

Society of Behavioral Medicine
37th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions
Washington DC– March 30-April 2, 2016
Program Committee Conference Call

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2015
Time: 12:00 PM PT; 1:00 PM MT; 2:00 PM CT; 3:00 PM ET
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In Attendance

Kathleen Wolin, ScD, Chair
Lila J. Rutten, PhD, MPH, Past Chair
David X. Marquez, PhD

Staff

Amy Stone
Erin Trimmer

Unable/not asked to attend

Marian L. Fitzgibbon, PhD, President
Diane M. Santa-Maria, DrPH, MSN, RN
Courtney J. Peasant, PhD, MS
Molly L. Greaney, PhD
Christopher N. Sciamanna, MD, MPH
Elissa Jelalian, PhD
Reginald Tucker-Seeley, ScD
Kristi D. Graves, PhD

1. Approve Minutes

Dr. Wolin moved to approve the minutes from the May 12 and May 26 conference calls; Dr. Rutten seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

2. Discuss Potential Local Arrangements Committee Members

Committee reviewed a list of DC area residents as possible candidates for the 2016 Local Arrangements Committee and identified Melissa A. Napolitano, PhD, Erin Hennessy, PhD, MPH, Brian P. Keefe, MA, Gerald Jerome, PhD, and Kisha Coa, PhD as potential candidates.

3. Determine how to divide the meeting evaluation among the committee for further review on the large committee call

Brief discussion on major recurring complaints from 2015 meeting (availability of WiFi/coffee/food)
Touched on the process used in past years by the committee to efficiently review the meeting evaluation. In 2013 the questions were divided among committee members and they were asked to summarize the results to report back to the group. In 2014, Dr. Rutten reviewed the responses and brought the results back to the group for review. Dr. Wolin determined that she would work with staff to divide the questions and send them to the large committee prior to the large committee call for review. For any questions in which the answers were free text the committee member responsible will provide a high-level summary of the results.

4. CME Evaluation

Staff will provide a summary of the CME evaluation results to the committee once the post-CME credit evaluation results are complete. Dr. Wolin noted that she noticed a consistent response correlating to Methods sessions and their availability.

5. Discuss Structure of Meeting

Dr. Wolin suggested holding a “null” results poster session during the midday exhibition hours either Thursday or Friday and working with the hotel to offer affordable lunch options for purchase. Dr. Marquez agreed and mentioned that based on evaluation feedback the availability of lunch is a hot button issue for many attendees.
Dr. Wolin mentioned that feedback also revealed that attendees assigned to the Saturday poster session are dissatisfied with the low attendance during their session. Amy Stone suggested moving the poster session to earlier in the morning

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and offering breakfast to encourage attendance. Dr. Wolin noted some of the changes to the 2015 meeting that seemed to work well including 45 minute breakfast roundtables and mini paper sessions.

Dr. Wolin noted that there were various complaints that the content of the student presentations was not necessarily up to SBM standards, Dr. Rutten suggested adding a session specifically for students and asking senior members of SBM (advisors/faculty) to play a large role in the planning and implementation of these sessions or setting aside a section of the poster hall for student posters.

In 2015, the Fun Run was cancelled due to high insurance costs and low attendance, Dr. Rutten suggested having the Local Arrangements Committee highlight opportunities for fitness in the local guides rather than offer a fun run at the 2016 Annual Meeting.

Next Conference Call

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2015

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