ETCD Council Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2015
Time: 10:00 am PT/11:00 am MT/12:00 pm CT/1:00 pm ET
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In Attendance
Nicole Zarrett, PhD (Chair)
Jamie Bodenlos, PhD
Margaret Clayton, PhD
Vicki DiLillo, PhD
Amy Huebschmann, MD
Valerie Myers, PhD
Barbara Stetson, PhD

Regrets
Georita Marie Frierson, PhD
Patricia Lee, PhD
Karen Oliver, PhD
Lori Pbert, PhD
Jennifer Reese, PhD

Staff
Amy Stone
Erica Linc

2015 Awards Review Decisions
Council members discussed all 2015 SBM Achievement awards reviews in order to make the following recipient recommendations to the Awards Committee Chair.

Research Mentor:
Lori Pbert, PhD; Professor of Medicine, University of Massachusetts Medical School
Note: Three applications were received for this award.

Dissertation:
Jessica Pepper, PhD; Postdoctoral Fellow, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Note: Five applications were received for this award.

Excellence in Research:
Scherezade Mama, DrPH; Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Danielle Schoffman, BA; Doctoral Candidate, University of South Carolina
Note: 11 applications were received for this award.

Travel Scholarship:
Melissa Crane, MA; Graduate Student, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Sara Edmond; Graduate Student, Duke University
Cassandra Lowe; PhD Student, University of Waterloo
Note: 15 applications were received for this award.

Potential Changes for Awards Next Year
Council agreed to, at a later date, discuss:
1) Including active SBM involvement in the award criteria; and
2) Possible changes to the Distinguished Mentor awards.
Note: Council members examined possible causes for the absence of nominations for the Distinguished Clinical Mentor award. Theories included that there is a perception that the award is less prestigious than the Distinguished Research Mentor award or a misconception that it is an award meant for mentors involved exclusively in clinical endeavors. Possible changes could involve offering just a single Distinguished Mentor award, changing it from clinical to teaching, or encouraging more members to apply for the award by clarifying the award criteria.

Next call:
Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 11:00 am PT/12:00 am MT/1:00 pm CT/2:00 pm ET