

UWPA General Assembly Notes

Mon, May 4, 2020 (4pm): Zoom (<https://washington.zoom.us/j/92425466488>)

Attending	Unknown if Attending	Cannot Attend
Alexis Rebecca Karla Anzela		

Start time:

1. Committee position updates

- a. Alexis has been in touch with our possible volunteer for webmaster, giving more information about the position.

2. Events Updates

- a. Three virtual events last month: coffee hour, happy hour, symposium.
- b. Virtual symposium:
 - i. Overall seemed to be a success!
 - ii. The format (three talks to make a one-hour symposium) worked well.
 - iii. What to do for prizes? We have money that would normally go to happy hour. We need some sort of mechanism for voting; asking Julie seems like a good thought.
 - iv. Thanks to Karla for chairing this event!
- c. Happy hour/coffee hour:
 - i. Decent attendance: 6ish people signed on for coffee hour and 10ish for happy hour.
 - ii. We did get an email asking if we had been updating the website; we should make sure this is done!
 - iii. One thing to keep in mind is that with the Zoom links, people need to be “let in” to the meeting – the host should keep this in mind.

- iv. Overall, this was really low effort to put on, and allowed us to also have visitors from outside the current UW postdoc community (both a former UW postdoc and a future UW postdoc attended).
- v. It would be better to do these events in alternating weeks, and overall it seems like both types of events are worth doing.
- d. There is a new postdoc academy “succeeding as a postdoc” session starting June 22. Rebecca is willing to facilitate again, but happy to let someone else if they’re interested. This round will be edited to make it more virtual-friendly.
 - i. Already looking for signups! To put in this month’s and next month’s newsletters.

3. Newsletter

- a. Let’s start generating a zoom link for the next month’s meeting & putting it in the newsletter. Can we also generate a “add to your calendar” link for it that will include the zoom link for people in their calendar event?
- b. Publication highlight?
- c. Any known awards/grants/jobs/PD to highlight?
- d. Google Doc of questions to have people highlighted for new careers included below. *Additions?*
 - i. Please send out questions to anyone you know and we can stockpile them for slow release!
- e. PD to follow on twitter- volunteers? We could also start doing other UW twitter things that are good resources for PDs.
- f. “Biorender” – invited UWPA to be part of science graphic contest launching May. 5 but never sent more emails. Karla will keep an eye on twitter for more info.

4. Website

- a. We should move the twitter up to the top of the right-hand-side column, since it’s pretty active these days.
- b. There has been some back-and-forth with the new guy.

5. Union updates

- a. Wage bargaining has been postponed.
- b. There is a petition for extension requests for postdocs and ASEs.

6. OPAL updates

- a. Anzela emailed Bill and Ziyen to schedule a meeting but never heard back. Bill has been really busy lately, so Anzela will follow up.

7. Social Media updates

- a. Kim has been very active with updating our Twitter feed lately, which is great!

8. Updates from postdoc diversity alliance

- a. Nothing this month.

9. Parenting group updates

- a. Nothing this month.

10.AOB

- a. Budget: \$5,006.66
- b. Life Science exhibits – is the event happening? (months away? October?)

12.Next meeting

- b. June 1, 2020, 9am, Zoom?