



**Postdoctoral Association at Western**

**Minutes from June 5th, 2018 (4:00 pm / Meeting Room, Grad Club)**

**Attendance**

Caroline Alencar	President, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology	X
Nicole Kuntz	Vice-President Internal, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology	X
Kate Parham	Vice-President External, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	X
Brijesh Kumar	Vice-President Communications, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	Regrets
Maria Machado	Secretary, Department of Medical Biophysics	Regrets
Kaitlin Laidlaw	Webmaster, Brain and Mind Institute	Regrets
Isadora Olive	Cultural and Arts Officer, Department of Psychiatry	Regrets

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

Passed

**2. Ratification of the Agenda**

Passed

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

- Abayomi Olabode – Pathology Department
- Hiroyuki Igarashi – Robarts Research
- Mariano Avino – Pathology Department
- Mohammed Khan – Otolaryngology Department
- Neciula Gomes – Nursing Department

**4. New Executive Council Expectations**

We are starting a new term (June 2018 to May 2019) and it is important to assure the commitment in doing always a better work. The new Executive team will think about and bring ideas to the next meeting on how each one of us in our current positions at PAW can act to meet the UWO Postdocs needs.

**5. Postdoc Research Forum and Research is Beautiful Competition**

The Research Forum was held in May 23<sup>rd</sup>, PAW sent volunteers that worked on the organization of the event. Also we had the Research is Beautiful Competition for the second year promoted by PAW when the winner picture was awarded a \$250 prize.

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### 6. PAW survey

We organized a survey during the Research Forum and the results will be used to guide our actions and events this term. Next PAW meeting this results will be discussed.

#### 14 responses total

1) Are you interested in attending **academic career development** workshops? If yes, what types of presentations/workshops would you like to attend? **Yes = 13**

**Writing skills; teaching opportunities (international postdocs); teaching philosophy and dossier; grant writing (6); paper writing (2); presentations (2); job interview (2); how to be successful; career development.**

2) Are you interested in attending **NON-academic career development** workshops? If yes, what types of presentations/workshops would you like to attend? **Yes = 9**

**Networking; Connect business and academics for possible collaborations; job market fair; leadership, Microsoft Excel; networking; interviews; communication skills; mentorship; industry jobs;**

3) What social events would you like to see PAW organize for postdocs this year? **Yes = 10**  
**Fitness/health/sports (3); Festivals; weekend events; exploring the town (3); book fair; movies; paint nights; game party; thematic evening; beer/wine; music event; cooking; video games;**

4) What attracts you to attend PAW's events? (choose all that apply)

- Topic will be useful to my career development **(13)**
- Timing is convenient **(6)**
- Free food! **(6)**
- Other:**(0)** \_\_\_\_\_

5) Where do you get your information about PAW events? (choose all that apply)

- E-mail **(11)**
- PAW Website (postdocs.uwo.ca) **(3)**
- PAW Facebook Page (Postdoctoral Association at Western) **(4)**
- PAW Twitter (@uwopaw) **(0)**

Additional comments/questions?

**Make the time of PAW meetings after 5pm, so more people can attend.**

**Curious about western postdocs statistics (gender, nationality, contract-length, career...)**

**Not receiving PAW emails?** Please add your email address: \_\_\_\_\_



**7. Summer Barbecue**

We decided that this year Summer Barbecue will be in August. For next PAW meeting we will discuss ideas of networking activities to be realized during the barbecue. We will also nominate 2 volunteers to help Brijesh organizing this event.

**8. Election**

Neciula Gomes (Secretary) and Mohammed Khan (International Representative).

**9. Next PAW meeting**

The next PAW meeting will be on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 at 4pm, in the Grad Club Meeting Room.