



**PAW**  
Postdoctoral Association at Western

**Minutes from April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 (4:00 pm / Meeting Room, Grad Club)**

**Attendance**

Caroline Alencar	President, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology	Apologies
Nicole Kuntz	Vice-President Internal, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology	Apologies
Natalie Kozyrev	Vice-President External, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology	X
Ahmed Alassuity	Vice-President Communications, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering	Apologies
Brijesh Kumar	Vice-President Finances, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	X
Maria Machado	Secretary, Department of Medical Biophysics	X
Kaitlin Laidlaw	Webmaster, Brain and Mind Institute	Apologies
Kate Parham	Tax representative, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	Apologies
Yoshiko Yabe	International Postdoctoral Representative, Department of Psychology	X
Isadora Olive	Cultural and Arts Officer, Department of Psychiatry	X

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

Passed

**2. Ratification of the Agenda**

Passed

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

Sayed Alireza Rohani

**4. The National Postdoctoral Association meeting 2018 (Natalie)**

Natalie had some trouble with registering and will update on next meeting.

**5. Postdoc Research Forum**

There was no information relative to this topic at the time. There were requests that this be advertised earlier, and that the format could become a place for interdisciplinary collaboration.

**6. Vacant PAW positions**



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Liya Ma (at Robarts) will be taking over the Presentation Club. But there is still need for an international postdoc representative.

### **7. PAW roundtables**

It was discussed that these should be advertised earlier and in several platforms: email, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn (a postdoc group for LinkedIn was suggested). Suggestions for new roundtables included: “Step by Step explanation on how to get a job in academia”.

There have been several suggestions of regarding careers workshops:

1. Could there be some more organized for people looking for employment in both academia and industry? With real people from industry? And other parts of the world?
2. Can project management be offered more frequently?
3. Leadership workshop
4. Grant writing workshop (geared towards postdocs)

### **8. Next PAW meeting**

The next PAW meeting will be on May 1st, 2018 at 4pm, in the Grad Club Meeting Room.