

## Cheers to a new queer year

Hi QUAQE members! Happy New Year! I hope you all had time to rejuvenate over the break.

QUAQE organizing members met with FAS this week and should be finalizing our website and email procurement soon (depends on ITS' speed). Soon we will have a more direct way to correspond with the ERG as a whole, which will be very important for getting more employees to join. Speaking of this, Anne Craig, the new Comms officer at FAS, will be working on a story for FAS and with central for the Gazette to help push QUAQE to more audiences.

As it's a new semester, I would like to decide new meeting times for our social/work lunches, so please fill in this Doodle:

[https://doodle.com/poll/8rrg7p722xvxa8wv?utm\\_source=poll&utm\\_medium=link](https://doodle.com/poll/8rrg7p722xvxa8wv?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link). Of course, it is unfortunate we need to use a lunchtime for a working period, and so QUAQE is working with other ERGs to make a request to the Provost's office to set guidelines about employees getting release time for ERG service. We can update on this soon.

We are in the process of organizing our next Annual General Meeting for next month. Expect a Doodle poll to help schedule that soon. In prep for that we are updating our Terms of Reference to clarify responsibilities and help needed on our subcommittees.

Last but not least, First Friday Happy Hour continues, for which we are ignoring last week. **So our first Happy Hour of the new year is tomorrow at 4:30pm – 6:00pm.** Recall you can see upcoming social events on the QUAQE MS team's Social Calendar (click Calendar tab at the top of the Social channel). You can also add this calendar to your outlook if you're forgetful like me!

Here is the link for Happy Hour:

<https://queensu.zoom.us/j/94122879648?pwd=QWU3c01NbjRLamdSeGhjUW9YWWR5Sz09>

Meeting ID: 941 2287 9648

Passcode: 766670

Thanks again and stay safe and healthy (in body and mind). We've included some other resources below.

-Sarah & the QUAQE organizing team

### **Resources for the QUAQE Community**

Positive Space Resources (some COVID specific):

<https://www.queensu.ca/positivespace/resources>

Education on Queer Issues Project (EQulP):

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/equipqueens/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/equipqueens/about/?ref=page_internal)

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