

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

Date: Monday, October 14, 2019
Time: 3pm ET/2pm CT/1pm MT/12pm PT

In Attendance

L. Alison Phillips, PhD (Chair)
Dori Steinberg, PhD (Co-Chair)
Austin S. Baldwin, PhD
Edith A. Burns, MD
Michael A. Diefenbach, PhD (SBM President)
Meagan Helmick, PhD, MPH, CHES
Lisa Quintiliani, PhD
Carmina G. Valle, PhD, MPH
Sherrie Lee Wallington, PhD
Erica Water, PhD (guest)
Sandra J. Winter, PhD, MHA

Not In Attendance

Eric B. Hekler, PhD (Past Chair)
Jessica Y. Breland, PhD
Lindsay Bullock (Executive Director)
Yendelela L. Cuffee, PhD, MPH
Miriam H. Eisenberg Colman, PhD
Margaret Grey, DrPH, RN, FAAN
Linda K. Ko, PhD
Lisa M. McAndrew, PhD
Christine E. Prue, PhD
Betina R. Yanez, PhD

SBM Staff In Attendance

Rachel Mizar (Senior Meetings Manager)
Angela Burant (Meetings Manager)

1. **Carbon Committee Discussion**

Dr. Waters joined the Program Committee call to discuss developing strategies to reduce our carbon footprint at annual meetings. Annual meetings are carbon heavy due to flying all over the country, the single-use waste produced, and they are energy intensive. The Carbon Committee is still being formed but their goal is to develop ways to alleviate some of the negative impacts of the annual meetings. The Carbon Committee will research options and costs. Let Dr. Phillips or Dr. Waters know if you are interested in joining the committee. Dr. Helmick mentioned she would be interested in joining the Carbon Committee. Currently, the next available hotel contract year is 2025. For the 2025 Annual Meeting, SBM will be looking into options come May 2020 and we will look to see if some greener options are available to add to the contract.

2. **Abstract Update**

There were a total of 1,364 submitted abstracts, which is about 180 more than 2019 Annual Meeting and just under the record year of 2018 Annual Meeting. Rapid Communication Posters opened October 15th.

3. **2020 Highlights**

Welcome and opening keynote will be on Wednesday night this year to encourage more people to come to the meeting sooner. For the 2019 Annual Meeting, the 40th anniversary on Wednesday night brought in a lot more people and helped the conference start off with lots of energy. Before the opening keynote, Dr. Diefenbach and Dr. Phillips will give a roadmap to the annual meeting including narrative of plenary speakers and how they meet the meeting's theme. Kara Hall will then give the opening keynote presentation.

Saturday sessions will start at 8 am with a symposia and master lecture given by Brad Hesse. The Presidential Meet and Greet & Business Meeting will be at 9:30 am and that is open to all attendees not just the Board of Directors. The afternoon will have a session on mid-career lab management as well as the third year of the Student Speed Networking session.

New this year, SBM has decided to try a social media scavenger hunt. The Local Arrangements Committee and the Student SIG Chair helped to create instructions and the 10 types of posts. The attendees can choose 1 of the 3 categories they would like to enter under.



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A winner will be picked from each of the 3 categories, and then SBM staff will check to be sure they posted the 10 items.

Next Program Committee Conference Call

October 30, 10am CT
Small Committee Call