### NPA Announces Board Candidates; Voting Will Take Place September 24-October 8

The NPA is holding elections this fall to bring six committed and energetic individuals into the NPA Board of Directors for two-year terms. **Follow this link** to read the candidates' statements, CVs, and letters of support. Voting will begin on September 24, 2009, and close at 11:59 p.m. EST on October 8, 2009. Members eligible to vote will be notified by e-mail when the voting opens.

**Only NPA dues-paying individual members and NPA sustaining member representatives are eligible to vote.** If you are not a dues paying member or a sustaining member representative, please [click here](https://campaign.constantcontact.com/render?v=001fjbaAUaxISMD0sz-wGI-TP64sAB-FWX4Og...) to upgrade your membership. You must upgrade your membership and receive confirmation of your voting status by September 10, 2009, in order to be eligible to vote.

### NPA Postdoc Appreciation Day

Only Three Weeks Away... the First Annual National Postdoc Appreciation Day is September 24, 2009

Our goal for the first year was 10 events—and we've surpassed that with events in 11 states and counting. (Way to go, Outreach Committee!) Join us in celebrating the first annual National Postdoc Appreciation Day and raise your voice with NPA members across the country. **Follow this link** to find out what's happening where.

**Want to be on the map?** Let us know what's happening in your area; just reply to this e-mail with who, what, when, where, and your contact information.
Summer POSTDOCket Now Available Online

This issue features articles about National Postdoc Appreciation Day, the possible creation of an international forum for postdocs, NPA's new Diversity Officers, and how one institution improved postdoc benefits in spite of the economic downturn. Plus, learn more about the EB-1A visa for "Aliens of Extraordinary Ability." To read all this and more, follow this link.

NSF Issues Requirements for Ethics Training

NSF Issues Final Requirements for Ethics Training
The NSF has issued its official implementation plan for requiring training in the responsible conduct of research (RCR) for postdoctoral scholars. Effective January 4, 2010, all institutions must certify that they have a training program in place for undergraduate and graduate students and postdoctoral scholars who are funded through NSF grants. Additional details on the implementation, including responses to the concerns submitted by the community during the open comment period, are included in the Federal Register Notice of August 20, 2009 (Volume 74, Number 160).

Guidance on these needs and approaches for establishing effective training programs for postdocs can be found in the NPA's RCR Toolkit.