The theme year for the PPSA is “Year of Engagement.” As part of this theme year, the PPSA plans to hold events which enable to staff to engage at various levels, including professional development, networking, and engagement with the University and the Philadelphia community. Events will include a skill share event, steps to success at Penn, and a discussion about diversity.

Our first PPSA event of the year was a Gallery Hop on September 3rd, which included a tour of the Arthur Ross Gallery, as well as a view of the exhibition at the Penn Museum titled “In the Artifact Lab: Conserving Egyptian Mummies.” The evening ended with the Museum’s Summer Nights concert.

The Annual Employee Resource Fair (ERF) in collaboration with the Weekly Paid Staff Assembly will take place on Monday, October 13th in Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall from 12pm to 2pm. In conjunction with the ERF there will be a volunteer fair of numerous local organizations who are inviting Penn staff to become involved with their organizations. The volunteer fair will take place in the Reading Room of Houston Hall (adjacent to Bodek). All are welcome!

Starting with the Academic Year until October 10th, the PPSA is holding a membership drive. During this campaign we reach out to new staff as well as existing staff who are not yet familiar with the PPSA and invite them to join by signing up online here: http://penn-ppsa.org/?page_id=53. We work with the HR departments from various schools and centers as well as through a grassroots effort to reach out to potential new members.

Respectfully submitted,

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