

*The information below was emailed to participants on December 21, 2021.*

Dear PSB 2022 Participants and Staff Members,

As an update to PSB 2022 with respect to the latest Covid19 outbreak, we are still holding PSB 2022 in person. PSB will not be held as a hybrid event. We will be providing each participant with a box of two rapid antigen covid tests and you will be required to take the test on the 1st and 3rd day of the conference (January 4 and January 6) by 10am and sign-off on your negative result at the registration desk. Additionally, we will be providing fold-over seat placards and asking you to pick a spot and sit in that same spot throughout the conference for the in-person oral sessions. This will allow us to provide contact tracing if need be in a smaller area in case someone returns a positive covid test result. If you are traveling with friends/family, we will not be able to provide rapid antigen tests for them; we ask that they bring tests with them.

We are optimistic that we will have a safe symposium given the requirements by the State of Hawaii and the Fairmont Hotel. As a preventive measure, the PSB-hosted breakfasts and lunches will be provided as boxed meals rather than the usual buffet. There will be outdoor seating in the Ballroom Courtyard for meal consumption. No food is to be consumed in the Salons. The opening reception and beach dinner reception are open-air and the hotel banquet staff will be serving the food to limit any potential exposure.

We will be keeping the doors to all of the rooms open and you will be required to wear a mask inside the salons during the oral presentations. Please bring plenty of masks with you as PSB will not be providing masks. Please wear your mask appropriately or you may find that one of your fellow PSB attendees will turn to you and say something. The formal poster session will be held outside (provided no rain) with the posters spread throughout the foyer (the posters will be in Salon 1 for viewing for the duration of the conference, but usually very few people are in that room at any given time outside the scheduled poster session).

If you have not already, please get your booster shot prior to arriving in Hawaii.

We look forward to seeing people in person. PSB will be slightly different this year given the circumstances. Our costs as a result of covid have unexpectedly increased by more than 25% this year.

Safe travels and we look forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks.

Regards,

PSB 2022 Organizers