

Society of Behavioral Medicine
40th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions
Washington, D.C. – March 6-9, 2019
Program Committee Conference Call

DATE Tuesday, January 22, 2019
TIME 3pm ET/2pm CT/3pm MT/12pm PT
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In Attendance

Eric B. Hekler, PhD (Chair)
L. Alison Phillips, PhD (Co-Chair)

Unable to Attend

Rachel Shelton, ScD, MPH (Past Chair)
Sherry L. Pagoto, PhD (President)

Staff

Lindsay Bullock
Rachel Mizar
Lauren Seward

1. Approve Minutes

Dr. Hekler moved to approve minutes from January 15. Dr. Phillips seconded; minutes were approved.

2. Attendance Update

Ms. Seward provided the updated attendance numbers. Overall 787 have registered, which is behind 2017 and 2018. Pre-conference sessions remain at low numbers but are expected to raise by the earlybird deadline. There are 20 SBM registrants who will be attending the health fair, but only 3 patient advocates registered. 200+ have shown interest in attending the 40th Anniversary event, 50+ for speed networking, and 14 for the lab management session. Dr. Hekler will reach out to Lisa McAndrew to encourage additional targeted emails.

3. Post-Meeting Evaluation

Dr. Phillips wrote an introductory paragraph for this year's evaluation to highlight items that the committee has improved this year due to 2018's evaluation feedback. This includes adding value to Saturday, lengthening breaks, moving early morning Yoga to mid-morning, and making poster hall aisles larger.

New questions this year focus on 1) whether poster session presenters are interested in scheduling time to view other posters during their presentation hour, and 2) whether attendees are willing to pay for lunch at meetings. This will help to show attendees the actual cost of catered lunches.

The committee has decided to remove questions about the mobile app, and add a question "Do you have any suggestions to improve the following" to gather any additional feedback.

Next Program Committee Conference Call

Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019
Small Committee Call