

PDFA Executive Meeting

22 NOVEMBER 2016 / 12H03 - 12H31 / ECHA 2-121

In Attendance

Ann, Neil, Camille, Richard, Megan, Nico

Agenda

1) Approval of Agenda

- Approved: Megan, Richard

2) Approval of Minutes

- Approved: Megan, Richard

3) Travel Award

- Camille: 11 faculty judges; 8 postdoc judges; 8 applications
- Richard would like to apply for Travel Award, so we will change the PDFA email password and restrict his access so he cannot see the competition

4) Holiday Party

- No update yet.

5) Elections

- Election Officers are Amanda Cann, Hui Xin Zhang
- One nomination for Member-at-Large and nothing else (Richard and Camille will be applying); intended deadline is Friday
- **Action:** Everyone: Spread the word! "Ensure our legacy continues."

6) Labour Relations update

- Meeting with Ministry of Advanced Education: put forward document from Joe Sparling; wait-and-see on feedback, with general consensus of sympathy for status of postdocs, including gathering of information; limits to provincial government mandate and legislation (advocacy for support institutionally and federally)
- Richard: step forward in being recognized / Nico: unintended consequences

7) Postdoc Advisory Committee

- Will meet in December.

8) Other business

- Need brownbag lunch for job application material. **Action:** Ann will organize at beginning of December.
- Recommendation to Register as a Member with CAPS
- Would be a good idea to redo postdoc survey next year
- One big email reminder for Travel Award + Elections

9) Adjournment

- Approved: Ann, Nico