

Society of Behavioral Medicine
38th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions
San Diego– March 29-April 1, 2017
Program Committee Conference Call

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017
Time: 12:00 PM PT; 1:00PM MT; 2:00 PM CT; 3:00 PM ET
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In Attendance

David X. Marquez, PhD, Chair
Rachel Shelton, Co-Chair
Andrea Cherrington, MD, MPH
Genevieve Dunton, PhD, MPH
Kathy Goggin, PhD
Angela Odoms-Young, PhD
Susan Aguinaga, MS
Jing Wang, PhD
Kristi D. Graves, PhD
Ana Abrantes, PhD
Clement Gwede, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN

Staff

Mary Dean, JD, CAE

Unable to attend

James F. Sallis, PhD, President
Noel Brewer, PhD
Matthew Buman, PhD
Kate Wolin, ScD, Past Chair
Renee Umstattd Meyer, PhD, MCHES

1. Registration update

Dr. Marquez informed the committee that 6 weeks from the Annual Meeting, 907 are registered. Last year at 6 weeks out from the Annual Meeting, there were 755 registered. Last year at 5 weeks out there were 1,028 registered.

2. Hotel update

Additional rooms have been added to the SBM group block but they are extremely limited. SBM is expecting record attendance and would recommend making reservations as soon as possible – the block has already sold out once. SBM staff is happy to provide a list of alternative hotels in the area if members aren't able to book within the hotel block.

Dr. Marquez shared with the Committee a complaint he received from an attendee who had difficulty securing a refrigerator in her hotel room. After receiving the complaint, SBM staff worked with the hotel to ensure all nursing mothers can reserve a refrigerator and that one will be available in the nursing mother's room. The Committee suggested a few other ideas:

- Supply brown paper bags and sharpies in the room so mothers can clearly identify their milk
- Post a piece of paper or white board outside the room so mothers can indicate how long the room will be utilized

3. Poster hall update

As a result of the record-setting first round and rapid communications abstract submissions (1827 total submissions in 2017, as compared to 1518 in 2016), SBM ran out of room in the poster hall. To address this issue, the small committee determined that the best course of action was to reschedule the sessions in breakout room Indigo E for use as additional poster space and a limited number of posters will be displayed in the foyer outside of the Indigo Ballroom (poster hall).

Dr. Graves commented that the New Member Meet and Greet was in the poster hall last year, making it very difficult to hear. Ms. Dean updated the Committee that the Meet and Greet would be on the Indigo Terrace. Dr. Graves asked if the

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SIGs would be asked to create posters again. Ms. Dean commented that the Membership Council is meeting next week to plan the Meet and Greet; she would ask about the SIG posters.

4. Post-meeting evaluation

Dr. Marquez reported that the small committee reviewed and finalized the post-meeting evaluation over the last few weeks opting to move forward with an evaluation similar to the 2016 post-meeting evaluation. The questions asked via the mobile app will be available for plenary sessions only.

The Committee suggested re-ordering the questions: 11, 12, 13, 9, 10, and then 14 with the option to opt-out after question 11.

The Committee also suggested re-wording question 1 as it wasn't clear why the question is being asked. Ms. Dean commented that she suspected it was to gauge interest in joining SBM after the Annual Meeting. The Committee didn't think the question captured that sentiment.

The Committee then discussed ways in which the Committee might encourage more participation in completing the survey. A number of ideas were shared, including:

- Giving an award to the SIG with the largest percentage of members who complete the survey
- Giving a free membership to the individual who recruits the most people to complete the survey
- Conducting a raffle of the people to complete the survey

The small Committee will pick up this discussion on their next call to finalize a few ideas.

5. Download mobile app

Dr. Marquez encouraged the Committee to visit the app store or google play store and search for SBM2017 to download the meeting app, noting the mobile app is not populated with all meeting information at this time; session information and venue details are currently available via the app.

6. Other business

Dr. Marquez gave a special thanks to Clement Gwede for taking time out of his schedule to review all sessions eligible for continuing education credit to ensure they meet all nurse credit requirements and, ultimately, that nurses will benefit from attending the meeting.

Dr. Marquez also recognized Bryan Blissmer for his contribution of reviewing the plenary session disclosures. A non-program committee member is required to review the invited speaker disclosures due to the fact that the program committee has influence over/plans the sessions.

Next Conference Call

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