ETCD Council Conference Call
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Tuesday, April 9, 2019
11 a.m. PT/12 p.m. MT/1 p.m. CT/2 p.m. ET
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In Attendance
Amy Huebschmann, MD (chair)
Jamie Bodenlos, PhD
Courtney P. Bonner, PhD
Andrea Kozak, PhD
Morgan Lee, PhD, MPH
Lori Pbert, PhD
Sherri Sheinfeld Gorin, PhD
Lindsay Bullock (staff)
Andrew Schmidt (staff)

Regrets
Vicki DiLillo, PhD
Valerie Myers, PhD
Karen Oliver, PhD
Barbara Stetson, PhD

Annual Meeting Session Debrief
Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin reported that the midday meeting cosponsored by ETCD and the Ethics Working Group was well-attended and the breakout groups during the session resulted in a lively discussion. Dr. Huebschmann mentioned that discussion at her table touched on the lack of ethics-related programming at past Annual Meetings despite the relevance for SBM members.

Dr. Lee reported that there was a great deal of interest in the Meet the Fellows session, with several attendees from the waitlist and other meeting attendees who weren’t registered interested in participating. However the session room itself was cramped and a number of entrances made the check-in process somewhat chaotic. Dr. Huebschmann added that feedback was mostly positive, with attendees expressing a preference for tables grouped by topic as well as career stage.

Dr. Huebschmann asked the council if any members would be interested in taking the lead on next year’s Meet the Professors session; Dr. Lee volunteered to co-lead the session again in conjunction with another ETCD member and potentially a Student SIG representative.

Dr. Huebschmann shared Dr. Myers’ report that the grad school panel was very successful and featured a lot of discussion of industry vs. academic career paths. Dr. Oliver also reached out about a session that focuses on the transition to an industry career, with panelists that have made that move after some experience in academia. Dr. Huebschmann noted that she participated in the industry speed networking session on the last day of the conference, and that a session similar to the one being
proposed by Dr. Oliver could provide a more in-depth and narrative-focused session to compliment or replace speed networking at a future meeting.

Dr. Huebschmann asked the council if there were any other suggestions for new sessions at the 2020 Annual Meeting. Dr. Kozak mentioned that she was unsure the Student SIG would be interested in resubmitting the rejects sessions proposals from this year. Dr. Huebschmann noted that the Program Committee informed her that competition for panel slots was extremely high for 2019, and that the Student SIG/ETCD abstracts that weren’t accepted may have been a better fit for midday meetings or breakfast roundtables. Resubmitting the sessions as these types rather than symposia may improve their chances for acceptance.

The Program Committee also suggested that submission instructions for the various session types would be updated for the 2020 Annual Meeting to better distinguish between panels and symposia and “non-scientific” sessions.

Next steps:

• Dr. Lee will share additional feedback from Drs. Myers and Stetson about the grad school panel with the Student SIG. Dr. Lee will also invite the Student SIG (or certain Student SIG representatives) to participate directly in the planning for the next “Meet the Professors” session.

**Diversity Leadership Workshop**

Dr. Huebschmann introduced Dr. Courtney Bonner as a new member of the ETCD Council and as the lead on the new early-career Diversity Leadership Professional Development Workshop being developed for the 2020 Annual Meeting.

Dr. Bonner informed the council that the SBM Board officially approved the creation of the workshop last month, and that it would be intended to develop both a diverse cadre of early-career leaders within SBM, and to provide early-career members an opportunity to develop diversity-focused leadership skills. The main program of the workshop will be an intensive, one-day bootcamp on the Wednesday of the Annual Meeting, with small group mentoring over the course of the following year.

Two members of the recently-dissolved Diversity Leadership Working Group have expressed interest in continuing to be involved with the project, however any ETCD members are welcome to participate in the planning committee as well. Dr. Huebschmann also suggested connecting with the Health Equity SIG to learn if and how they’d like to be involved in the planning process now that the workshop has been formally approved.

As the planning process for the workshop begins, Dr. Bonner asked the council to consider a potential keynote speaker or facilitator and others (particularly if they are SBM members who live near the Annual Meeting location) who could serve as presenters or mentors.

Next steps:

• Council members who have suggestions for workshop topics or presenters, or who would like to be more closely involved in the planning process, are encouraged to reach out to Dr. Bonner.
Next Meeting
May 14th, 2019, 3-4:00 p.m. ET