1. Announcements

Joseph Lutz has accepted the position to run an office of postdoctoral affairs.

2. Upcoming events

Welcome Back Picnic – Saturday, 8/17, 11am-2pm at Woodland Park.

Need volunteers to:
- organize catered food
- pick up drinks
- go to location early on the day of event to hold space
- arrange games/toys
- clean up

Interview Game – Date/location TBA (August)
- Copies of game just arrived.
- Need to establish interest, determine if one event is enough

6th Annual SOPS Symposium – Date TBA (May 2020?)
- Need to identify a Symposium Chair
- Prepare list of potential speakers, select
  - Scott Lukas @ McLean

Events in early planning stages –
- Science communications talk, Fall 2019
- Monthly professional development workshops
  - First event – “Improving Your Talks” organized by L Hammerslag
- Monthly or bi-monthly social
- Mental Health Awareness Week (MHAW) and Life After Graduate School (LAGS) GSC events
- In person viewings of National Postdoc Assoc. webinars
3. Networking and partnerships

Graduate Student Congress (GSC) –
- **We must nominate someone to serve as the GSC’s Postdoc Affairs Officer**, to attend monthly meetings and represent SOPS interests
- We will continue to partner with them on MHAW and LAGS events

Southeastern Postdoc Exchange (SPEx) –
- We are sending 4 representatives to the Oak Ridge National Labs Postdoc Symposium on August 6th
- Further discussions of future of SPEx will be held there

Regional Postdoctoral Associations Meeting –
- Meeting on August 9th in Cincinnati, with U Cincinnati and Cincinnati Children’s Hospital
- **They’d like us to send a SOPS representative**

National Postdoc Association –
- We will continue our institutional membership

4. Elections

**Positions to fill:** President, Vice President, Optional Co-Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, GSC Postdoc Affairs Officer, Social Chair, Symposium Planning Committee Chair

5. Welcome packet

Include info on classes, CELT, SOPS, benefits, grant writing/editing resources, Von Allmen Center for Entrepreneurship, Grant Writing Bootcamp, parking.

6. Open discussion

Discussion of organizational goals and priorities from last meeting included following topics:
- Hour / time off tracking – should we advocate for?
- Orientation – can we get Fellows to attend?
- How to build community and involvement?