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2021 Business Meeting

Lisa Bodnar, PhD

President



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Executive Committee

- **Welcome to:**

- Jaime Slaughter-Acey (President-Elect)
- Theresa Chapple-McGruder (Member-at-large)
- Luther-King Fasehun (Student representative)



Executive Committee

- **Farewell and thank you to:**
 - Brian Whitcomb (Past President)
 - Nicole Talge (Member-at-large)
 - Sonia Grandi (Student representative)





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Secretary's Report

Sarah Keim



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Meeting Attendance

	2017 Seattle	2018 Baltimore	2019 Minneapolis	2020 Virtual	2021 Virtual
Total Attendees	268	264	264	172	327
Students	111 (41%)	109 (41%)	124 (47%)	85 (49%)	163 (50%)
International*	19 (7%)	22 (8%)	20 (8%)	17 (10%)	28 (9%)
Methods Workshop	77	72	81	54	61

* All countries except Canada and United States



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Treasurer's Report

Erinn Hade



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Membership (prior to meeting)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
North America*	236	222	315	303	310	315	375	
Outside North America	26	11	36	30	31	25	30	
Total	262	233	351	337	341	340	405	403
Non-Students	153	148	191	188	192	185	198	196
Students	109	85	160	149	149	155	207	207

* Contains members with unknown country



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FY2019/2020 Income Summary*

Donations	\$ 165
Dues	\$ 32,940
Interest	\$ 387
NICHD Grant	\$ 0
Registration Income	\$ 8,530
Total	\$ 42,022

* Covers July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020



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FY2019/2020 Expense Summary*

2019 Meeting Expenses	\$ 62,236
Professional Fees	\$ 35,631
Bank and Transaction Fees	\$ 2,289
Journal Subscriptions	\$ 20,382
Web services	\$ 3,341
Insurance	\$ 1,403
Other	\$ 0
Total	\$ 127,282

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Annual Ending Balances

	Total Assets	Net Income
June 2011	\$ 96,731	\$ 37,106
June 2012	\$106,882	\$ 10,150
June 2013	\$ 123,324	\$ 16,442
June 2014	\$ 133,186	\$ 9,862
June 2015	\$127,689	-\$ 5,497
June 2016	\$159,942	\$ 32,253
June 2017	\$222,563	\$ 62,621
June 2018	\$224,397	\$ 1,834
June 2019	\$216,608	-\$ 7,788
June 2020	\$131,348	-\$ 85,260



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Moving Forward

- **Meeting and Professional costs**
 - Will see recovery in income and overall balance in FY 2021, as we had 2 virtual meetings (2020 & 2021)
 - Held meeting costs low for virtual meetings
- **To stay balanced consider**
 - Commitment to maintaining healthy reserve
 - Review costs for in-person meetings
 - Increased outreach (↑ membership)
 - Increased income (↑ fees)



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Abstracts Review Report

Audrey J Gaskins

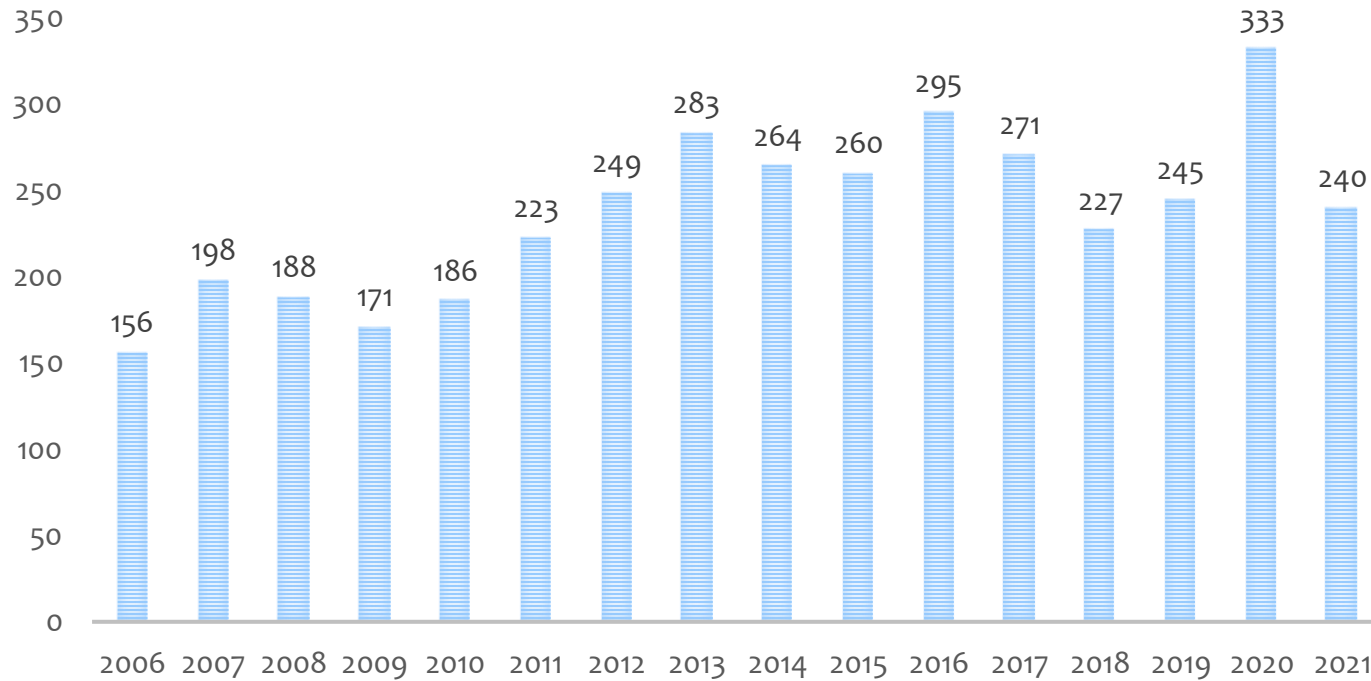
Abstract Submission 2020

- 240 total abstracts submitted
 - 99% accepted
 - 22 pre-conference speed talk sessions
 - *170 individual oral presentations*
 - 12 concurrent contributed sessions
 - *63 individual oral presentations*
 - 163 (68%) of all submissions from students/trainees
 - *(up from 58% in 2020)*



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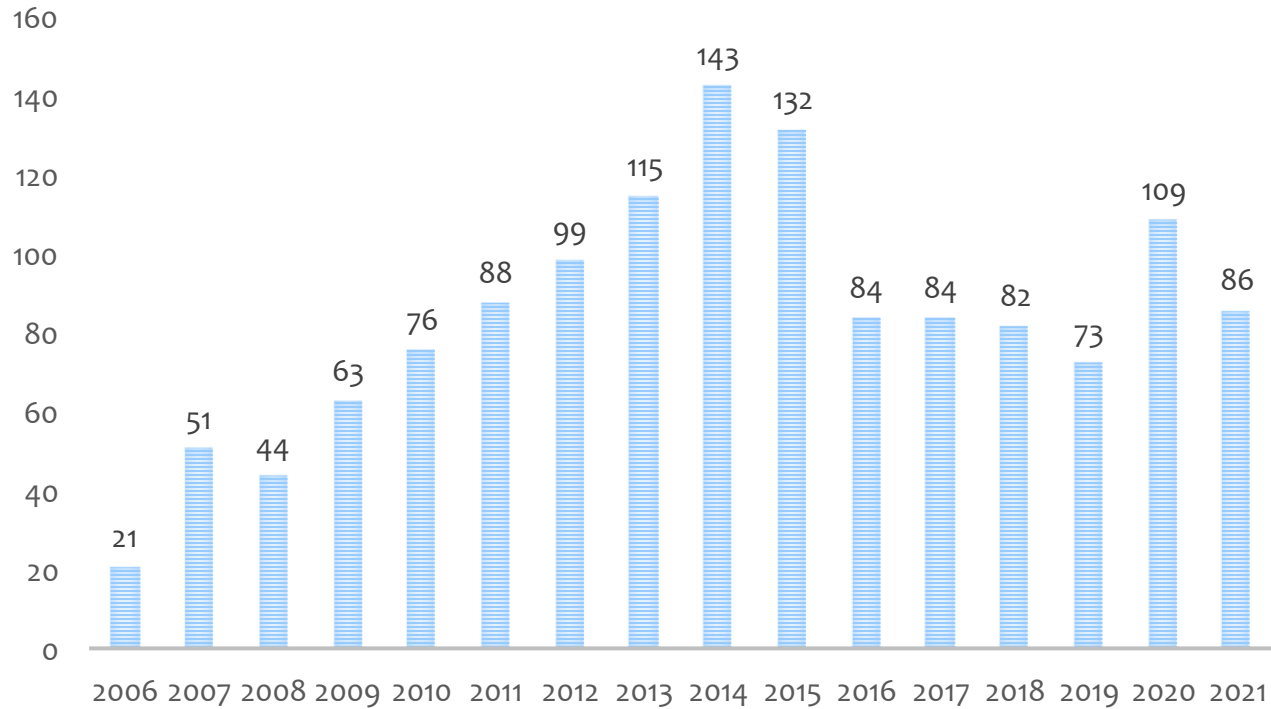
Trend in Abstract Submission



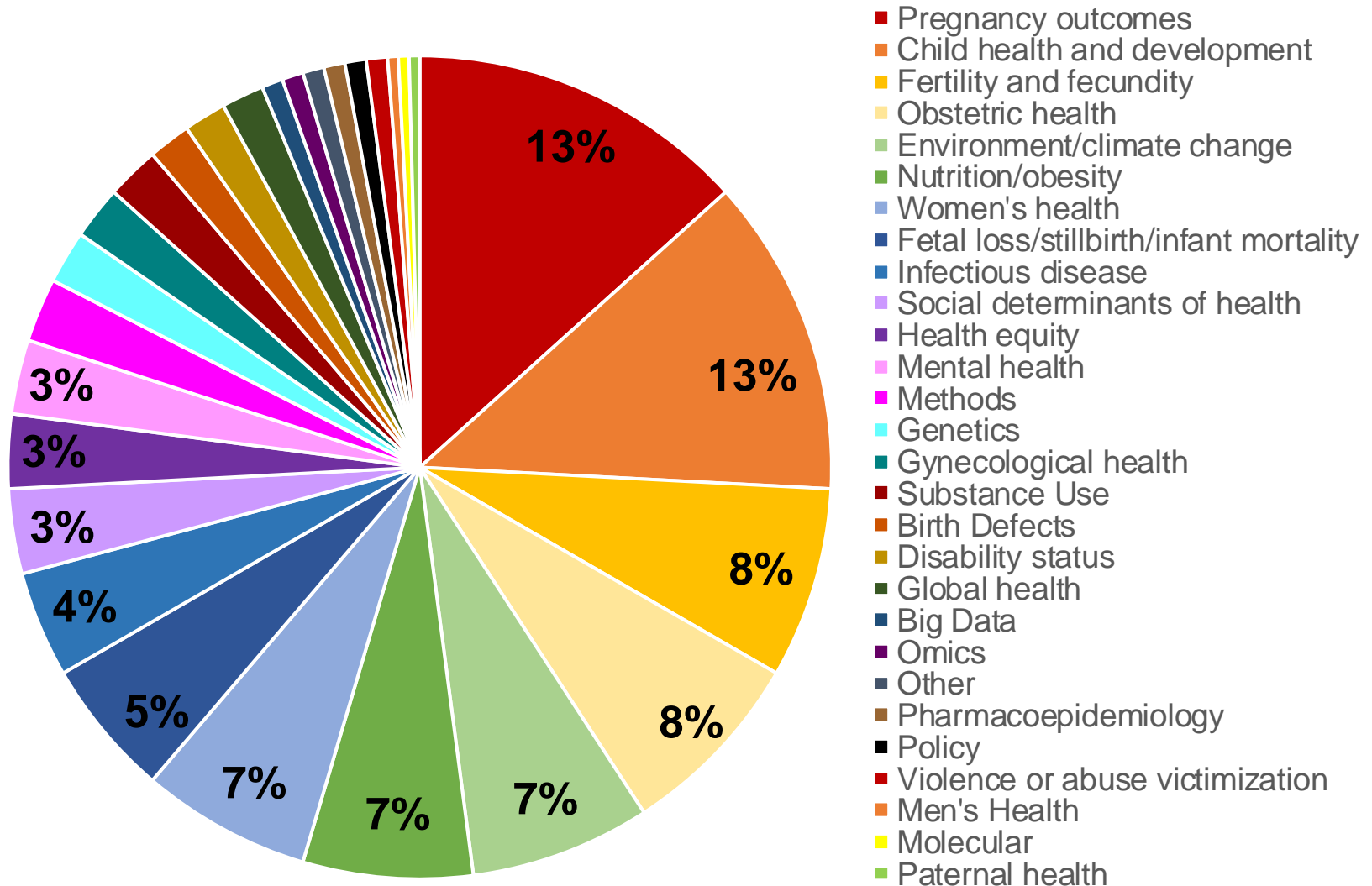


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Trend in Number of Reviewers



Abstract Submissions by Primary Category





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Outreach/Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

Claire Margerison



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Outreach/Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Activities and Accomplishments

- Developed Travel Award to Promote Equity (awarded to Ixel Hernandez and Vivian Ukah in 2021)
- Facilitated changes to membership and annual meeting fee structure to reduce financial barriers
- Held Open Meeting in January – opportunity for SPER membership to discuss issues related to equity & inclusion
- Developed [slides](#) to assist presenters in discussing how work addresses health equity
- Welcoming Peers Program connected new and seasoned members of SPER prior to Annual Meeting
- Worked with Executive Committee & Program Committee to incorporate more work on health equity throughout the Annual Meeting



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Communications Committee

Nicole Talge



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Communications

Activities and Accomplishments

- SPER Newsletter (3x per year: Fall, Spring, Summer)
- Social media engagement
 - **Twitter followers increased by 959% since 2018**
 - Live Tweets & Discussion of #SPER_Online webinars
 - #SPER_Spotlights to showcase membership
 - Selection process developed using an equity lens; incorporates feedback from Outreach/Diversity Equity, & Inclusion Committee
- Annual Meeting Activities & Photo-Ops
 - Step & Repeat backdrop
 - “Idle” slide to display during program transitions
 - Twitter posters
 - Social Media “best practices” for Meeting Attendees & Presenters



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Digital Engagement Committee

Anne Marie Jukic



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Digital Engagement

- All events are online: <https://sper.org/online-events/>
- In the last year:
 - 5 speed poster sessions
 - 7 webinars
- This year, annual meeting: 22 speed talks, 6 virtual hosts, 23 moderators
 - All accepted abstracts offered the opportunity for a speed talk
 - Volunteers make this possible – thank you!
 - Recordings are available for a limited time by request
- Do you have a topic you'd like to see in a webinar? Volunteer to moderate or just send your suggestions to me.
 - We are planning for the fall now!



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Student and Trainee Activities

Sonia Grandi



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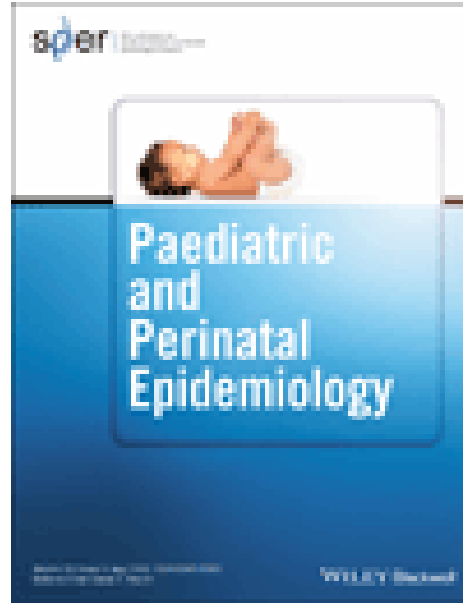
Student/Post-Doc Committee – Activities & Accomplishments

- Advanced Methods Workshop – Fall 2020/ June 15th, 2021
- SPER – SPC-SER Online Journal Clubs – October 2020/April 2021
- Open meeting – April 2021
 - Prioritize inclusion of new members
 - Member engagement throughout the year
 - Increase opportunities to highlight student/post-doc work throughout the year
- Speed Networking Event – June 17th, 2021
- Career Development Events
 - Creating an online presence – May 2021
 - How to navigate virtual interviews – Fall 2021
 - How to network in a virtual world – Fall 2021
- Mentorship program – Fall/Winter 2021/2022
- Meet-up/networking events – 2-4 sessions/year (2021-2022)



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PPE Editor's Report



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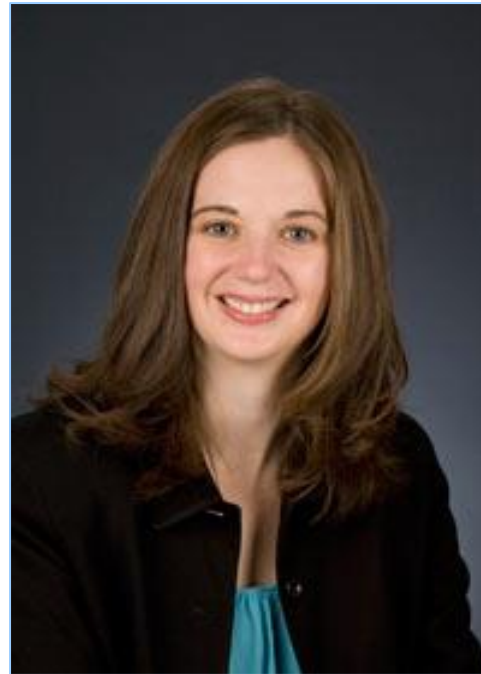


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Submission category: 2019-20

Submission category	Number (%) of papers
Pediatrics/neonatal	115 (27)
Child health	81 (19)
Reproductive	34 (8)
Perinatal	175 (41)
Study designs	7 (2)
Methodology	10 (2)
Total submissions	422

Submissions in 2019-20

Manuscript Type	Submitted Papers	Accepted Papers
Original manuscripts	358 (79%)	67 (19%)
Reviews	30 (7%)	4 (13%)
Brief reports	17 (4%)	3 (2%)
Methodology	10 (2%)	2 (4%)
Study designs	7 (2%)	4 (57%)
Commentaries	25 (6%)	20 (80%)
Editorials	2 (<1%)	2 (100%)
Letters	5 (1%)	5 (100%)
Total	454 (100%)	107 (24%)



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Median Turnaround Times 2019-20

Median Days to First Decision	Excluding papers without review
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All submissions

50

Median Days to Acceptance	Excluding papers without review
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All submissions

143

Data are median



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Reviewers

- **2,146 invited reviews**
- **21% (n=449) accepted the invite**
- **685 reviews were completed**



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Special Issues, 2020

- **Acetaminophen and Neurodevelopment**
 - Co-edited by Samantha Parker and Martha Werler
 - Published in May 2020
- **Maternal Health**
 - Co-edited by K.S. Joseph and Marian Knight
 - Published in July 2020
- **Leveraging Technology**
 - Co-edited by Courtney Lynch and Lauren Wise
 - Published in September 2020

Initiatives

- **New initiatives in place**
 - Flexible submission policy
 - Recruited new social media editor: Dominique Heinke
 - Recruited 10 “junior editors”
 - Revised “Instructions to authors”
- **Planned initiatives for 2021-22**
 - Commission “expert reviews” on hot topics
 - Twitter posting for all papers starting in July 2019



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New Special Issues Forthcoming

- **Interpregnancy Interval**
 - Katherine Ahrens and Jennifer Hutcheon (guest editors)
 - July 2021 publication
- **Climate Change and Reproductive, Perinatal, and Pediatric Health**
 - Amelia Wesselink and Gregory Wellenius (guest editors)
 - 30 June 2021 deadline for submissions
- **Prognosis After Very Preterm Birth**
 - Jennifer Zeitlin and Peter Anderson (guest editors)
 - 30 September 2021 deadline for submissions
- **Infection During Pregnancy**
 - Annette Regan and Deshayne Fell (guest editors)
 - 30 September 2021 deadline for submissions

Social Media

- **Facebook (1,633 followers)**
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Society-for-Pediatric-and-Perinatal-Epidemiologic-Research/135879141953>
- **Twitter**
https://twitter.com/PPE_Journal (739 followers)
https://twitter.com/SPER_News (1,156 followers)
- **Dominique Heinke**



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President's Report

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Goals and initiatives

- To reinforce and build on efforts to improve diversity, equity, & inclusion in all facets of SPER.
- To increase membership from diverse backgrounds, re-engage former members, and retain existing members.

Outreach Committee separated from DEI

Equity Board

Member-at-large assigned to a committee at election



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Goals and initiatives

- To involve more members from diverse backgrounds in the SPER annual meeting.
- To meet in Chicago in person! And make a meeting that will provide a venue for sharing and communicating our best science, while re-building our community.



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QUESTIONS and SUGGESTIONS



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June 14-17, 2022



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