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**Professional Advancement Council Conference Call
MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

9:00 a.m. PT/10:00 a.m. MT/11:00 a.m. CT/12:00 p.m. ET

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83809865247>

In Attendance

Valerie Myers, PhD (chair)
Morgan Lee, PhD, MPH
Erika Montanaro, PhD
Andrew Schmidt (staff)

Regrets

Sharon Manne, PhD
Sherri Sheinfeld Gorin, PhD
Carina Nigg, MSc (guest)

February PAC Meeting Minutes

The February 2023 PAC call minutes were approved as written.

Early-Career Mentoring Program Update

Dr. Myers reported that all of the applicants for the 2023-24 Early-Career Mentoring Program had been sorted into mentorship groups, and those groups would soon be scheduling alternating peer mentoring and senior mentor-led meetings throughout the year. Senior mentors were still being sought for two groups focusing on careers in industry and healthy equity issues, and Dr. Myers noted that she and Ms. Nigg would continue to reach out to SBM members with backgrounds in those areas.

2023 Annual Meeting Session Planning

Dr. Lee reported that attendees and Fellows had been sorted into a total of 11 discussion groups for this year's Meet the Fellows session, in part to accommodate the large number of attendees primarily interested in discussing careers outside academia. Interest in that topic has grown steadily over the past few instances of Meet the Fellows, while Dr. Lee noted that some attendees didn't indicate an interest in any of the potential discussion topics when signing up for the session so it may be necessary to make that question mandatory on any future RSVP forms.

While overall interest in the Meet the Fellows session remains high, Dr. Myers suggested that while at the conference, PAC members could consider additional non-scientific sessions or networking opportunities that the council might support. Dr. Montanaro described a quiz bowl held during a recent conference attended by one of her colleagues, and offered to share more details about the event on a future council call.

2023-24 PAC Preview

Dr. Myers noted that PAC would continue to welcome new members, and the Annual Meeting may be a good time to connect with colleagues and gauge their interest in remaining engaged with SBM throughout the year by joining the council.

One item that the council may consider taking back up over the 2023-24 SBM year is the Consultation Program, which remains underutilized despite efforts to refresh the lists of available consultants and consultation topics. Dr. Lee questioned whether it would be possible to survey SBM members about the program or examine website analytics to determine whether there are other obstacles to utilization beyond a lack of awareness among the membership. Dr. Myers recommended connecting with SBM's Membership Council after the Annual Meeting regarding any upcoming member surveys, as well as potentially leveraging the SIGs to informally poll their members about the program or promote it in more targeted ways.

Dr. Myers also shared that during its meeting the following week, the SBM board would be considering a proposal to continue the regional events program piloted by SBM in 2022. The two initial events in Denver and Washington, DC were well-received by attendees, and if approved for additional events in 2023-24, the program would be officially nested under the PAC going forward. For future events, members would be able to submit proposals for potential dates and locations, after which the PAC will select approximately two meeting sites each year. SBM staff would then work with the local organizer(s) to work out the details for each event.

Next Meeting

TBD