

Annual Meetings 2021



San Antonio, TX 💥 November 20–23

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Dear Colleagues,

SBL recognizes that the coronavirus continues to impact your planning for the Annual Meeting, and comfort levels, health constraints, and accessibility will vary from person to person. We have worked hard to be able to offer both in-person and virtual-only options. We thank all who are currently registered for the upcoming SBL Annual Meeting 2021 and offer a brief update to those registered or planning to register.

The continuing uncertainty is a source of anxiety for everyone. At the same time, we are being careful not to rush into decisions in the midst of a rapidly changing situation.

Your health and safety are key to our planning. We are closely monitoring governmental and medical recommendations regarding COVID-19 and the Delta variant in order to follow best practices to help reduce your exposure and risk. As we get closer to the meeting, we will issue protocols appropriate to the situation.

We will be as flexible as possible to accommodate the varying needs of members. Already we are taking the following steps:

- The change date for registrations, including full refunds or change in registration types, has been extended to 21 October 2021. You can register now and alter your plans as you see fit through that date with no penalty.
- We will continue to work with program unit chairs to adapt sessions according to the changing needs of presenters.
- As guidance changes, we will continue to keep the <u>Annual Meetings website</u> upto-date with meeting requirements, recommendations, and best practices.

The challenge of planning for the 2021 Annual Meetings is one that exceeds even that of 2020. We ask for your continued patience as we work to provide the best and safest experience that meets your needs.

Please feel free to write to <u>AnnualMeeting@sbl-site.org</u> with any questions you may have about registration, and bookmark the <u>SBL Annual Meeting Website</u> for updates.

Sincerely,

John F. Kutsko Executive Director