Welcome to Dr. Fitzgibbon, SBM President
Dr. Fitzgibbon joined the call to discuss the Leadership Development Institute, one of her presidential initiatives, which was developed to help advance mid-career behavioral scientists into the next stage of their career. It is a two day program that SBM plans to pilot in conjunction with the 2016 Annual Meeting with 24 participants who will break up into smaller learning communities.

The application and selection criteria will be finalized over the weekend during the November SBM Board of Directors meeting and will be distributed to SIG chairs soon after. If there is someone that a SIG chair believes would be a good candidate please forward their information to Erica Linc (elinc@sbm.org) or Amy Stone (astone@sbm.org) and they will be contacted.

The institute was greeted warmly by the council with members stating that there is a need for mid-career mentoring.
Discussion of listing SIG collaborations in the SBM Program
In the past SBM has listed SIG involvement and collaborations on breakfast roundtables, midday meetings, and pre-conference courses in the annual meeting program. Listing them for panel discussions, seminars, and symposia is something new. SBM staff originally planned to list SIGs alphabetically but concerns were raised about that approach minimizing the contributions of SIGs later in the alphabet who did a larger share of the work on a session. The topic was opened up to the full council for discussion which resulted in the decision that SIG collaborations would be listed alphabetically in the program and clearly labeled as such.

SIG Presentations
The Population Health Sciences, Health Decision Making, and Ethnic Minority and Multicultural Health SIGs all presented on what they are currently working on.

Next meeting
Date: Thursday, December 17
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