PDA Meeting (virtual via Zoom) dated 11ᵗʰ August 2020

Attendees: Diana Fox, Neekkan Dey, Elle Palmer, Kofi-Kermit Horton, Justine Renauld, Ajay Ashok, Suman Choudhary, Jeremy Didion, Ivette Noriega and Jeffrey McCausland.

Minutes:

Treasury Report: No money spent. According to Diana the present **account balance is $1809.95**.

Committee Reports:

· *__Social:__* The committee is planning to run a **virtual movie night** shortly with all the members of the postdoc community.

· *__Professional Development:__* The committee sent a **survey** to all the postdocs to share the details of their research experiences and accomplishments at CWRU. The survey got a huge response from the community. Presently, Ajay is working on these materials and preparing a PowerPoint presentation.

· *__Benefits:__* Jeremy Didion prepared a **presentation on Healthcare Benefits (Aetna) that will guide postdocs to access the Healthcare Benefits** step by step. He is also working on a similar presentation that will help someone who is looking for a Dentist.

· *__Public Relations:__* Ajay reported that the committee is working on the **social media presence of PDA** following the guidelines of the Case Public Relation Team. The team is also working to update the PDA website as well.

· *__Visas and Immigration:__* **Faculty Senate or Exec. Committee is yet to consider the extension of the J1 visas** for the postdocs from existing 1 year to 5 years. Jaclyn has been asked to present again on this issue on September 29, 2020. We are awaiting positive news on this issue.

· *__Women Affairs:__* Suman reported that the next committee meeting would be on September 1ˢᵗ.

· No other Faculty Senate meeting was held during this period.

· Diana informed us about the **"Re-entry Protocol"**. Postdocs who are on campus **must** complete a health assessment **each day** before leaving their residences to attend on-campus work. The health assessment is also available through the Guardian app.

Next Meeting Date: 8ᵗʰ September 2020 (Tuesday).