

## Minute for May 3rd, 2016 Postdoctoral Society Executive Council Meeting

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### Discussion

- Presence of postdocs at the university administrative level
  - A presence of postdoc at the university level is desired to have some voice in the decisions or at least listen to the discussion
  - Goals and precise request are needed.
  - The main requests are:
    - Some kind of recognition and the possibility of a contract (not only offer letter)
    - Recognition as an association, with the possibility to reserve rooms. This is currently not possible as postdocs are not students.
    - Other requests may come from postdocs. In the forthcoming survey, it will be asked to postdoc how they feel represented and if they have some request.
- Gmail Account
  - No one is actually answering to the emails sent to the Gmail account through the website. Secretary need to take charge of this.
- Logo
  - The logo proposed by Kari is approved by PSPS council.
  - We are waiting for approval at the university level (from Pallavi). An answer needs to be provided before the end of May
  - Logo will be used in emails and on t-shirts
- Activities
  - Bar night is relatively successful and will be kept once per month
  - Hikes are relatively successful too and will be kept once per week, according to the availability of organizers
  - Coffee hour, planned once per month, has not been organized recently.
    - Problem: find a location
    - Hub is not a good option because we need to rent a room (paying) and we cannot bring our own food
    - Need to find a location where we can meet regularly. Joe is taking charge of looking for a room
- Update on PSPS awards
  - 18 nomination have been received so far
  - Need to organize how to judge the applications
- More effective use of social media (Facebook)
  - Publication of all social activities (bar night, hike) on Facebook.
  - Publication of photos of events on Facebook.
- Council members for 2016-2017
  - Some members of PSPS council are moving out of State College. Need to send out an email to ask for new members and to fill positions which will vacate after summer.
  - An email will be sent this month to allow an overlap between old and new Executive Council members.

- Another email will be sent in fall if new members are needed
- Survey
  - The survey about postdoc is almost ready and will be sent this month.

### **Summary of action Items**

- Sent an email to look for new council members (Jaro)
- Take care of Gmail account (Marco)
- Look for a room for coffee hour (Joe)
- Follow up with Pallavi regarding the logo (Kari)
- Finish and send out the survey about postdocs at Penn State (Kari)