

Saint Louis University School of Medicine Women in Medicine and Science

Thursday, July 8, 2021 7:00 am

Zoom meeting

Members Present: Emily Boyd, Dina Calamur, Eran Chen, Tina Chen, Kara Christopher, Megan Ferber, Susan Heaney, Denise Hooks-Anderson, Lisa Israel, Christine Jacobs, Sonia Jolly (AMWA student representative), Jane McHowat, Heidi Sallee, Aline Tanios, Nicole Xynos

1. **June minutes** were approved.

Link here: [June 2021 Minutes](#)

2. **Tina Chen and Megan Ferber provided updates on the Women Mentoring Women program.** The mentorship sub-group is working on developing the program application process and a matching process, with the goal of receiving applications and matching candidates in August, followed by program initiation in September.

Minutes and documents related to the program are available on the Women Mentoring Women folder in the WIMS Google Drive: [link here](#)

3. **Heidi Sallee discussed the planned programming for SWIMS, which will be held on September 22.** The likely program is as follows:
 - 12:10 to 1:40pm: Wendy Ward will give the keynote speech, "Exploring the Mentor/Mentee Relationship."
 - 1:50 to 2:20pm: Junior faculty/resident panel composed of Jennifer Aleshire (pediatrics), Alicia Barnes (psychiatry), and other junior faculty/residents.
 - 2:20 to 2:50pm: Dr. Marie Philipneri will give a talk.
 - 3:00 to 3:45pm: Women Mentoring Women program launch
 - 3:50 to 4:30pm: Break out groups. Heidi envisions a Women Mentoring Women group, an in-person group, and a virtual group.

Heidi is looking for resident, basic science, and/or surgical field representatives to join the panel.

There was discussion on how to emphasize inclusivity throughout SWIMS, for example for men attending the SWIMS event. Discussion points included curating questions directed towards the junior faculty/resident panel, possible inclusion of a male faculty member or resident on the junior faculty/resident panel, and explicitly messaging that the event was for all interested attendees in the save-the-date.

Jane stated that she would coordinate with Andy to send out a save-the-date to faculty with the keynote speaker information.

4. **Heidi Sallee discussed upcoming Brown Bag programming for AY 21 to 22.**
Farzana Hoque will give a talk on October 14, 2021, on emotional intelligence. Other planned speakers include Toniya Singh and Katherine Mathews, with topics to be announced. Abigail Frech, who gave a brown bag talk on nutrition last year which was well-received, has been interested in giving another brown bag talk. Lisa Israel plans to do a panel in February 2022 on work-life balance.

The group made suggestions about other speakers, including Laura Grimmer. Events are planned to be in-person, if possible.

5. **Jane McHowat and Heidi Sallee provided an update on Grand Rounds Fall 2021.**
There were many good suggestions from the WIMS group on possible issue content for magazine editors to choose from. At this point, the magazine staff will begin reaching out to individuals for interviews and spotlights.
6. **Sonia Jolly, AMWA representative, provided an update on upcoming AMWA programming.** The AMWA representatives are in the middle of planning their orientation dinner. There are currently 75 medical students and 10 faculty signed up to attend. The event will be held at Christine Jacob's home. Food will be Italian and catered.

The student AMWA representatives ask that any faculty who would like to attend fill out this (quick) sign up sheet, so they can have a reasonably accurate head count:
<https://forms.gle/ezw3fdLT4uWZH2bM6>