



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

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2019
Time: 11am ET/10am CT/9am MT/8am PT

In Attendance

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

Staff

Lindsay Bullock (Executive Director)
Angela Burant (Meetings Manager)

1. Approve 10/30 and 11/11 2019 Minutes

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

2. APA Accreditation Discussion

Ms. Mizar explained that right now SBM is double paying for APA credits; as an independent sponsor and through Amedco's joint accreditation. The group decided to use Amedco's APA joint accreditation moving forward.

3. Future Contract Meeting Space Discussion

Dr Phillips shared that since rejection rates for the abstract submissions are increasing (due to larger overall submission numbers). There are some people that will not attend the meeting if they aren't presenting, and others whose institutions won't allow them to attend if they aren't presenting. To mitigate this for 2020, Dr. Phillips will work with Dr. Mama to draft an invitation letter to be emailed out to submitters whose abstracts were rejected.

Dr. Diefenbach would like to look into adding an additional breakout meeting room for the annual meeting to help bring up the abstract acceptance rates, especially for symposium and panels. Adding one more room would allow us to accept 2 more panels, 5 more symposium, and 22 more papers. Dr. Phillips will add information to the Outlook article she is drafting for the December issue. Additionally, the program committee will brainstorm adding related questions to the post-meeting evaluation on an upcoming call.

4. Diversity of Speakers Discussion

Dr Phillips created a spreadsheet to help illuminate double-booking speakers for symposium and panels for the 2020 meeting. There were a number of speakers for both submission types that had multiple abstracts accepted. The group discussed limiting the number of abstracts an individual can be on in the future. Discussion will continue on a future call.

Next Program Committee Conference Call

December 9, 2 pm CT
Large Committee Call