

**Minutes of the Postdoctoral Association
at Louisiana State University Health Science Center
meeting on July 18th, 2013**

General assembly meeting.

Location: Atrium (MEB).

Time of the meeting: 12 pm.

Attendance: 7 members + 2 faculty supervisors (listing enclosed at the end of the document).

Chair: Dr Kathryn Carzoli, president of the association.

Agenda: Website updates and additions
Monthly meeting schedule
PDA membership
Organization of the next social

1. Foreword

For the next meetings, several things should be implemented in order to improve the attendance of the meetings. Rooms in the third floor of MEB can be booked. Announcements should be added to LSU board announcements system. Furthermore, reminders of the meetings could be used in outlook.

2. Association dues

Although only board members are required to pay for their membership, people are encouraged to subscribe a paid-membership in order to be able to improve finances of the association.

3. Website

The website of the association is functional and has been greatly improved. Nonetheless, several things could be implemented in order to make it more attractive. Several points have been raised such as the incorporation of pictures of social meetings, links to updated postdoc offers, some tips about taxes/benefits for postdocs, awards and articles... The board should meet the website committee to discuss these points.

4. Meetings schedule

The constitution of the association states that general meetings should be held monthly. Nonetheless, considering the average attendance of the meetings, it has been suggested that general meetings should be held every other month. Changes should be made in the constitution.

5. Social events

Dr McDonough indicates that a multicultural potluck will be held on August 12 2013 in seminar rooms 1 and 4 (3rd floor MEB). Postdocs are welcome to join, further announcement will be made.

A picnic will be organized soon, when the temperatures will be more bearable. A tentative place would be the park of the dental school. Dr Moerschbaecher will be contacted to know if that option is feasible.

Several options for the next social meetings have been also proposed such as going to the Rock'n ball (a Sunday around 6 pm) or to the golf in City Park.

6. Next meetings

The next general assembly will be held on September 13th, 2013. Pizza will be offered by the faculty advisors.

The meeting finishes at 12.50 pm.

Dr Christophe Dubois, secretary of LSUHSC-PDA

Attached documents

a. Attendees.

Name	Department	Alias
Christophe Dubois	Cell Biology and Anatomy	cduboi
Matthieu Maroteaux	Cell Biology and Anatomy	mmarot
Kathryn Carzoli	Cell Biology and Anatomy	kcarzo
Rajesh Gupta	Cell Biology and Anatomy	Rgupt2
Virginia Ronchi	Biochemistry	vronch
Eric Lin	Neuroscience	Elin1
Crescent Combe	Neuroscience	Ccomb1

Faculty supervisors

Name	Department	Alias
Kathleen McDonough	Physiology	KMcDon
Sonia Gasparini	Neuroscience	Sgaspa1