



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

Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2020
Time: 11am ET/10am CT/9am MT/8am PT

In Attendance

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

Staff

Angela Burant (Meetings Manager)
Rachel Mizar (Senior Meetings Manager)
Tara Withington (Consulting Partner)

1. Approve 1/8 and 1/13 Minutes

Dr. Phillips moved to approve minutes. Dr. Steinberg seconded; minutes were approved.

2. Alternate Sessions

The program committee discussed ways to increase SBM's innovation score for next year's R13 grant which will be submitted in August 2020. The innovative ideas don't have to be new to conferences in general but new to other organizations similar to SBM who submit R13 grants. The committee discussed the possibilities around digital posters, adding debates as an abstract submission type, as well as possibly creating a new session type modeled after Ted Talks, Ignite, or Unconference style meetings. The BIT SIG currently uses Ignite style presentations during their Tech Madness event at the Annual Meeting. If these new ideas are implemented, the total number of sessions wouldn't increase. However, the total number of accepted submissions would decrease (higher rejection rates). A proposal from the program committee needs to be ready by the Spring Board meeting to be implemented for the 2021 Annual Meeting. The board report is due February 17th.

3. Post-Meeting Evaluation

The program committee discussed the post-meeting evaluation and noted some updates such as adding questions to select the factors in deciding to attend SBM's Annual Meeting such as location, cost, and how accessible a place is by a plane. There will be some open ended questions on green initiatives. They will review those updates on the next program committee call.

Next Program Committee Conference Call

January 29, 10am CT
Small Committee Call