

The first LAPA general assembly (GA) meeting was held on Wednesday, June 14. Below is a summary of the events that took place at the meeting

1. The meeting began at about 4:10pm with 13 postdocs attending, some of whom have already been involved in LAPA and some who were new to the association. The meeting began with introductions.
2. Reports were heard from the acting chairs of the current committees: social, conversion, policy, and communications. The work to date of these committees (available on the web at <http://www.lanl.gov/projects/pda/index.shtml>) was summarized.
3. The mission statement of LAPA was approved. It stands as:

**“The mission of this Association at Los Alamos National Laboratory shall be to foster a sense of community among the postdoctoral research staff; to advocate for and be the representative voice of the postdoctoral community; and to provide career development information to the members of the Los Alamos Postdoctoral Association.”**

4. The need for a LAPA logo was stated. The goal is to have it ready for approval at the next GA meeting in July.
5. Most of the remainder of the meeting was spent on discussing the form of a letter that will be sent to director Anastasio on behalf of LAPA. The text of the final version is available upon request from Jason Stairs ([jstairs@lanl.gov](mailto:jstairs@lanl.gov)).
6. The careers committee was formed with Joseph Hickey as acting chair.
7. The idea of having postdoc "lunch socials" was warmly received.
8. It was resolved that future GA meeting will occur at lunchtime and will be strictly limited in duration to 1 hour.
9. Meeting adjourned at ~5:40pm.