

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

Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2016
Time: 12:00 PM PT; 1:00PM MT; 2:00 AM CT; 3:00 PM ET
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In Attendance

David X. Marquez, PhD, Chair
Rachel Shelton, Co-Chair
Kate Wolin, ScD, Past Chair
James F. Sallis, PhD, President

Staff

Erin Trimmer
Johanna Moss
Amy Stone
Lindsay Bullock

Unable to attend

Angela Odoms-Young, PhD
Jing Wang, PhD
Renee Umstattd Meyer, PhD, MCHES
Ana Abrantes, PhD
Susan Aguinaga, MS
Genevieve Dunton, PhD, MPH
Noel Brewer, PhD
Kathy Goggin, PhD
Clement Gwede, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN
Kristi D. Graves, PhD
Matthew Buman, PhD
Andrea Cherrington, MD, MPH

1. Approved minutes from 5.3.2016 and 5.10.2016 calls

Dr. Marquez motioned to approve the minutes, Dr. Shelton seconded. Minutes were approved.

2. Discussion of additions and changes to 2017 Annual Meeting

a. Paper Presentation Time Limit: Dr. Sallis described a potential change to the presentation length of paper presentations at the annual meeting, noting he has attended conferences in which the oral presentation time has been reduced to allow for additional discussion with great results. Noting the success of each session varies depending on the chair/moderator preparation and the program committee would want to include specific instructions. The committee was in favor of selecting a limited number of paper presentations to test the shorter presentation/longer discussion option at the 2017 Annual Meeting. Dr. Sallis also emphasized the need to include evaluations either in the mobile app or paper handed out to attendees of these sessions to gain feedback on the session structure change.

b. Active Conference: Dr. Sallis also introduced the idea of offering additional opportunities for fitness during the meeting including stretch breaks, instant recess, encouraging standing rather than sitting in sessions, and an overall emphasis on activity throughout the meeting. Some options would include preparation on the part of the moderator/chair to inform the audience for a ten minute stretch break following plenary sessions.

Ms. Trimmer offered some background information into the liability aspect of offering such options at the meeting noting that for instructor-led activity sessions (ie. yoga) the instructor would need to carry their own insurance and add SBM as an additional insured. During instant recess and stretch breaks the moderator/chair would need to indicate that the activity is optional and give attendees the option to opt out by saying something along the lines of "If you would like to join me..."

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c. Abstract Length: The committee discussed increasing the character limit for abstract submission to provide reviewers with additional information to base their recommendations off of. Staff informed the committee that Springer (Supplement publisher) indicated it is possible to increase the character limit, however, this will result in less abstracts per page and recommended that SBM consider moving to an e-pub supplement in which members would go online to view the abstracts. The committee viewed the e-pub suggestion positively and staff will look at the abstract character limit for other societies to give the committee additional frame of reference.

3. Finalized topic area name

After a brief discussion, the committee determined the new categories during abstract submission will be named topic areas. Each abstract submitter will select a primary and secondary topic area during abstract submission.

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