

BSD Postdoctoral Association Committee Meeting
11 am, Tuesday December 12, 2006 BSLC 104L

Present: Imogen Hurley (chair), Isaac Skromne, Ayaz Sayeed, Kolla Kristjansdottir, Rifat Hasina, Jason Ward, Cheng Huang, James McCracken, Harold Olivey, Yuanxin Hu

1. New committee member roles

Harold Olivey was welcomed into the committee as the new webmaster effective immediately. AS offered to provide HO with Adobe Acrobat so that he could produce the bulletin in PDF format. It was agreed that this was the best format for documents on the website. Former webmaster IH will update the website to reflect the new committee member roles.

JW agreed to take over as secretary from JC. It was decided that Thursday would be a better day for committee meetings. Several members requested that the meetings did not clash with the Developmental Biology Journal Club.

2. Seminars

Only a few slots of the winter quarter are left to fill. YH said that several Core Facilities have confirmed. KK has a contact who received a AAAS policy fellowship and she is looking for Chicago based recipients. IH is to chase up the grant writing contact her PI liaised with. IS has organized a seminar on H1B visas.

The final seminar of the year will be the holiday party. KK will order food and has requested drinks including wine. KK, YH and IH agreed to help setup.

3. New President

The meeting was organized to discuss who would replace IH as president. IH has accepted another job at the university and will therefore no longer be a postdoc. JM volunteered to take over as president effective immediately. IH suggested that the position could be as involved as he wanted it to be. Some possible responsibilities include helping committee members with their projects and keeping a broader perspective of association activities. IH offered to discuss this further with JM and also to be available for questions from any committee member in the future.