs	Vice-President External, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	x
Brijesh Kumar	Vice-President Communications, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	
Neciula Gomes	Secretary, Department of Nursing	x
Roberta Bgeginski	Webmaster, Department Kinesiology	x
Harvi Hart	Department of Physical Therapy	regrets

1. Ratification of the Minutes from the previous meeting

Passed

2. Ratification of the Agenda

Passed

3. Announcements/Introduction of new members/Attendance

- Yaser Al Mtawa
- Mariga Goncheva
- Nathan Oesch

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4. Elections

We had the PAW elections in **May 7th, 4pm at Grad Club room** during PAW meeting. The newly elected PAW council for each position were:

- President: **Kate Parham**
- Vice-President (Internal): **Roberta Bgeginski**
- Vice-President (External): **Stephen Tuffs**
- Vice-President (Communications): **Brijesh Kumar**
- Vice-President (Finance): **Harvi Hart**
- Secretary: **Cassie Ellis**

Mariya Goncheva is the new **International Postdoctoral Representative**.

4. Post Doc Research Forum Evaluation

Pros:

- We had a good attendance and participation during painel
- It was good to do 3M competition during morning and it was a bridge for more connections among postdocs.
- The activities worked very well.

Cons:

- Small attendance in the last session.
- The last session wasn't hands on
- Vegetarian food

Suggestion:

- Maybe finished the resesarch forum at 3pm
- To offer coffee break until 5pm to do networking among postdocs
- Advertising PAW during event.
- About 3M competition, it will be good to open votes by audience and special prize too.
- Offer different workshops next year to keep good attendance

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5. Planning for next year (Jun, 2019- Maio, 2020):

- ✓ The postdocs Coffee&Conversation will go on next 6th June (Thursday)
- ✓ To use more social media as Twitter, facebook and others to engage more people in PAW.
- ✓ We could do partnership with SOGS to promote more events.
- ✓ To contact Science Communication to improve communication competences and find some webmaster for PAW
- ✓ Suggestions for workshops: Knowledge Exchange and Photoshop for Publication (Stephen)
- ✓ Contact Nicole Chabot to do partnership about Postdocs Workshop in Heath Science (Roberta)
- ✓ To offer social events to engage international postdocs family and friends (Mariya)
- ✓ About PAW, contact more postdoc to be PAW representant for each faculty (Kate)

6. Next PAW meeting:

The next PAW meeting will be held on **June 4th 2019** at 4pm, at **Grad Club..**