Biomedical Graduate Student Organization Meeting 9/9/2008
Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 4:30-5:15 PM in BRB 732

Introduction of Officers:
**President** – Heather Mason-Suares (hmm9@case.edu)
**Vice President** – Rebecca James (Rebecca.james@case.edu)
**Secretary** – Pamela Soda (pxs102@case.edu)
**Treasurer** – Amanda Svenson (Amanda.svenson@case.edu)
**Social** – Joanna Pucilowska (jxp190@case.edu)

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Introduction of Committees:
**Survival Guide** – Sarah Busch (sab37@case.edu)
Graduate school survival guide is now on the Case wiki (wiki.case.edu/GradSchoolSurvivalGuide). Areas that still need development include sections on how to write a CV, how to change advisors, and how to choose a post-doc.

**T-shirt** – Crystal Miller (crystal.miller@case.edu)
T-shirt sale will take place at the BBQ on Thurs, Sept 11, 2008, and next week Sept 15-19, 2008 from noon-1 PM in the BRB. T-shirts are $13 (cash only, pay in advance) and will come in sizes S, M, L, and XL. Design for the T-shirt was voted on during the meeting. Design is attached.

**Newsletter** – Jessica Cohen (jic1@case.edu)
Newsletters will come out 4 times a year. Sections include accomplishments, events, and a BGSO meeting wrap-up. Seeking a “beat reporter” that can write a small article about campus events you may have attended.

**Career and Professional Development** – Rebecca James (rebecca.james@case.edu)
With the help of Helen Salz, we will promote career and professional development through a monthly seminar series, taking place on the 3rd Wed of each month from 1:30-2:30 PM (TENTATIVELY in Wolstein 1413). First seminar is covering Networking Skills on Wed Sept 17, 2008, given by Joe Nadeau. *Free pizza and refreshments!*

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Issues: Financial Aid and Health Insurance – Sarah Swerdlow (sjs50@case.edu)
Some graduate students have had problems where they either do not get paid, do not get paid the correct amount, or find that they do not have health insurance. If you have had similar
problems, please email Sarah to document your problems so that we can present this to the proper people to get this taken care of. For stipend issues, you can always talk to the financial person in your department about these issues. For health insurance issues, contact Louise in the Student Health Center. Because we are under a new insurance plan, you can attend an information session Thurs Sept 18, 2008 from 11:45-1 PM in DeGrace Hall, Room 312. *Lunch will be provided.*

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Want to be a department representative? This person attends the BGSO meetings and brings pertinent information back to graduate students in the department. Email Heather (hmm9@case.edu) and let her know if you’d like to represent your department!

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**Upcoming Events!**
The Welcome Back BBQ – Thurs Sept 11, 2008 from 11:30-1 PM.
Grad Student Major League Night – Fri Sept 12, 2008 at Progressive Field. $10 tickets can be purchased through GSS. Go to gss.case.edu for more information.
Career and Professional Development – Wed Sept 17, 2008 from 1:30-2:30 PM (TENTATIVELY in Wolstein 1413).
Health Services Forum – Thurs Sept 18, 2008 in DeGrace Hall, Room 312.
Case Community Day – Fri Sept 19, 2008 from 10:30-4 PM
Case Career Fair – Thurs Oct 2 from 11-3 PM in Veale Center. More info can be found on the Career Center website.

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