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**Alliance of Women Alzheimer's Researchers (AWARE) PIA: Meeting minutes**

**AWARE ISTAART Business Meeting**
**Wednesday, July 19, 2017 from 6-7 pm**
**Novotel ExCeL**

**In attendance: Laura Baker, Kelly Dineley, Rema Raman, Ines Moreno-Gonzalez, Keith Fargo, April Ross**

1. Welcome, ISTAART/PIA membership data (Keith)
   547 members by Jun13 (higher than previous years)
   Increased number of student memberships
   We will schedule a teleconference in August to evaluate the mentoring breakfast and the panel discussion
   Keith kept the evaluation forms provided by the attendees

2. Mentoring breakfast (Kelly)
   Mentoring breakfast was very successful. We were "sold out" with over 120 attendees. We had tables dedicated to basic, clinical and "other" career pathway and it seems to work well.
   The event was very short. The location was difficult to find. Advise the mentors not to focus in a singles topic (grants should not be a topic of this session) and try to make it more general and useful for all the participants in the table (directed to mentoring). Provide more instructions to the mentors prior the event. How to evaluate the effectiveness of the mentors?

3. Panel discussion (Ines)
   Another successful event. Room was full of participants. There was a nice discussion from the panelists about taking risks, negotiation, implicit bias, and self-promotion. We received many written questions from the audience. Meredith have them and we will use them to organize the next panel discussion at AAIC'18. We may need more time for this event.

4. Comments from other attendees to the business meeting

Option to have childcare provided by AAIC to facilitate the attendance of parent to the meeting (not for free but at least to have the service offered). AA has thought about it.

Change the AWARE business meeting so it doesn't coincide with the early career development meeting.

5. Goals and programming (Laura)

Creation of online resources

Webinars about career development topics, check question obtained in the panel discussion, and in the evaluation forms from the mentoring breakfast.

To visit our website, the member needs to log in to see the content. This needs to be fixed to at least show a list of the contents and have the link to log in right there.

Include an option for suggestions and comments in our website.

Increase our social media activity. Use more Facebook. We should upload some picture from our AAIC'17 events. Ask Meredith for picture to include them in FB and our website.

6. Discuss ideas for AWARE programing at AAIC 2018 (EC)

Questions from the panel discussion can be posted in our website and have everybody to advise and give tips from their own personal experience.

Should we have a student and/or a postdoc member in our executive committee? If so, their selection should be through a nomination process.

We all agreed we don't need to collaborate with other PIAs in research related activities since the goal of our PIA is completely different to the other ones and because we are still settling as a group.

"The mentor is in!" Let's have mentors for early career investigators in rooms available for everyone who wants to have a one-on-one small group discussion about mentoring and career development. It will be provided until it fills up (RSVP) during lunch time. We need to work on this idea.

7. Adjournment