

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

Date: Wednesday, September 15, 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
David X. Marquez, PhD, Co-Chair
Lila J. Rutten, PhD, MPH, Past Chair

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
Courtney J. Peasant, PhD, MS
Reginald Tucker-Seeley, ScD
Elissa Jelalian, PhD
Molly L. Greaney, PhD

1. Approve 8.18.15 and 8.26.15 minutes

Drs. Marquez and Rutten motioned to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved.

2. Abstract Submission Update

At the close of the abstract deadline, there were 1118 abstract submissions with 109 remaining in draft. Last year at the close of the abstract deadline, there were 960 abstract submissions with 81 remaining in draft. Next, the Track Chairs will assign the abstracts to the reviewers, who will review all abstracts by October 6, and then the program planning meeting will be held at the end of October.

Staff asked the committee to take special notice of the 83 symposium abstracts, noting that this was a particularly high number and at present, there is space available for 48 symposium sessions. Staff will look into additional available space to avoid rejecting so many potentially high quality abstracts.

3. Abstract Submission Process Discussion/Feedback

Staff informed the committee that they are investigating whether, moving forward, asking submitters to indicate (during the submission process) that they will inform the national office of any presenter changes prior to the annual meeting will be an acceptable substitute for requiring all submitters/presenters/co-authors to complete financial disclosure and biographical data information.

The committee offered feedback pertaining to the submission process, Dr. Rutten indicated that the process was not inconsistent with other meetings submission requirements. Dr. Wolin requested that a note be added to the reviewer assignment email to remind them there will be abstracts reporting null results and to be aware they may have indicated they would like to be part of the “null” results poster session. Dr. Rutten also reminded staff that the reviewer/track chair accept/reject recommendations were not located on the abstract printouts during the 2014 program planning meeting.

4. Other Business

Dr. Wolin offered a plenary speaker update stating there had been positive communication with the office of the “Let’s Move” Executive Director, although not a confirmation for the opening keynote presentation on Thursday, March 31. She

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and Dr. Fitzgibbon were also exploring various options for the Saturday closing keynote presentation. Dr. Rutten suggested perhaps selecting a symposium for presentation during either of the opening keynotes if confirmation is not received from the invited speakers.

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