

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

DATE Tuesday, May 15, 2018
TIME 3pm ET/2pm CT/3pm MT/12pm PT
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Meeting ID: 398 428 355

In Attendance

Eric Hekler, PhD, Chair
L. Alison Phillips, PhD, Co-Chair
Rachel Shelton, ScD, MPH Past Chair

Staff

Erin Trimmer
Rachel Mizar
Lindsay Bullock
Lauren Seward

Guests

David Conroy, PhD
Megan McVay, PhD

1. Staffing Update

Ms. Trimmer began the meeting announcing that she will be transferring to another role within EDI. Rachel Mizar will be taking on Ms. Trimmer's position with SBM as Senior Meetings Manager. Ms. Mizar has prior experience in meeting planning for associations, and is looking forward to working within SBM and with the Program Committee.

2. Open Science Discussion

Drs. Conroy and McVay joined the committee call from the Publications and Communications Council to introduce the idea of Open Science and raise awareness within SBM. The first steps would be to invite abstract submitters to identify whether their study used Open Science. Dr. Conroy explained the importance of keeping this optional, as SBM will just be introducing the subject.

Once accepted for presentation, any research presented at the meeting could be indicated as such by highlighting those Open Science presentations by putting a symbol or badge next to the title. Post-meeting, the Center for Open Science could put up those Open Science posters online within their database.

The subject of Open Science at the SBM Meeting may come up formally in the future, so this is an opportunity for SBM to get their foot in the door and allow for an easier transition should they utilize Open Science more thoroughly in the future.

Ms. Trimmer suggested that the committee look at the current questions asked during the abstract submission process to potentially eliminate due to lack of relevance, and therefore create room for these additional questions. Questions to add into the abstract process would include:

- Was this study registered, and are the analytics registered? (For example, with ClinicalTrials.com)
- Are the materials and data available in an open-access repository? (Add link)

Dr. Phillips told the committee that she was recently at the SPSP conference and had the opportunity to look into the Center for Open Science. She suggested that for SBM the committee should ensure that the process is user-friendly and reward-heavy.

It was suggested that there be a panel session during the 2019 meeting focusing on Open Science. Dr. Conroy agreed and suggested to invite speakers (i.e. Brian Nosek) from the Center for Open Science, which is conveniently a short 90 minutes from D.C. Drs. Conroy and McVay plan to begin developing a panel for submission once abstracts open.

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3. Meeting Shift Survey Results

Dr. Hekler went through the results received from the 165 meeting attendees who completed the survey. There were a number of questions that received corresponding negative results, such as:

- Add a 4th meeting day; and
- Have all three main meeting days be full days.

On the flipside, there were also questions that received generally positive results:

- Add breaks and networking time;
- Lessen overlapping sessions;
- Open one day to the public;
- Shift the meeting to Tuesday through Friday; and
- Shorten pre-conference sessions to 6 hours maximum.

An additional suggestion from Dr. Phillips was to move training sessions to be post-conference events. However, this may lessen attendance and income for SIGs.

Moving forward with the meeting shift, the committee will put together three options of schedule changes to send to the board and SIGs for feedback and approval.

4. Annual Meeting Recap

Positive feedback included the following:

- Great closing keynote attendance, thanks to opening up the session to public and general promotion;
- Speed networking was much loved by mentees, and the session went well; and
- The addition of lunch breaks was definitely positive.

Negative feedback included the following:

- The poster hall was crowded – while there was room to place posters, the committee gave the opportunity to present to those who could fit, but this impacted the feeling of space for attendees;
- Exhibitors were wanting more time spent in the exhibit hall;
- SIGS would like more structured networking time in the afternoon or evening;
- Food and Drink:
 - There were not enough vegetarian options for the food served in the poster hall;
 - There was not enough coffee or food provided.

Dr. Hekler will utilize the feedback to develop the new scheduling plans. Dr. Phillips was interested in the costs of food, and thought others may be as well, since some other meetings are able to provide food and coffee at a lower cost. Ms. Trimmer explained that SBM doesn't typically have high-paying exhibitors, who may sponsor lunch or breaks. Dr. Phillips would like to make known to attendees that they may need to choose between breakfast and coffee throughout the day, or even raising the costs of the meeting. She plans to utilize the information to develop next year's survey questions.

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