Minutes of the Postdoctoral Association
at Louisiana State University Health Science Center
meeting on May 3rd, 2011

General assembly meeting.

Location: MEB S6.
Time of the meeting: 4 pm.
Attendance: 15 members, 1 member excused + 1 faculty supervisor (listing enclosed at the end of the document).
Chair: Dr Michelle Kelly, president of the association.

Agenda:

Updates from committees
Final vote on constitution (pdf version attached)
Pole results for meeting times (pdf version attached)
Establish membership committee
Logo competition results- extension
Problem solving session

1. Updates from the career development committee
Dr Michelle Kelly contacted Dr Arturo Casadevall who will be in town around May 23/24th. She will try to find a suitable schedule in order to get a good attendance.

2. Updates from the welcome committee
Members of the committee, Dr Michelle Kelly and Dr Sonia Gasparini will meet the Chancellor of LSUHSC during the coming week in order to try to solve the accommodation problem of new postdocs.

3. Social committee update
A social event will be held at Bulldog café on Canal street on Friday May 13th at 6pm.
Due to the lack of logo submission, the competition is extended to the next monthly meeting.
Two more webinars will be organized in the coming 2 weeks. Dates and topic will be sent by email.

4. Website committee update
The website is online now and fully functional. They are working now on being listed on LSUHSC website, google...

5. Membership committee
A new committee is created, for which duty will be to maintain the listing of the members and to try to involve more members in the meetings and activities of the association. Dr Jaime Becnel and Dr Christophe Dubois will be part of this committee.

6. Vote of the constitution
No abstention, everyone vote for the constitution as it is (15 votes). Dr Michelle Kelly, president of the association, and Dr Virginia Ronchi, Treasurer of the association, will now create a bank account for the association. Memberships of $5.00 will be collected, starting at the next monthly meeting.

7. Vote of the schedule of the monthly meetings
No abstention, everyone agrees with the schedule scoring the maximum of votes, Thursdays 4-5pm.

8. Problem solving sessions

9. Next meetings
The next general assembly will be held on June 2nd, 2011.

The meeting finishes at 4.45 pm.

Dr Christophe Dubois, secretary of LSUHSC-PDA
Attached documents

a. Final version of the constitution

Constitution of Postdoctoral Association
at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

Article 1 - Name

The name of the organization shall be Postdoctoral Association at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and will be referred to as LSUHSC-PDA.

Article 2 - Mission

The mission of LSUHSC-PDA shall be:

1) to strive for professional enrichment and development of the postdocs
2) to create a network of communication among LSUHSC postdocs on an academic, social, and cultural basis
3) to provide representation and collective voice to address the needs and concerns of postdocs at LSUHSC
4) to provide a liaison between postdocs and the administration of LSUHSC
5) to disseminate information relevant to postdocs.

The LSUHSC-PDA shall be an organization of advocacy and aid to the LSUHSC postdoctoral community. It shall have no coercive powers over its members, nor shall membership be mandatory of anyone associated with LSUHSC.

Article 3 - Membership

The membership of LSUHSC-PDA shall consist of:

1. Active members: Membership in the LSUHSC-PDA will be open to all postdocs as defined by LSUHSC. As the definition of a postdoc may be different depending on department, training grant status, or other considerations, the final decision will be the responsibility of the Executive Committee of LSUHSC-PDA. The minimum requirement for the membership will be that the scholar must have either a Ph.D. and/or an M.D. degree and be actively involved in postdoctoral research. Active members may join committees, nominate members, or be nominated for positions on the LSUHSC-PDA Executive Committee. Active Members are obligated to observe the Constitution of LSUHSC-PDA and pay membership dues levied by LSUHSC-PDA.

2. Associate members: Persons not eligible to be Active Members as specified above may be designated Associate Members. Associate Members may also include LSUHSC-PDA alumni, LSUHSC-PDA Faculty Advisors, or other persons agreed upon by the LSUHSC-PDA. Associate Members shall enjoy all privileges of membership but may not join committees, nominate members and/or hold office.
b. Results of the poll.

Poll "What is the best schedule for the monthly meetings?"  
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