



Postdoctoral Association at Western

Minutes from February 6th, 2018 (4:00 pm / Meeting Room, Grad Club)

Attendance

Jessica Esseltine	President, CAPS Representative, Schulich Anatomy and Cell Biology	X
Nicole Kuntz	Vice-President Internal, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology	Regrets
Natalie Kozyrev	Vice-President External, Mental Health and Wellness Representative, Robarts Research Institute	X
Caroline Alencar	Vice-President Communications, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology	X
Maria Machado	Secretary, Department of Medical Biophysics	X
Kaitlin Laidlaw	Webmaster, Brain and Mind Institute	Regrets
Kate Parham	Tax representative, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	X
Yoshiko Yabe	International Postdoctoral Representative	Regrets
Sarah Patterson	Department of Sociology	X

1. Ratification of the Minutes from the previous meeting

Passed

2. Ratification of the Agenda

Passed

3. Announcements/Introduction of new members/Attendance

One new member

4. Kate Parham and Caroline Dias da Costa Alencar—Postdoc Tax Session

Kate is working with Mihaela to organize the yearly postdoc tax session.

5. Caroline—New postdoc orientation

Caroline presented for PAW at the January new postdoc orientation.

6. Jessica—Paw Roundtables

Roundtables to work on this semester include marketing your research (Featuring Dwayne Jackson organized by Nicole Kuntz)

7. Caroline and Jessica—Winter PAW Social event



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Caroline will organize a PAW skating event at Victoria park

8. Jessica—Postdoc Research Forum

The research forum is scheduled for May 23rd, 2018. Jessica and Mihaela have arranged for Catherine Sorbara, PhD from the Cheeky Scientist to headline. Also on the docket is a seminar on open access publishing from Western libraries and persuasive writing from Carolyn Paterson of Research Western.

Mihaela would like three volunteers to help with the research forum. Caroline Alencar, Kate Parham and Sarah Patterson have agreed to volunteer.

9. Natalie—The National Postdoctoral Association meeting 2018

Natalie is attending the NPA in Cleveland, OH. She has touched base with Jessica and Mihaela regarding travel expenses. She will make a poster for the conference and send it out for suggestions.

10. Jessica and Caroline—Vacant PAW positions

Maria Machado is the new PAW secretary. Jessica has resigned as PAW president. Caroline Alencar, current VP communications has agreed to be the interim president until the new elections in June.

11. Next PAW meeting

The next PAW meeting will be on March 6th, 2018 at 4pm, in the Grad Club Meeting Room.