



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

Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2020
Time: 11am ET/10am CT/9am MT/8am PT

In Attendance

L. Alison Phillips, PhD (Chair)
Dori Steinberg, PhD (Co-Chair)

Staff

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

1. Approve 1/22 Minutes

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

2. Post-Meeting Evaluation

Dr. Phillips will add an introduction to the survey. The committee decided to add a new CE question to help gauge if SBM should keep offering CEs. There will be a question about the new poster format and how it worked. Mrs. Mizar will make the updates to the survey and share the final survey with the committee.

3. Diversity of Speakers

The Large Program Committee was overall in support to limit the number of abstracts someone presents. If the committee wants to limit submissions or accepted presentations that would need to be a motion to the board. We would limit the number of submissions for panels and symposium, or the higher profile sessions. People could self-limit for 2021 to see if that makes a difference first. The Program Committee could encourage submitters to have their students present instead. This would give junior faculty a chance to get their name to be more known within the society. Some attendees feel they see the same people presenting over the years not necessarily multiple times throughout the conference. We could say on the abstract submission site, "In an effort to be more diverse, we suggest you have someone else be a presenter and limit your submissions". The Program Committee doesn't need to bring a motion to the board to limit repeating pre-conference courses because it is up to the Program Committee which pre-conference courses get selected.

Next Program Committee Conference Call

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Small Committee Call