

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

Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2015
Time: 1:00 PM PT; 2:00 PM MT; 3:00 PM CT; 4:00 PM ET
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In Attendance

Kathleen Wolin, ScD, Chair
David X. Marquez, PhD, Co-Chair
Lila J. Rutten, PhD, MPH, Past Chair
Courtney J. Peasant, PhD, MS
Reginald Tucker-Seeley, ScD
Elissa Jelalian, PhD
Molly L. Greaney, PhD

Staff

Amy Stone
Erin Trimmer
Johanna Moss

Unable/not asked to attend

Marian L. Fitzgibbon, PhD, President
Diane M. Santa-Maria, DrPH, MSN, RN
Christopher N. Sciamanna, MD, MPH
Kristi D. Graves, PhD

1. Abstract Submission Update

Ms. Trimmer gave an update on the status of abstract submissions. There are currently 33 abstracts submitted with 126 in draft, last year at this time there were 15 abstracts submitted with 47 in draft.

Ms. Trimmer also informed the committee that there was a small glitch in the abstract submission system over the weekend which resulted in co-authors and presenters being unable to log-in and enter their contact information/complete their disclosures/ fill out their presentation release. As a result of the glitch, the committee may choose to extend the submission deadline to Thursday, September 10 from Tuesday, September 8.

The committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of extending the deadline and whether it was necessary. Ms. Stone mentioned that abstract submissions vary year to year and it can often be used as a means to increase attendance at the annual meeting as well as avoid financial pitfalls.

2. Capitol Steps Update

Ms. Trimmer informed the committee that the Executive Committee had approved the addition of a Capitol Steps show on Thursday evening after the poster session during the annual meeting. Ticket prices are yet to be determined and staff is currently working on the logistics of getting ticket sales available online as well as advertising the addition to the meeting.

3. Complementary and Integrative Medicine SIG Yoga at the Annual Meeting Approval

Ms. Trimmer explained that the Complementary and Integrative Medicine SIG has proposed the idea of offering yoga at the annual meeting on Thursday and Friday morning before the breakfast roundtables. Yoga has previously been offered at the annual meeting from 2009-2012. The committee offered support for the idea and encouraged bringing the session back for the 2016 meeting.

4. SIG Session Planning FAQ Review

Ms. Trimmer briefly discussed the various questions staff has been receiving from SIGs regarding participation in the annual meeting and the need for a standard document to offer information pertaining to organizing sessions for the annual meeting. The committee responded favorably to the document with a few clarification points including, from Dr. Marquez,

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whether it was ultimately up to SIG Chairs to place a SIGs name in front of a session (it is), from Dr. Wolin, this will assist in avoiding similar sessions and will require SIG leaderships knowledge of sessions in development.

Next Conference Call

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Time: 12:00 PM PT; 1:00 PM MT; 2:00 PM CT; 3:00 PM ET

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