

Society of Behavioral Medicine
39th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions
New Orleans – April 11 -April 14, 2018
Program Committee Conference Call

DATE Tuesday, December 19, 2017
TIME 3 p.m. ET/2 p.m. CT/1 p.m. MT/12 p.m. PT
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In Attendance

Rachel Shelton, ScD, MPH Chair
Eric Hekler, PhD, Co-Chair
David X. Marquez, PhD, Past Chair
Heather Col-Lewis, PhD

Staff

Erin Trimmer
Mary Dean, JD, CAE
Lauren Seward

Unable to attend

Gary G. Bennett, PhD, President
Jennifer Huberty, PhD
Andrea Cherrington, MD, MPH
Charles Jonassaint, PhD
Meagan Helmick, MPH, CHES
Deborah Bowen, PhD
Kristi Graves, PhD, SIG Chair
Ryan Shaw, RN

1. Discuss WISH Session Logistics

Dr. Cole-Lewis explained the WISH session and provided answers to any questions the committee had during discussion.

The committee unanimously agreed that the 1.5 day invited session should take place prior to the meeting, rather than splitting the events or having them take place at the end of the SBM meeting. The session would begin midday on day 1, and continue for a full day on day 2.

Concern for overlap of Wednesday pre-conference sessions as well as overlap of the Leadership Institute workshop on Tuesday and Wednesday led the committee to plan the session for Monday afternoon and all day Tuesday. Monday evening there will be a networking dinner, which Dr. Cole-Lewis will inform the SBM staff whether it will take place onsite or at a different location. Ms. Trimmer will reach out to the hotel staff regarding conference room space.

The committee decided to schedule the open session on Thursday, April 12 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. during paper sessions. Predicted attendance is between 30 and 50 attendees.

Discussion arose regarding comped or discounted meeting rates for WISH attendees. It was decided that this item would best be taken to the executive committee.

2. Finalize Saturday design challenge for the SIGs

Dr. Hekler will be providing information to the SIGs to introduce a design challenge to gain ideas and concepts for the program committee to encourage students and trainees to stay at the SBM meeting through the end of the conference on Saturday afternoon. Mid-January he will be joining a SIG Council call to discuss the item.

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3. Discuss pick-up basketball and pick-up tennis games

Thus far, nine and seven attendees, respectively, have shown interest in a pick-up basketball or tennis game during the annual meeting. Options are to have casual pickup games in the morning at the same time yoga typically takes place, in the evening following daily events, or to make a social event out of the games on Thursday or Friday evening. SBM staff will reach out to the hotel to find out the deadline for court reservations, and the committee will wait to see where attendee levels reach as meeting registrations continue to come in.

4. Discuss logistics of mayor welcome

With a typically good attendance on Wednesday evening and an interest from attendees in the past, the committee has decided to have a short opening event prior to the poster session. The mayor of New Orleans will be in attendance, and will welcome SBM attendees following a few words of introduction from Dr. Bennett and Dr. Shelton.

An option was to have a small riser in the foyer outside of the poster hall to cut down on travel between the back-to-back events (down the hall and up the escalator) and to guarantee attendance for the mayor. However, with little space in the foyer and the possibly underwhelming and low-quality acoustics in the space, the committee decided it would be best for the event to take place in the main plenary hall.

Poster presenters will be encouraged to set up their poster early. Prior to the welcome event, SBM staff will close the poster hall and have presenters and meeting attendees move to the plenary hall. After, attendees will be led to the poster hall, which will be moved back to make time for speaking and travel, and to avoid lost time for poster presentations.

Next Program Committee Conference Call

Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Time: 12:00 PM PT; 1:00 PM MT; 2:00 PM CT; 3:00 PM ET