**PPDA Board Meeting Agenda (04/13/2022, 4-5.30 pm)**

**Location:** BRWN 4106 and on zoom ( https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/97997626760 )

**Attendees:** Dezhi Wang, Tu Van Duong, Chetan Kumar Arya, Subhadeep Das, Jesse Wolfhagen Langdon, Elvita Eglite, Alex Lancelot.

**1. Constitution and President/vice president vacancies**

1. Revision of the constitution (Tu) and voting of the new constitution.

Attendees agreed with the new constitution. The constitution will be read once again by PPDA board members before its final approval.

1. President election and Vice-president elections

Alexandre Lancelot has been elected as PPDA President.

Dezhi Wang has been elected as PPDA Vice-President.

**2. Past events and statements**

1. Coffee by PPDA (Dezhi/Alex).

Around 15 postdocs came to the coffee event. Most people stayed and chatted, promoting networking and socialization between postdocs.

1. Statement supporting to trans and non-binary postdocs (Jesse/Alex)

1 email was received acknowledging the statement and asking for more actions from PPDA. Oral feedback was also received supporting the statement.

**3. Future events**

1. Marie Sklodowska-Curie Action fellowships for postdocs (Alex/Jesse).

The event will be held on Thursday 27th April at 9:30 AM. Three speakers will join us: Ana Alonso, Vittoria Comacchi and Simon Hettler. Zoom and registration links have been created. The flier announcing the event will be sent on Monday 17th April.

1. Visa information for postdocs (Tu/Subhadeep).

A Visa attorney has been contacted. The event will be held the 3rd week of May (15-19th).

1. Weekly lunch for postdocs

Several options have been proposed:

- Purdue Farmers market each Thursdays, from May 4th. PPDA must prepare a sign to be recognized by other postdocs.

- Reserving a room at PMU to organize a weekly social lunch.

We must ask Lisa what our best options are.. PPDA will not sponsor food or drink.

1. Coffee events (May 12, June 16, July 21 3:30 - 5:00 pm)

We agreed with these dates. Communicate with Lisa our decision.

1. Lab Manager Panel Session organized by Lisa

Ask Lisa for more clarification. What is actually a Lab manager doing and are these positions available for non US citizens or Visa green card holders.

1. Next events. Postdocs to Academia panel for Spring semester.

PPDA suggested to ask Fanfei Meng and Ria Domier Corder, 2 ex-members of PPDA, (Dezhi). Jesse will ask to some overseas contacts he has to join the panel. The event is scheduled for June

1. Next?

PPDA will organize a second how to be a good reviewer? event.

**4. PPDA website and postdocsocial email list**

1. General update

Elvita is working on the website getting used to it.

1. PPDA board meetings available on the website (Elvita/Dezhi)

Board meeting minutes are not available yet on the website.

1. Postdocsocial email list update (Dezhi/Elvita)  
   link: <https://lists.purdue.edu/mailman/admindb/postdocsocial>

Issues with the list have been fixed. The email list is now working. To date the list has 32 subscribers and 2 messages have been sent by Postdocs.