**MPACE minutes 4/7/16**

**Attendance**

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**These meetings**

* A reminder the morning of the event will help with attendance
* Maybe use Facebook or linked in groups to send more timely meeting reminders
	+ To get more people in social media groups, at annual welcome meeting maybe have a giveout for everyone who has signed up on one the groups

**Coffee** **Hour**

* Nobody was at the last one ☹
* Next one: Wed April 13th 2-3:30pm GG Brown Atrium
* We have an MPACE google calendar that has these events on it
	+ How to sign up for it? – Send an email to ramta@umich.edu
	+ Is there a way to send a link out to the list so we just have to click on a link to get it? Ram will work on that

**Weekly Email Announcement**

* Is there any way for one of us to be a moderator?? – probably not
* Maybe send out a list of emails at beginning of month with the date it needs to be sent out?
* The email doesn’t always show up on phones (just says hides quoted text)
	+ Make sure actual copy pasting, not forwarded with changed subject line or is this an issue with the moderator sending it out?

**WriteOns**

* 3 people yesterday – One person came because of the specific theme
* Let’s give the themes approach a few more tries and then can try changing the time if still having trouble getting people

**Outreach**

* UMPDA wants to see more MPACE people at their outreach events – the next one is at the Hands on Museum
* Have Elizabeth send out the info about it to our list
* Post on Social Media too

**Website** [**http://mpace.engin.umich.edu/**](http://mpace.engin.umich.edu/)

* Having trouble imbedding our google calendar on the site
* We can upload articles (Send to Ram) – Ram is now our webmaster
* We should send out another email with webpage, facebook, and linked in groups
* Make sure website is in every email

**Advisory Committee**

* Should we make an official committee that we vote on? We probably need bylaws and things… Let’s look at UMPDA’s and work from there (JP will send us this)
* Some ideas: Attendance requirement, Host an event

**Social Events**

* We should have some
* Summer Picnic – Island Park, Ann Arbor

**NPA Reflections**

* Postdoc Parents Survey
	+ survey for postdoc parents about their experiences (Kathleen will send out/post on social media)
* International Postdocs group through NPA
	+ Ram has the links, you can join and it’s like a support group
	+ Use all our means of contacting people – email, facebook, linkedin, website
* Those of us that went to NPA, pull together info (slides etc) from talks went to – put on website and send out link
* Fair Labor Law? Are postdoc salaries going up – Ram will send us info about it

**Other**

* Support Group for international issues such as permanent residency process for postdocs – Maybe Shreya will start one
	+ Step One – gauge interest and see how much participation
* Postdoc Women Group?
	+ Pull out Female postdocs names from list and contact if interested in forming a group
* Talk to Elsje about plans to restart academic package writing group?
* Make circle/group list with contact people
	+ What are our different circles/groups and who’s in charge? - Decide on this next meeting