

Neuroscience Graduate Students' Association
Meeting Minutes **Friday, November 25th, 2011.**

10:30am Good Earth Coffee House

Attendance: Ian Surdhar (President), Scott Travis (VP Secretary), Curtis Benson (VP Treasurer), Nina Weishaupt, Bernice Sist, Camille Olechowski, Sam Joshva Baskar Jesudasan

Approved meeting minutes for October 14th, 2011.

Miscellaneous News.

- ∞ The dodgeball season is over. Kam Dhami will pay, Curtis Benson will reimburse him.
- ∞ Bernice wasn't chosen for the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry Dean selection committee, however she was chosen as the Basic Science representative to the John W. Scott Health Sciences Library. She will have the opportunity to advise the committee of features that will be useful to students, or journals that we would like them to subscribe to, etc.
- ∞ The Christmas social is coming up for the Centre for Neuroscience on December 14th at noon.
- ∞ We had a good turnout for Dr. Charles Hoeffler's talk (full room) and lunch (8 students) at Avenue Pizza hosted by Dr. Peter Nguyen on October 27th.

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An email soliciting PIs for donations to the NGSa has been sent out to Megan. Craig and Curtis are still assigned to pick up the checks.

Grant applications:

- ∞ Curtis will take care of the SfN grant, and Bernice will submit it. There is no deadline, and can be used towards activities on Brain Awareness Week.
- ∞ Bernice informed us that the SfN chapter start up grant, worth \$500, is available to us. Megan, our program administrator, will release this to us.
- ∞ Curtis, Ian, and Scott will work on the Walter Mackenzie Visiting Speaker Fund, AIHS lecture grant, and GSA lecture grant, and submit them by Dec. 1, to meet the appropriate deadlines. A couple of letters of support will need to be drafted for Dr. Kathryn Todd to sign, and we'll also need a detailed itinerary of flights and hotel bookings for Dr. Graziano. ***Update by Scott (Dec 1): these three grants have been completed and submitted on Dec. 1. Ian has booked the flights and hotel for Dr. Graziano.***
- ∞ The plan is for Dr. Graziano will fly in on the night of the 24th, and fly out on the 27th. He'll stay at Campus suites for three nights.
- ∞ Nina has arranged for our student guest speakers to come up from the Universities of Lethbridge and Calgary. The ANNAE funding for their expenses has been approved by Dr. Peter Smith. The two guest speakers are Jenni Karl, and Ranjan Kumar.
- ∞ We are planning to send a program for NRD this year as a PDF to all attendees. An abbreviated program will be printed and available at Bernard Snell. Scott Travis and other volunteers will take responsibility for making the program up, since he will be responsible for the abstracts.
- ∞ The abstract submission will go out to NSA, to senior students on a project, once it has gone out to graduate students. Bernice said we usually get about 2 submissions from the undergrads.
- ∞ The presentations happen in two sessions, each with 4 presentations, and 2 data blitzes. First come, first serve.
- ∞ Last year the food was just the right amount, this year we can also use the left over pop from the BBQ. The dinner had about 10 people last year, the lunch is a few more, and can be catered.

- ∞ Nina brought a draft of the NRD poster to the meeting, it looked good. We'll refine it later and put the logos of sponsors on the final draft.

The next meeting will be Friday January 6th, at 10:30am in the Good Earth Coffee house.