

**BSD Postdoctoral Association Committee Meeting**  
**12 noon, Thursday August 23, 2007 BSLC 009**

Present: James McCracken (chair), Judy Cannon, Rifat Hasina, Cheng Huang, Kolla Kristjansdottir, Guoqing Lin, Melissa Lindberg, Harold Olivey, Victoria Robinson, Ayaz Sayeed, Isaac Skromne, Madina Sukhanova, and Ben Wolfe

1. Seminar series and end of summer picnic

The schedule for the upcoming quarter is now filled. KK-A graduate Student representative will be involved in the planning of the winter schedule to allow grad students to attend some of our seminars. They were invited in particular to attend seminars about careers at Baxter labs and Argonne National Labs. The representative seems happy to be involved. There was again general discussion about making grad students seem more welcome to attend our seminars by changing our advertising. It was agreed that the current "All are welcome" more than suffices. Volunteers are needed for the end of summer picnic on Sept 7 4pm BSLC lawn.

2. Survey 2007 on the Web

Our 2007 survey is now online for the committee to peruse. Several had done so and brought questions and suggestions to BW and RH's attention. It was decided that the survey will be open to the PDR community as a whole from September 10-24<sup>th</sup>. Advertising will be ramped up during this time and RH and BW agreed to monitor the number of responses they receive to decide if more time for entrants is needed.

3. FASEB report on Biomedical Scientists

JM wanted to distribute through our mailing list a new publication from FASEB about the career prospects of biomedical scientists. The report can be found at [http://opa.faseb.org/pages/PolicyIssues/training\\_datappt.htm](http://opa.faseb.org/pages/PolicyIssues/training_datappt.htm)

4. Putting you PhD to work 2007

JM has been asked to help in the planning of the above titled event in Milwaukee. He is seeking both ideas and potential attendees.