In Attendance
Eric Hekler, PhD, Chair
L. Alison Phillips, PhD, Co-Chair
Sherry L. Pagoto, PhD, President

Staff
Lauren Seward
Rachel Mizar
Lindsay Bullock

Guests
Marc D. Gellman, PhD

Unable to Attend
Rachel Shelton, ScD, MPH Past Chair

1. 40th Anniversary Discussion
Dr. Marc Gellman joined the program committee to discuss anniversary celebrations of the past and what can be done to play off of or improve from those celebrations. Previous celebrations have included a video from the 25th anniversary, special program features, a “family tree” to show connections within SBM, cake, and a timeline. It may be important to take notes from the Wisdom Council, and possibly involve past award winners.

2. Approve Minutes
Dr. Hekler moved to approve the minutes from August 21; Dr. Pagoto seconded. Minutes were approved.

3. Abstract Submission Update
Ms. Mizar informed attendees that there are currently 121 drafts and 34 submissions on the abstract site. This compares to last year’s 97 drafts and 52 submissions at this time.

4. Speaker Updates
Speaker invitations are still in progress. The September 1 deadline approaches. The Open Science panel is set as the third speaker has accepted. Dr. Pagoto and Ms. Bullock are communicating on additional invitations.

5. Saturday Programming Discussion
These ideas are beginning to expand. Dr. Hekler will provide a recap of these ideas at the next program committee call.

6. Multiple Abstracts from Results
There was a question from a submitter on whether they could potentially submit more than one abstract while pulling from the same research results. The program committee agreed that as long as there could be two complete and separate papers written on the subject, this is acceptable. This conclusion will be explicitly written in next year’s abstract guidelines.

Next Program Committee Conference Call
Date: Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Small Committee Call