



SOCIETY OF BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE

Professional Advancement Council Conference Call MINUTES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

10:00 a.m. PT/11:00 a.m. MT/12:00 p.m. CT/1:00 p.m. ET

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87269626804>

In Attendance

Sharon Manne, PhD (chair)
Morgan Lee, PhD, MPH
Erika Montanaro, PhD
Sherri Sheinfeld Gorin, PhD, FSBM
Joanna Buscemi, PhD (guest)
Carina Nigg, MSc (guest)
Andrew Schmidt (staff)

Regrets

Valerie Myers, PhD, FSBM
Margaret Schneider, PhD, FSBM

Welcome and Review of June PAC Meeting Minutes

The June 2023 PAC call minutes were approved as written.

SBM Mentoring Resources Website Proposal

Dr. Buscemi presented a concept for an SBM website resource designed to collect best practices for mentors and in particular, address instances of difficult or abusive mentoring relationships. Dr. Buscemi also shared a list of links targeted at both mentors and mentees that could be used to begin populating the page.

Council members voiced their enthusiasm for the resource and offered to lend PAC support to expanding and promoting the page down the line. Dr. Manne read some feedback that Dr. Schneider provided over email before the call, including a recommendation for short descriptions of each link on the page to provide context and cohesion for the resource as a whole.

Dr. Buscemi also suggested developing a panel discussion on mentorship best practices and dealing with mentor abuse, with PAC members agreeing to have the council endorse an abstract submission on the topic and to assist with identifying potential speakers.

Council members were encouraged to review the list of potential resources again after the call and send any additional feedback to Dr. Buscemi, while Dr. Buscemi will work with staff to begin developing a page for the SBM website.

2024 Annual Meeting Session Planning

Dr. Manne reported that she completed a non-scientific abstract for a “Meet the Councils” networking session, with the only remaining task being collecting presenter details from SBM’s other council chairs.

Dr. Manne also presented a networking session proposal from Dr. Schneider focusing on community-engaged researchers, ideally to be held during the 2024 Annual Meeting but outside of the conference space and after regular conference hours. Council members expressed support for the event overall, although members acknowledged that it may be difficult to find a time in the evening that doesn’t conflict with other SBM activities such as the run/walk and various member receptions.

Fall Outlook Newsletter Submission

The council elected to continue thinking of potential topics for a new PAC *Outlook* article and prepare a submission for the winter issue later in the year.

Early-Career Mentoring Program Updates

Ms. Nigg reported that all current mentorship groups had scheduled or already held their initial meetings for the year. She also shared that one participant requested to be reassigned to a different group because their research focus wasn’t closely aligned with that of their mentor; although all mentors would likely have relevant experience to share with any program participants, organizers may want to consider additional criteria (background, career stage, career trajectory, etc.) when assigning groups in the future.

New Council Member Recruitment

Dr. Manne shared that she would be forwarding a potential new council member’s CV to the group for consideration during the August PAC call. The council then reviewed Ms. Nigg’s CV and agreed to submit her nomination to become a full council member to the SBM Executive Committee before their next meeting.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 22; 1 p.m. ET