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**Professional Advancement Council Conference Call
MINUTES**

Thursday, February 9, 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
Sharon Manne, PhD
Erika Montanaro, PhD
Sherri Sheinfeld Gorin, PhD
Carina Nigg, MSc (guest)
Andrew Schmidt (staff)

Regrets

Welcome and Minutes

Dr. Myers welcomed Dr. Manne as incoming Professional Advancement Council chair, to begin her term following the SBM Annual Meeting in April.

The December 2022 PAC call minutes were approved as written.

Early-Career Mentoring Program Update

Ms. Nigg reported that applications for the 2023-24 Early-Career Mentoring Program closed near the end of January, with fewer applications overall than were received for the first iteration of the program. Ms. Nigg presented a brief overview of the program structure for the council, highlighting the cross-disciplinary nature of the small mentorship groups and the program's focus on peer mentoring alongside the mentorship provided by senior SBM members. The Student SIG is currently working to recruit senior mentors for the upcoming program cohort and match applicants into mentorship groups, however with the smaller number of potential participants this year, it should be possible to feature fewer mentors and include fewer mentees in each group.

Mr. Schmidt confirmed that the 2023 membership renewal form now includes a field where Full Members and Fellows can indicate an interest in serving as a mentor, and SBM staff will be able to share a list of responses with the Student SIG.

2023 Annual Meeting Session Planning

Dr. Myers reported that she recently met with Dr. Lee and Mr. Schmidt to begin inviting participants

for the Meet the Fellows networking session at the 2023 Annual Meeting. Dr. Myers added that this year's session would be held across two conference rooms, allowing for additional small groups and more attendees overall, while also reducing the number of attendees per group and number of tables in each room.

Dr. Myers also reminded the council that PAC would no longer be responsible for recruiting Annual Meeting poster mentors, however council members were encouraged to participate as mentors if they will be at the meeting during one or more of the poster sessions.

Other Business

Dr. Myers noted that new PAC members continue to be welcome, and current members are encouraged to reach out to any colleagues who might have an interest in serving on the council.

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 9; 12 p.m. ET