CPA Board Meeting Minutes 01-14-2025 Broad 200

Attended by Riccardo, Dennis, Pablo, Arpit, Matthew, Martijn, Junwen, Nina

* Agenda:
  + Board Member
  + Topic
  + Duration
  + Chair
  + Admin
  + Faculty Lunches
  + Cool BeansEmail list
  + Calendar
  + 20 min
  + Reps
  + Alex - purifiers? Nina - Cool AlesWynn and Pablo - Cool Beans
  + 10 min
  + Committee Chairs
  + Social
  + Diversity
  + Advocacy
  + Outreach
  + Career
  + Updates for jan/feb
  + 20-30 min
  + Administrative
  + Committee planning Roadmap for Jan 2025 to Oct 2025 should be done by end of year (!!)
  + Documentation for all events Photos, headcount, receipts (send me photos from Jan social) Can we place them in our Box folder?
  + Next meeting will be March 11, Tues, 12p-1:30p Suggestions for Food?
* Next meeting at Chen

Urban café/ urbane plates.

Division Reps:

* + BBE: Nina (Foosball table in Chen, getting Social room in Chen, waiting for dates on cool ales in Jan, will start a BBE CPA postdoc travel grant, Grant writing workshop with Ariane Helou - needs dates from us, Stefany can fund outreach activities but needs more solid plans on dates)
  + PMA: Wynn, Pablo
  + CCE: Alex
  + EAS: TBD
  + HSS: n/a (only 11 postdocs)
  + GPS: TBD
* Restart Cool Ales (once per month) - BBE – Feb
* Pablo is doing cool beans, May 1st.
* We should put photos on social media.

Riccardo/Nina can moderate CPA orientation

* Writing Sessions - Grants, teaching statements - CPA+Divisions could provide food/refreshments
* Faculty Lunch series at Ath - Any nominees for faculty that would be interesting? E.g. Assistant professors for “how to job search?”   Nina suggested that we can send the invite a day before sending the google form.
* Outreach - Any postdocs interested in teaching STEM for families?
* Social:
  + Jan 24th-Karaoke/Game night
  + Feb 21st- Trivia night
  + March 16th- Hike (Trail canyon falls)
  + April- Comedy show (the group that I know accepts cash payment)
  + May/June- Outdoor trip (Joshua NP)/JPL visit
* CPA board outing- Bowling? Mini golfing? Clubbing?   Mystery room/Escape room
* Diversity:
  + Chairs: Riccardo, Emma, Seung-Yeon, Manu
  + Reaching out to Right To Be to organize bystander intervention training; Emma needs to follow up with Equity/Title IX office to see if they can sponsor
  + Coordinate Diversity statement workshop (maybe later towards the next application cycle)
  + Reaching out to other division’s Diversity teams, CCID and GSC.
  + Plan for LA Pride 2025
  + Work with Social for a diversity oriented social event in January.
  + Riccardo is reaching out to get as many funds as possible he can.
  + Linguistic event. Pairing with another event probably with cool beans.
  + Alex suggested CPA should make a statement about DEI.
  + Should we do an event to show our solidarity with people?
  + We can announce DRAG bingo night in advance.
  + Can we do something actionable?
  + We can do a movie night.
* Advocacy:
  + Chairs: Catherine and Utkarsh
  + We have listening hour once a week Fridays at 10 – I don’t think anyone has come
  + We have met with the union folks to talk about ways we can be supportive.
  + Send out the survey again?
* Career (Feb):
  + Chairs: Yici and Junwen
  + Survey results: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fNDPzSHks7vLCmL_jiUFXyKfiE7qLN7R_yeV0efBtzk/edit#responses> (X17)
  + Feb event: resume workshop by Enrica
  + RSVP: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1PC4jLnGM7nTwdwpxOm52rgAykY49W9LGzEkyJzsmdCM/edit#responses> (X14)
  + Order meals? 2 Gift card?
  + March: interview? Linkedin? By James? (Yici following up:)
  + April: alumni? Industry vs academia?
  + – Share protomer contact with them
  + May-Aug: more academia-related events
  + Q: update the website?
* Outreach:
  + Chairs: Matthew and Shi-Zhuo
  + CPA STEM for Families:
    - First session by Kayane Dingilian (Chemistry) on February 27 at 5 pm
    - We will probably need a few CPA volunteers
    - About 11 families have signed up
    - Goal of ~30 kids
    - Other advertising avenues
    - Three potential future volunteers from CPA and grad students
    - Any other issues?
* Brief update on home air purifier initiative
* Order 1 = 110 purifiers
  + $5000 UAW Region 6
  + $500 CCID
  + “Pay what you can”

* Order 2 = 50 purifiers
  + $2500 Donations

* 23 of 50 distributed today \*?Order 3 =?
* Thanks to Dennis, Arpit, Abdullah and Rahma!
* Know a community org or a group of minimum 10 people who want purifiers?
* Want to help distribute? Hmu @ 781-985-1502
* ISS collab - Cool Beans:
  + Dates: I looked at the calendar and would like to suggest the following dates for ISS to host Cool Beans. Please let me know if that will work for the CPA to host Cool Beans on alternate weeks.
  + January 23
  + February 20
  + March 20
  + April 17
  + May 15
  + June 19
* Nina: Waiting on Jessica from Chen to give new dates for BBE CPA Cool Ales.
* Could we do Cool Beans on last week of Feb? PMA?
* Faculty Lunch series:
  + First one will be with Zhen-Gang Wang from CCE on 2/24 at Ath
  + 6 postdocs + 1 faculty
  + First come first serve? Random?
* Email list:
  + We’ve been using cpa-announcement@caltech.edu and postdocs-announcement@caltech.edu
  + Turns out we own postdocs@caltech.edu (I propose we consolidate everyone into this email list)
  + Thoughts?   We can consolidate all announcements in one
* Another reminder to update our website!
* Matt will take care of central Calendar

Resume workshop

* Faculty Lunch
* Cool Ales
* Trivia Night
* Cool Beans?
* Board mtg
* Faculty board mtg
* Stem for families

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