



42nd Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions 2021 Program Committee Conference Call

Date: Thursday, July 30, 2020
Time: 3pm ET/2pm CT/1pm MT/12pm PT

In Attendance

Dori Steinberg, PhD (Chair)
Ellen Beckjord, PhD (Co-Chair)
L. Alison Phillips, PhD (Past Chair)

Staff

Lindsay Bullock (Executive Director)
Angela Burant (Meetings Manager)
Rachel Mizar (Senior Meetings Manager)

1. Minutes Approval

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

2. Welcome Session, Monday Networking, Closing Session Discussion

The committee discussed how the Monday networking event would work. We could ask people ahead of time to sign up to attend a networking session on a certain topic. Sign up for a topic they would like to discuss at the beginning of the week and then again at the end of the week after hearing information on the topic. At the opening session, remind people of the different initiatives and awards going on during the week so they are more likely to do the activities. The closing session could then be a follow up to the networking on Monday. The closing session could be a session on what did you learn and how can you apply that knowledge going forward.

Dr. Phillips suggested giving out prizes for participating in sessions and there could be an award component at the end of the meeting. The closing session could also be a debriefing to see what worked and what didn't work like a focus group of what excited you and what could have been better. People may need a few days to process the event, but it could be a good way to see what ideas are fresh in peoples' minds. Some possible awards could be for top five viewed or voted on research projects. Involve attendees to vote on their favorite research project. APA did something similar.

Closing session could have the awards for most viewed, most liked, or rate each research talk. Platform software might not allow for rating of each presentation but we could rank top three or something at the end of viewing presentations. If we can't build a ranking system into the platform, we could give out awards by section not necessarily topic areas but by some type of grouping.

Ms. Mizar will be sending RFPs to virtual platforms in the next few weeks so we should have a schedule set when we go to decide on which platform we want to us.

SBM staff could do a report search to create playlist of videos such as current events in the world (COVID-19, Social Justice), provocative questions, environment, and whatever else would be a good group for a playlist.

3. Keynote & Master Lecture Speaker Discussion

Dr. Steinberg discussed how she would like to make a commitment to have keynotes and master speakers who are men and women that identify as black. We really want to be inclusive and diverse. A current topic and something that isn't always highlighted at SBM. Dr. Steinberg has a list of potential speakers to reach out to.

Dr. Phillips thinks it would be a good idea to host a workshop of how to be anti-racist and how researchers can do a better job at being more inclusive- equality in their research. What does being an anti-racist mean for behavioral medicine researchers? Dr. Beckjord said it could also be a good keynote presentation. Dr. Steinberg said Dr. Baskin has suggested maybe one of the founders of BLM coming to be a keynote.



Would other people of color be included or just black people? Dr. Phillips discussed how there are so many minority groups and if the theme is inclusive but not including all minorities doesn't feel it fits the theme. Would other groups who are discriminated against feel excluded or feel solidarity if just blacks are being represented in the keynotes? Dr. Steinberga feels right now with current times just black people would be best. Future years could highlight all people of color.

Ms. Bullock said SBM usually announces keynotes and master lectures one at a time, but she feels we could announce them all at once to show our strong commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Dr. Beckjord discussed how this year we could support our members in how to be inclusive in behavioral medicine and practice. Then next year in the abstract submission process to have a question on how the research promotes diversity and inclusion. If SBM does a keynote on it in 2021, hold SBM accountable first, which could lead the way for members to be more inclusive. Dr. Beckjord discussed how in the future SBM could have an award for champion of equity and inclusiveness.

Next week the committee will discuss Dr. Steinberg's list of speakers she created. The goal is to have a finalized list for the Large Program Committee call in August.

Next Program Committee Conference Call

August 6, 2 pm CT

Small Committee Call