

Neuroscience Graduate Students' Association Meeting July 31th, 2012

Time and Location: Good Earth Coffee House, 9am

Attendees: Lauren Alston, Shakib Rahman, Scott Travis, Sabine Schmelz, Melanie Alpaugh, Anna Wiersma, Sam Joshva, Curtis Benson, Rebecca McCourt

Meeting minutes were approved from June 1st, 2012.

Neuroscience Research Day

Locations and dates for NRD were discussed. Lauren and Shakib have looked into ECHA 2-190 as the keynote lecture hall and have tentative dates of January 21, 25 and 28th 2013. Possible keynote speakers were discussed and Dr. Norman Doidge was selected as our first choice. Lauren and Shakib will work on the invitation letter to invite him and sent it out early next week after consulting with Dr. Greer.

BBQ Social

The BBQ social was a huge success. We had great attendance and everyone was well fed and enjoyed the weather, games and the site. We do have about 40 left over burgers that can be used for another social event. Lauren is keeping them safe for now at her place.

NGSA Logo and Shirts

Lauren is still working on a digital version of the NGSA logo and wants to have it ready in two weeks. She will also check online to see if there are any good deals for bulk ordering screen printed shirts. Anna will also check with her contacts to see if we can get some discounted rate for our shirts. We also discussed a preorder form for the shirts so we know how many to make and don't have piles of them left over.

Fundraising

We are still planning to have a themed back sale to help raise some funds for NRD and the NGSA. Tentatively, we are planning to have it during the Week of Welcome/Orientation. Shakib will look into booking a table in quad or on the pedways between HMRC and MSB. We will also be selling the shirts with our baked goodies to generate some more funds.

Bear's Den

Shakib is looking into re-registering our group with Bear's Den. This will allow us to access the SU Clubs Fair as well as book tables, BBQs and other items necessary for any NGSA social events on campus. It may also give us access to SU funding.

Slowpitch

We desperately need more players for slowpitch this summer. During most games the NGSA team is short players and defaults its games. Last game there were only two people who showed up to play. Sam will send out emails to registered players as well as to Megan to remind people when we have games. Sam will also look to register teams for volleyball, inner tube water polo, ultimate frisbee and soccer in September.

Seminars

The Centre for Neuroscience will be holding its weekly seminars every Thursday starting in September. This year they will also be serving pizza at seminars and so need help setting up about 10 minutes prior to the start of the talk. Sabine will create a signup calendar for the NGSA execs to use to help out with setup.

NSA Retreat

The NSA is holding an exec retreat on early September (either the 9th or 10th) to have teambuilding and brainstorming exercises. They have invited the NGSA execs to help plan and coordinate events between the two student groups. Rebecca will update us with further details and an exact date as we get closer to the event.

Meeting was concluded at 10am.

Next Meeting: Friday August 17th, 2012 at 9am in the Good Earth Coffee House.