

## **Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of the SSSP Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division**

July 12, 2021

**Attendance:** Kathleen Abrahamson, Virginia Berndt, Jennifer Bulanda, William Cabin, Stephanie Kirkland, Lilla Pivnick

### **Introductions**

### **Budget**

- Unanimous approval of the proposed 2021-2022 budget.

### **2021 Annual Meeting**

- Members asked about information for the 2021 annual meeting platform and session links. Bill will communicate with Michelle about plans/platform for the upcoming meeting.

### **2022 Meeting**

- Discussion of potential session topics and co-sponsored sessions for next year's meeting. Members with additional ideas can add them to the Google doc circulated to the Division membership.

### **Division opportunities**

- Newsletter
  - Discussion of newsletter content.
  - Request for volunteers to author a one-page segment for the upcoming newsletter (Bill Cabin volunteered).
  - A call for announcements that members would like to have included in the next newsletter will be circulated.
  - Discussion of a monthly email announcements format versus the traditional biannual PDF newsletter format.
- Student Paper Award Committee
  - Lilla Pivnick and Bill Cabin volunteered to serve for 2022.
- Outstanding Scholarship Award Committee
  - Kathleen Abrahamson and Virginia Berndt volunteered to serve for 2022.

### **Other business**

- Discussion of timeline for decisions about next year's sessions and session organizers. This will be discussed further at the Council of Chairs meeting on July 14, and we likely have until September to make final decisions. Members willing to organize a session can indicate their interest on the Google doc circulated to the Division membership.
- Discussion of potential synergy with the Medical Sociology section of ASA.
- Discussion of increasing our social media presence (Virginia Berndt volunteered as a potential point person for further social media discussions/initiatives).