



MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL CALL MINUTES

Date Monday, March 18
Time 4 p.m. ET

IN ATTENDANCE	
Scherezade K. Mama, PhD (Chair)	Lorna Haughton McNeill, PhD, MPH
Elva Arredondo, PhD	

STAFF	
Lindsay Bullock	Robert Carroll

REGRETS	
Cynthia Castro Sweet, PhD	Qian Lu, MD, PhD
Bettina Fisher Drake, PhD, MPH	

Approve minutes from the last call

Dr. Mama motioned to approve the minutes for the March 8 Membership Council call. Dr. Haughton McNeill seconded. The motion carried.

New Membership Council members and Champions

The council discussed inviting new council members and Champions based on expertise and other characteristics. The council would prefer to add a nursing representative, and possibly a representative for military and veterans' health members. The council would also like to add men, outgoing SIG chairs, and patient advocates to either or both groups.

The council discussed the need for student representation and discussed adding student members to the council. The council agreed that for students to be considered they must be able to guarantee SBM membership for the next two years with the support of a SBM member as mentor. Christina Hopkins was suggested as the first student Membership Council member.

All potential council members, student or otherwise, must be in good standing with the society and be up-to-date with their dues.

→ **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Mama will join the SIG Council call in April to discuss the Membership Council and the Champions/survey panel program, and will gauge interest. Dr. Mama will also contact Christina Hopkins about applying to the Membership Council as a SBM student member.



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Revamping the Champions Program/Roll-out of Survey Group

The council discussed ways to revamp the Champions program. Satellite meetings throughout the year were proposed as a way to keep engagement consistent. The council wants to make sure that all demographics/areas of expertise are represented in the program, and that all geographic regions be represented. The council agreed that current Champions must be reviewed based on yet to be established criteria. Criteria suggestions included a checkbox on the SBM membership form asking if the applicant heard about the program from an SBM Champion. The council agreed, however, that increased membership is not the only goal of Champions, nor is it a standalone barometer of success. In the meantime, the council will create an FAQ that would provide guidelines for Champions and better outline their roles.

→ **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Arredondo will create an FAQ for Champions.

Adjourn

The call adjourned at 4:30 p.m. ET.

Minutes submitted by R. Carroll on March 25, 2019.