

41st Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions 2020 Program Committee Conference Call

Date: Monday, January 13, 2020

Time: 3pm ET/2pm CT/1pm MT/12pm PT

In Attendance

L. Alison Phillips, PhD (Chair)
Austin S. Baldwin, PhD
Jessica Y. Breland, PhD
Edith A. Burns, MD
Michael A. Diefenbach, PhD (SBM President)
Miriam H. Eisenberg Colman, PhD
Margaret Grey, DrPH, RN, FAAN
Linda K. Ko, PhD
Lisa Quintiliani, PhD
Dori Steinberg, PhD (Co-Chair)
Carmina G. Valle, PhD, MPH
Sandra J. Winter, PhD, MHA

SBM Staff In Attendance

Lindsay Bullock (Executive Director)
Angela Burant (Meetings Manager)
Rachel Mizar (Senior Meetings Manager)
Tara Withington (Consulting Partner)

Not In Attendance

Yendelela L. Cuffee, PhD, MPH
Eric B. Hekler, PhD (Past Chair)
Meagan Helmick, PhD, MPH, CHES
Sherrie Lee Wallington, PhD
Lisa M. McAndrew, PhD
Christine E. Prue, PhD
Betina R. Yanez, PhD

1. Diversity of Speakers

The program committee discussed the idea of limiting the number of presentations a person can present in to increase the diversity of speakers. The possible limit would be on the panels and symposium. The limit of presentations was discussed but a final number was not decided on. The committee discussed to limit the number of submissions per person or limit accepted abstracts. Limiting accepted abstracts would cause more work for the program committee and SBM staff. If people were limited to how many abstracts they could submit, then the quality of abstracts could go up. The issue with limiting submissions is that the total abstract submission number would go down. Limited submissions could also cause early career or post-docs to not be on as many submissions if their mentor can only submit their best work. The committee discussed if the abstract system could limit just the panels and symposium. If we choose to limit the number of accepted abstracts someone speaks on, then we could encourage the person to have one of their post-docs present instead. A final decision on how to move forward was not made.

2. Paper Repeating Pre-Conference Courses

There are two courses that have been repeated over the past four years: "What You Need to Know about Writing Grants: Tips and Techniques from Experts", and "The Nuts and Bolts of Behavioral Intervention". The committee discussed if they should save space for courses that repeat. SIGs make a lot of their money off of the courses so it could take away space from them. If we do hold space for these sessions and the session doesn't get submitted that year because the presenters aren't available to present the course, then we could end up not using space that could have been used for a SIG sponsored pre-con. Overall, the committee didn't feel it would be necessary to hold the spots for repeating courses.

3. Post-Meeting Evaluation Questions

One new question added for 2020 is what is your top reason for attending SBM? Another question is do you have a passport? SBM staff has looked into maybe doing an international meeting so staff wants to know if attendees would be able to go to an international meeting. There might be a few green initiative questions on the survey as well. A question about the new poster format will be added to the survey. There could also be questions on feedback of how the social media scavenger hunt went. There could also be a question on how the pass the ribbon event went and if the respondent received one of the ribbons.

Next Program Committee Conference Call

January 22, 10am CT
Small Committee Call