



## 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions 2021 Program Committee Conference Call

Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021

Time: 11am ET/10am CT/9am MT/8am PT

### **In Attendance**

Dori Steinberg, PhD (Chair)

Ellen Beckjord, PhD (Co-Chair)

L. Alison Phillips, PhD (Past Chair)

Monica Baskin, PhD (President)

### **Staff**

Lindsay Bullock (Executive Director)

Angela Burant (Meetings Manager)

Rachel Mizar (Senior Meetings Manager)

### **1. Minutes Approval February 11**

Dr. Steinberg moved to approve the minutes. Dr. Phillips second the minutes. Minutes were approved.

### **2. Registration Update**

Ms. Burant gave an update on how many people are registered for the meeting. We are at 6 weeks out from the meeting and there are 749 people registered for the 2021 meeting, compared to 1071 in 2020, and 787 in 2019.

### **3. Social Table Responses Discussion**

Dr. Steinberg and Dr. Gina Merchant possibly to host a Monday night session on Transitioning from Academia to Industry. Dr. Jackie Maher could be a potential leader for the parents in academia social table. Dr. Beckjord said Dr. Amber Blackwood could help with the pandemic survival tips. Moved MOST to Monday and SBM book club to Tuesday night.

### **4. Post Meeting Evaluation Updates**

The committee discussed the post meeting evaluation questions.

(For Future in-person meetings) SBM is exploring the option of digital poster boards. To accommodate digital poster boards, poster presentations would be shortened. (this means you would be standing next to a monitor instead of a board) (Would you rather) Do you prefer:

- a. Printed poster presentations for 50-60 minutes
- b. Digital poster presentations for 15-20 minutes

Could reword this question about environmental impact and because of COVID how interested people would be in having a digital poster.

If we are in person, would you be interested in a presentation like the research spotlight format. Adding in research spotlights in addition to posters. Could have pre-recorded videos showing before keynotes and big sessions.

Is it really more environmentally friendly to truck over 50 monitors and the energy used to run the monitors?

How satisfied were you this year with the new presentation format research spotlight? Rate it and open answer about more details of what they liked and feedback.

Make it explicit that we are considering keeping some of the changes for an in-person meeting

Ms. Mizar will update the evaluation and include the new draft in next week's call materials.

### **Next Program Committee Conference Call**

March 11, 10 am CT

*Small Committee Call*