

PAW

Postdoctoral Association at Western

PAW Executive Council Meeting

Tuesday July 6th @ 4:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

Meeting ID: 919 7208 8532 Passcode: PAW

Meeting minutes

Attendance

Stephen Tuffs	President, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	X
Vasudeva Bhat	Vice-President Internal, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology	X
Vacant	Vice-President External	
Harvi Hart	Vice-President Finance, Department of Physical Therapy	X
Karine Dufresne	Secretary, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	X
Vacant	Vice-president Communications	
Alexandra Levine	Vice President Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Department of Psychology	X
Antoine Kornprobst	Department of Statistical and Actuarial Sciences	X

1. Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak and Attawandaron peoples, whose traditional lands we gathered upon today.

2. Ratification of the Minutes from the previous meeting

Minutes meeting are ratified

3. Ratification of the Agenda

Agenda is ratified

4. Memmorial

Eugenia Canas was a postdoc in Western and recently died after battle against cancer. We will name our Postdoc of the year award after her as she was part of our community.

5. Announcements/ Introduction of new members/ Attendance

- Antoine Kornprobst was proposed as the VP external for PAW executive: see his letter in email.
- We don't have to vote as Antoine is the only candidate and the position is vacant. We welcome him in the executive council.

6. PAW during COVID-19 (Stephen)

- Phase 2 – started
- Some of the facilities start opening now
- No problematic event to note

7. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (Alex)

- Indigenous study group is growing bigger than expected.
- You can enroll into the course at anytime you want by going on this website:
<https://www.coursera.org/learn/indigenous-canada>

8. Workshops (Stephen)

- Academic Application Series: next session should be in September, after Postdoc appreciation week
- Miheala will be adding workshops during summer on grant writing and other subjects
- For Postdoc appreciation week, we start talking about what workshops we should do and also start thinking about will the event be in-person or virtual: we need to wait a bit more to know if social events can be in person and how many people will be allowed at that moment.

9. PAW Representatives (Vasu)

- We still miss a VP communications.

10. Socials (Stephen)

- Nothing new until looser measures around Covid.

11. Budget (Stephen/Harvi)

- In person activities should start over soon, we have to add social events money back to our budget this year. The budget will also include honorariums for guest speakers.



12. New Business/Open Forum

- No new business

13. Next PAW meeting

- Tuesday August 3rd 2021 4:00-5:00pm – Zoom details to be included in Agenda