

August 2024 PDA Executive Council		
Position	Person	Agenda
President	Alan Morris	<p>Achieved: coffee hour August 2nd including town hall meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A success! 30 attendees - Lots of questions about how the process will work. - Retirement benefit question was raised again. This is typically a retention benefit added by companies. This is slightly at odds with the temporary nature of the postdoc role. Also, requires a 5% match from postdocs, so would require a reduction in salaries. - Retirement: postdoc office can help arrange an investment orientations for postdocs. - Childcare – postdocs have access to all the same childcare benefits of other employees. But it’s difficult in Denver. - Making sure that postdocs can ask for salary increases in our decision – build in flexibility. - e.g. Move to an increased base, but merit based: if someone has their own fellowship, they can get increases. - Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Faculty champions: Connect with the postdocs – send an email out to postdocs with a follow-up asking for postdocs to add their own names to a list. o OR ask faculty themselves. o We are looking for grassroots support from faculty and postdocs. o Develop the proposal and then vote on it as the PDA. o By the end of 2024 have the proposal ready and under consideration.

		Budget: \$7,000 for FY25
Vice President	Open spot	<p>Vice President</p> <p>(1) The Vice President assists the President with PDA activities as needed, and may serve as an alternate representative of the PDA to the University, PDO, and/or Postdoc Orientation.</p> <p>(2) The Vice President will act as the official PDA liaison to the Career Development Office (CDO), and will meet regularly with the CDO Director.</p> <p>(3) The Vice President acts as the primary contact with other groups on campus (such as Academic Industry Alliance, Women in STEM, SACNAS, etc.), and will regularly meet with these groups.</p> <p>(4) Assist with recruiting Departmental Representatives, and conducting Departmental Representative meetings.</p>
Advisor	Bruce Mandt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Congratulations, Bruce! Primary appointment in Dept. Pharmacology. - NPAW (16th – 20th Sep) - NPA meeting (March 21-22): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Poster presentation o Share what we do as the PDA. Proposal for the National Postdoc Conference. <p>https://www.nationalpostdoc.org/m/page/2025AC</p>
International and Diversity Officer	Alan Morris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potluck – need to follow-up.
CFO	Katie Ranard	<p>FY25</p> <p>-budget: \$7000</p> <p>-projected expenses: ~\$4900</p> <p>-> so lots of flexibility and room for new activities+programs (and/or other npaw events)</p>
Communications Officer	Nadine Koertel Joe Villanueva	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next steps: new digest for postdocs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Advertise PDA events calendar. o PDA Google calendar? Update that.
Denver Campus Representative	Jimmy Demayo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next steps: Identify Denver campus rep. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Bioengineering department postdocs might worth contacting.

Engagement/Outreach Committee Chair	Sudikchya Shrestha Sara Stoner	<p>Postdoc Appreciation Week- we need to form a planning committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 – 9 events! 1. Campus Scavenger Hunt - 2. Professional Headshots – Bruce/ Erin 3. PDA Alumni Event (suggested by Bruce) - 4. Capoeira Martial Arts Class (Sudikchya can contact her instructor) 5. Trivia Night 6. Ice Cream Truck with free ice cream for first (insert number here) postdocs 7. September Coffee Hour 8. International Postdoc Potluck (Alan) 9. Cooking class (reach out to them?) <p>Nadine, Lisa will help out</p>
Seminar Series Chair	Ana Maria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential interested person. Will follow-up.
Professional Development Award Committee	Tyler Cook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All done! - Update the instructions for what the funds can be used for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Anything that is part of the attendance of the event. 'Winners' need to follow the university policy for expenses. o Can we create and send reminders for people who are funded – add to the email that gets sent out. o Bruce will help generate information for
Advocacy Committee		
PDRD committee	Lisa Golden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary meeting occurred 5th August.