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 Ziyan 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?