

Society of Behavioral Medicine
37th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions
Washington DC– March 30-April 2, 2016
Program Committee Conference Call

Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2015
Time: 12:00 AM PT; 1:00PM MT; 2:00 PM CT; 3:00 PM ET

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In Attendance

Kathleen Wolin, ScD, Chair
David X. Marquez, PhD, Co-Chair

Staff

Amy Stone
Erin Trimmer
Johanna Moss

Unable/not asked to attend

Marian L. Fitzgibbon, PhD, President
Molly L. Greaney, PhD
Courtney J. Peasant, PhD, MS
Diane M. Santa-Maria, DrPH, MSN, RN
Christopher N. Sciamanna, MD, MPH
Reginald Tucker-Seeley, ScD
Lila J. Rutten, PhD, MPH, Past Chair
Kristi D. Graves, PhD
Elissa Jelalian, PhD

1. Approved minutes from 10/13/2015, 11/3/2015 and 11/19/2015 Calls

Dr. Wolin motioned to approve the minutes and Dr. Marquez seconded. Minutes were approved.

2. Abstract submission process discussion

Dr. Wolin explained the current opportunity to organize the abstract submission process to better align with the setup of the abstract reviews and annual meeting scheduling. She explained that the current system of track and content area does not appropriately represent the areas of interest presented at the annual meeting and within the organization.

Dr. Wolin proposes to streamline the submission process by combining the tracks and content areas into one grouping and asking submitters to identify a primary and secondary area of interest while submitting. Ms. Stone suggested including in a proposal the need to revisit the list every few years to ensure current issues are appropriately represented.

The next step is to draft a proposal for Executive Committee review during the January call.

3. Other updates

2016 Annual Meeting registration opened on Tuesday, November 17 and there are currently 62 registrations.

There are currently 30 rapid communications submissions.

Next Conference Call

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