

Saint Louis University School of Medicine Women in Medicine and Science

Thursday, May, 2021 7:00 am

Zoom meeting

Members Present: Cindy Bitter, Megan Ferber, Julie Gammack, Susan Heaney, Katie Heiden-Rootes, Sonia Jolly, Jane McHowat, Aline Tanios, Heidi Sallee, Nikki Xynos

1. **April minutes** were approved.

Link here: [April 2021 Minutes](#)

2. **Megan Ferber and Cindy Bitter** are doing brown bag session at noon today. Megan reported that the group is moving ahead with publications.
3. **Aline Tanios provided updates on the Women Mentoring Women program.** The survey will go out this week. Groups of 5 members will be created for the first year. Program will be launched in September, hopefully in person associated with SWIMS. Possibly have a speed mentoring program. The sub-committee each have tasks to work on to develop the program. Jennifer Giancola is going to meet with the sub-committee in June to help with program logistics.
4. **Heidi Sallee discussed SWIMS programming.** Heidi asked for suggestions for SLU speakers for SWIMS, theme will be "mentoring". Still not known if we will do in-person/virtual or hybrid. Nikki has been working with Heidi, but it would be welcome to get some help with programming/format. We will aim to do something on the mentoring program in person (maybe speed mentoring). Aline will work with Heidi with plans for Wendy Ward. Jane will ask for help with planning/suggesting speakers.

Brown bag sessions have not been well attended. Will talk about Brown Bag sessions for next year (aim for Oct-May) at the next meeting.

Picture a Scientist screening will be the weekend on May 14-17. Heidi will look at a discussion session date.

5. **The AMWA Student Representative, Sonya, provided updates on AMWA initiatives.** They set a date for the M1 orientation AMWA social: Tuesday, July 27. They are still looking at venue options. WIMS will contribute to food and drink expenses.
6. **Katie Heiden-Rootes announced the Billiken Boost Program.** The program is designed to provide resources for faculty whose career progression and scholarship

production has been interrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic in ways such as increased caregiving responsibilities.

Gender equity task force will need a new co-chair as Chris Rollins is now on the Faculty Senate

7. **Other Business.** Jane will send out the Grand Rounds suggestions and will get a small group to discuss topics. Will be discussed at the next WIMS meeting. Heidi offered to help.