

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

Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Time: 1:00 PM PT; 2:00PM 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

Molly L. Greaney, PhD

Kristi D. Graves, PhD

Diane M. Santa-Maria, DrPH, MSN, RN

Elissa Jelalian, PhD

Reginald Tucker-Seeley, ScD

Courtney J. Peasant, PhD, MS

Staff

Amy Stone

Johanna Moss

Unable/not asked to attend

Marian L. Fitzgibbon, PhD, President

Christopher N. Sciamanna, MD, MPH

Erin Trimmer, staff

1. Review Abstract Submission Update

The committee reviewed abstract submission information, highlighting the increase in symposia submissions. Dr. Wolin asked for any feedback members have received regarding the abstract submission process, and Dr. Graves shared that several colleagues had not expected that securing co-author information would be as difficult and time-consuming as it was.

2. Courses

After discussing two somewhat similar course submissions, Advanced Design and Conduct of Randomized Behavioral Clinical Trials submitted by Peter Kaufmann and Introduction to the multiphase optimization strategy (MOST) for building more effective, efficient, economical, an scalable behavioral and bio behavioral interventions submitted by Linda Collins on behalf of the OBI SIG, committee members noted that the latter course would likely build on the first course and recommended scheduling Dr. Kaufmann's course in the morning and requesting that Dr. Collins allow her course to be scheduled in the afternoon.(She had asked for a morning slot.)

3. Seminars:

Members discussed concerns over enrollment in two sessions, Role of Tai Chi on Chronic Musculoskeletal Pain and Central Sensitization's Role in Chronic Illness. The committee requested that notice of seminar acceptance for these sessions should also caution submitters that the subject matter might not draw sufficient number of attendees, in which case the seminars would be canceled and any expenses incurred toward planning (e.g., air fare) are not reimbursable. Ms. Stone noted that while cancellation language is always included in the acceptance notifications, she appreciated hearing that specificity regarding non reimbursement of expenses would be of benefit to the submitters and to SBM. She also noted that the notices encourage submitters to market their own offerings. The committee recommended that staff design a template all presenters could use for marketing purposes.

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Dr. Graves noted that pending results from a SIG survey, she might be asking some SIGs to combine their sessions, so as to maximize attendance; she asked if there were time for her to do this and Ms. Stone said there is time.

4. Other updates

Dr. Wolin noted that a recent USPSTF release on E-cigarettes is timely in that one of the 2016 annual meeting sessions will present E-cigarette research.

Catherine M. Alfano, PhD, who will present a master lecture at the 2016 SBM annual meeting, has been elected as the cancer SIG co-chair.

Next Conference Call

October 28, 2015

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