



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

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2019
Time: 11am ET/10am CT/9am MT/8am PT

In Attendance

L. Alison Phillips, PhD (Chair)
Dori Steinberg, PhD (Co-Chair)

Staff

Lindsay Bullock (Executive Director)
Angela Burant (Meetings Manager)
Rachel Mizar (Senior Meetings Manager)

1. Approve 8/28/2019 Minutes

Dr. Steinberg moved to approve the minutes. Dr. Phillips seconded; minutes were approved.

2. Dr. Waters' Carbon Efforts

Dr. Waters would like to discuss with the Program Committee how SBM could lower their carbon efforts at the Annual Meeting. Ms. Bullock will be having an initial call with Dr. Waters about ways to reduce our carbon footprint. After the initial call, Dr. Waters will join the large program committee call to discuss the options. The Program Committee will then decide if they can do anything for the 2020 Annual Meeting or if it will have to wait until the 2021 Annual Meeting.

3. Abstract Update

Ms. Mizar provided an update on abstract submissions. There were a total of 1,363 submitted abstracts which means there will be about a 60% acceptance rate for pre-conference courses, panel discussions, and symposium. The projected total number of submitted posters with rapids is expected to be well over the 1,110 we can include. The Program Committee wants to keep rejection rates between rapids and first submission similar, but will reject more rapids if need be. Due to the larger number of submitted abstracts than last year, the rejection rates will be higher than last year.

4. Eliminating CE Credits from Future Annual Meetings

The Program Committee discussed the pros and cons to eliminating CE credits from future Annual Meetings. The Program Committee decided to keep CE credits for future meetings. The Program Committee discussed maybe adding more detailed directions as to what is needed for each type of abstract submission to the Annual Meeting site. This could help people prepare getting information from their co-authors so they can submit on time and help reduce the number of people having to remove any co-authors in order to submit on time.

Next Program Committee Conference Call

September 25th, 10am CT
Small Committee Call