MPACE minutes 11/3/16

Attendance
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By Laws/Group Leadership
Elsje knows about this google doc – she’ll send it out to the MPACE list. Then we can all edit etc. and discuss next month (maybe).

Update: the google doc is here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VN2EmnxDPoqNrvvNKgbKIA-1P-uH_KxLMsLLspKhzKw/edit

Coffee Hour
On 11/16 in the morning. They’ve been going well.

Website http://mpace.engin.umich.edu/

Check in on Groups:

Social Events: ?

Outdoor Activities: Fall hike? Soon before it becomes a winter hike. Salimeh will organize cuz Stephie is out of town – Dependent on weather.

Academic Jobs: Interview practice on Tues. Others welcome too. Kathleen will email out interview question packets (and have Ram put them on the webpg).

Industry Jobs: make committee from variety of departments to be in charge of the group. Postdocs have access to Engenius, must request access though.

Government Jobs: not sure.

Fair Labor Law
Memo came out about new postdoc salaries effective Dec 1. Salary will $47,500. Check you are getting this and spread the word to other postdocs.

Other
Make a uniform way postdocs are integrated into department, such as all postdocs on grad email list. This probably needs a top-down approach. Maybe we can put together a list of things we want to see:

- Include postdocs on grad email lists (or all email list)
- Faculty mentor/chair for each department

Let’s think of some more. Maybe send out a google doc?