

## Michigan Branch of the American Society for Microbiology

Summer Board Meeting (Zoom)

Friday, June 21st, from 2:00-3:00 pm EST

### AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- ~~II. Review of previous meeting minutes~~
- III. Program Committee Report
  - a. Spring 2025 Meeting Update, University Center, Halls A, B, C, at U of M Dearborn
    - i. April 5, 2025
    - ii. Speakers – both interested in meeting with trainees
      - 1. ASMDL: Brenda Wilson, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
        - a. Toxins, Toxins, Everywhere...
      - 2. Matt Kane, National Science Foundation
        - a. Will be supported by NSF after application to NSF
    - iii. Food: Catering Service at University, location determined
    - iv. Vendors/Corporate Partners/University Donations**
      - 1. List on website? Newsletter List?
      - 2. 20 Companies, will contact in the Fall, have 10 tables available at venue
      - 3. How many are local Michigan companies? Should we try and highlight Michigan companies first?
        - a. Cayman Chemical, Zoetus?, Neogen, Coy Labs
        - b. TransPharm, Midwest Scientific, Innovative Solutions
        - c. <https://www.biotech-careers.org/employers-state-table/MI>
      - 4. Ask that Schools involved in the meeting give a donation of \$\_\_\_\_ for meeting
    - v. Posters: ~50 posters,
  - b. Possibility of increasing Branch engagement through additional meetings
    - i. Informal speaker seminar, trainee seminar series, online
    - ii. Faculty, Post Docs sign up to offer feedback for seminars, Job Talk Tests
    - iii. Bimonthly student research discussions/talks, inter-university
- IV. Councilor Report
  - a. ASM Council of Microbial Sciences – day before meeting
    - i. Structure – 8 communities, looking to shrink them down to 3 scientific units (current structure remains for next year)
      - 1. Regular Branch Council meeting, bimonthly virtual meetings
    - ii. Changes in structure - Effects on Branch: new role still unclear, but still want branch councilors
      - 1. Councilor: elected by branch, 3 year term, had role on setting up things but new role is not clear
      - 2. Changes to communication between Branch leadership and ASM leadership



1. Alternate Councilor after presidency turns over, then the following year goes to Councilor
2. Opens to Past Presidents if president cannot take over
3. Include in bylaws that branch will support councilors, travel and lodging to attend COMS meeting

VIII. Next meeting

- a. Sonia will send out a poll, but looking at Last week of August

IX. Meeting Close