



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

Date: Wednesday, June 26, 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 (SBM President)

Staff

Lindsay Bullock (Executive Director)
Rachel Mizar (Meetings Manager)
Lauren Seward (Meetings Coordinator)

1. Approve 6/5/2019 and 6/17/2019 Minutes

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

2. Session Structure

a. Master Lectures

Dr. Phillips inquired about tentatively moving either the Jessie Gruman or Distinguished Science Master Lecture to Saturday. While it was decided that the Jessie Gruman Master Lecture could not move, it was debated whether it would be in good taste to move the Distinguished Science Master Lecture.

b. Poster Sessions

The committee decided to lengthen the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday poster sessions by an additional 15 minutes. This will allow for more time to view posters, and does not make the sessions any later than they were in 2019. This changes these three poster session times to 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.

The Saturday session will remain one hour as there are typically less attendees during that poster session.

c. Saturday Schedule

Dr. Hekler brought up the value of Saturday at SBM. In the past, SBM considered removing Saturday or shifting the meeting back one day, however SBM staff research found it would not be productive. At that time, the committee decided Saturday should feel unique from the rest of the conference.

The committee decided Saturday should have a mentorship/career development focus.

- The first sessions will be Student Speed Networking and Industry Speed Networking (with coffee)
- Followed by the Business Meeting/Meet & Greet (with breakfast)
- Rather than one of the master lectures will be Mid-Career Lab Management
- The poster session will have a big emphasis on poster mentoring by SBM leadership (with heavy hors d'oeuvres)
- The closing keynote will end the meeting

d. Welcome Session

The first ten minutes will be an introduction of the meeting by Dr. Phillips and/or Dr. Diefenbach followed by an opening keynote presentation.

Next Program Committee Conference Call

July 3, 10am CT
Small Committee Call