BME PHD STUDENT ASSOCIATION (BEPSA)

SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER

BEPSA has been working hard on your behalf! Check out some of our completed and ongoing projects below. We love when new people get involved - email the committee chair if you see a project you’d like to plug in to.

Resources Committee (Katy Rothenberg: ker35@duke.edu)

Professional Development RTP visit: GPSC awarded us a small grant to plan a site visit and networking reception at a biotech company this summer. Stay tuned!

BME Seminar Part II: The newly improved seminar debuted this spring, and focuses on helping students prepare for the written portion of their prelim exams.

Curriculum Committee (Zack Abzug: zma2@duke.edu & Nikki Pelot: nap20@duke.edu)

TA Short Course: We’ve worked with faculty to establish a TA training course to help students get the most out of their TA experiences.

Writing Group: A peer-led group will allow BME students to improve their scientific writing skills by practicing editing and getting feedback on their own documents.

Events Committee (Liad Holtzman: lh209@duke.edu)

PhD Student Recruitment: The 2016 BME recruitment weekends are in the books, snow days and all. Thanks to everyone who helped make recruitment a success!

BME Spring Retreat: Planning for the BME retreat has begun, and we’re working to introduce new events and activities to make the retreat even more fun and useful.

Outreach Committee (Rob Morhard: ram88@duke.edu)

Resource for outreach opportunities: We’re creating an online database of local outreach options so that BME students can easily find a good fit for them.

Outreach with UNC/NC State BME Graduate Student Association: A joint outreach event co-hosted with UNC/NCSU grad students is coming soon!

Other opportunities (Amy Frees Martinez: aef16@duke.edu)

Student milestones document: We are developing a resource to help students grasp timelines and requirements for major milestones on the path to graduation.

Revised BEPSA by-laws: The by-laws are being edited to better reflect how BEPSA is run. The new by-laws will then be voted on by the PhD students in mid-May.

COMING SOON: OFFICER ELECTIONS!

Many of us are graduating soon, so we’ll have open positions to fill. Where do you fit into BEPSA?

Check out each current officer’s in-depth summary of their official & unofficial BEPSA duties at sites.duke.edu/bepsa/resources

OFFICER POSITIONS

President: Plans meetings and maintains contacts with other student groups

Vice President & GAC Liaison: Represents the student body at meetings with faculty committees

Chief Technology Officer: Produces all communications from BEPSA (website, email…)

Chief Financial Officer: Manages funds and seeks fundraising opportunities

COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS

Resources Committee Chair: Develops resources for personal and professional development

Curriculum Committee Chair: Works to implement student-driven curriculum changes

Outreach Committee Chair: Plans and presents outreach events to the BME students

Events Committee Chair: Oversees recruitment, retreat, and all other BME PhD events

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