# Society of Behavioral Medicine 40th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions

Washington, D.C. – March 6-9, 2019 Program Committee Conference Call

DATE Tuesday, September 25, 2018
TIME 3pm ET/2pm CT/3pm MT/12pm PT

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## In Attendance

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

#### Staff

Lauren Seward Rachel Mizar

## <u>Guests</u>

Emil Chiauzzi Daniel Mullins Rodney Elliott

## 1. Saturday Discussion

Dr. Hekler introduced the guests and the program committee's ideas for a push for community/public engagement during the Saturday of the Annual Meeting. Ideas that came up included:

- Encouraging presenters to invite a patient to co-present if relevant;
- Invite a community member to co-chair the day;
- Create a speed dating type session between patients/community members and SBM members; and
- Involve the SIGs in the day possibly via a competition Dr. Phillips plans to join the next SIG call.

There is still a fear of low attendance.

## 2. Abstract Submission Update

Ms. Mizar informed attendees the final 2019 submission number was 1183. This is approximately 200 lower than 2018, but 60 more than the last time SBM was in Washington DC. The reviewer site is currently open, and next week the program committee meeting has been moved to Wednesday to see the final review numbers and make decisions prior to the topic chairs are notified to begin recommendations.

## **Next Program Committee Conference Call**

Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Small Committee Call