



**Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
7 September 2021**

Present: Tim Lacy, Benjamin Alpers, Sarah Bridger, Sara Georgini, Robert Greene II, Ray Haberski, Andrew Klumpp, Peter Kuryla

The members of the S-USIH Executive Committee met on Tuesday, 7 September 2021, from 8:00pm-9:50pm EST, via Zoom.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the 29 June 2021 ExComm meeting minutes, as submitted and amended by Bridger.

As president, Lacy briefly updated the committee on recent conversations with IUPUI about the fellows program. Lacy also proposed holding Excomm meetings on the first Tuesday of each month through January 2022. Committee members endorsed the schedule.

The remainder of the meeting addressed the format of the upcoming S-USIH conference, given the risks posed by the Covid-19 delta variant.

As #USIH2021 chair, Kuryla updated the committee on Tennessee case rates and concerns raised about the health and safety of members. Kuryla reported the results of a recent survey of conference participants: responses were evenly divided between preference for an in-person conference and an online conference.

Kuryla explained the potential costs of various options. Given the nonrefundable venue deposit, Kuryla proposed holding an online conference with an in-person viewing and conversation component, spotlighting several featured online panels.

After extensive discussion, the Excomm unanimously endorsed this proposal, along with a commitment to follow applicable local safety protocols and to require attestation or proof of vaccination, indoor masking, and other relevant measures.

Additional topics discussed included registration fees, refund policies, mask and vaccine enforcement, spotlight panel selection, and other logistical and ethical matters.

The remaining officer reports were postponed and the meeting was adjourned.

The Executive Committee reconvenes in October, via Zoom.