Scientific and Professional Liaison Council
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Call participants
Katie Davis, PhD
David E. Goodrich, EdD, MS, MA
Paul B. Jacobsen, PhD
Amy Janke, PhD – Chair
Kristin L. Schneider, PhD
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Regrets
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Julie E. Volkman, PhD
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Staff
Lindsay Bullock, Andrew Schmidt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Janke introduced Dr. Bernardine Pinto as an SPLC guest. Dr. Pinto has been participating in ACSM’s presidential task force on exercise oncology, and will be liaising between ACSM and SBM for comments/sign-on to the guidelines being written by the task force, as well as potential co-sponsored programming at a future Annual Meeting.

Dr. Janke also announced that Andrew Schmidt had transitioned to a new position with SBM and would no longer be the SPLC staff liaison. Angela Burant will be taking over as SBM staff contact for the council.

ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING

Dr. Janke reminded the council that abstract submission for the 2019 Annual Meeting will be opening within the next week, with a deadline in early-September. Dr. Janke encouraged council members to promptly reach out to their liaison organizations to identify potential session topics and presenters, and to solicit the council with suggestions for cross-organizational collaboration or questions about session planning. The SPLC can also assist with session planning and submission by co-sponsoring panel discussions, midday meetings, breakfast roundtables, or pre-conference courses.

LIAISON UPDATES

AMIA
Dr. Janke reported that Dr. Haider would be stepping down from the SPLC, and she is currently working with AMIA representatives and SBM digital health stakeholders (e.g. Digital Health Council, BIT SIG) to identify a new liaison. Dr. Janke noted that the partnership with AMIA has resulted in several products
over the past year, including a pre-conference course at the 2018 Annual Meeting, an ongoing collaboration on the WISH workshop, and an endorsement of the recent rural broadband policy brief.

**Prevent Cancer**
Dr. Janke reported that she has recently been in contact with the Prevent Cancer Foundation, a patient advocacy organization, about potential areas of collaboration. Dr. Joanna Buscemi has been in touch with them about signing on to an upcoming policy brief on prostate cancer screening, while Dr. Janke has been exploring opportunities for the organization to participate in the 2019 Annual Meeting as they’re local to the DC area.

Dr. Schneider inquired about connecting SBM with other patient advocacy organizations, with the Obesity Action Coalition (OAC) being one such organization that she would consider involving. Dr. Janke noted that a current SBM initiative is to develop more public-facing content and offer additional resources designed for patients, and that partnering with patient advocacy groups could be valuable for that work. Dr. Schneider offered to reach out to OAC for an introductory call, and include Dr. Janke and Dr. Davis once one is scheduled.

**The Obesity Society/ASMBS**
Dr. Davis reported that the Obesity Medicine Education Collaborative (OMEC) is preparing to publish its guidelines for obesity training for medical professionals. Several SBM members participated on the writing group for the guidelines, and once the final versions have been released, Dr. Davis will explore the possibility of a webinar and/or Annual Meeting session on the topic.

Dr. Davis also reported that TOS had eliminated its partnership program for Obesity Week and now only offers paid sponsorships. Dr. Davis inquired about other partnership opportunities, without a response from TOS.

**APOS/IPOS/Cochrane Collaboration**
Dr. Jacobsen reported that he had no updates on systematic reviews at SBM following the symposium at this year’s Annual Meeting, but that he will be following up with Dr. Sherri Sheinfeld Gorin regarding next steps for the project.

Dr. Jacobsen also reported that he has been in contact with the Cancer SIG about developing a session for the 2019 Annual Meeting on incorporating economic analyses into health behavior research. Dr. Jacobsen noted that he and Dr. Dawn Wilson, SBM past-president and immediate past-president of the Society for Health Psychology (APA Division 38), presented at a symposium on cost-effectiveness at the 2018 Annual Meeting, and would be working together to develop this proposed session as well.

**ACSM**
Dr. Janke reported that Dr. Goodrich would be stepping down from the SPLC, and Dr. Goodrich noted that he and Dr. Janke held a call with ACSM representatives earlier that day, with a potential candidate to take over as ACSM liaison being identified.

**AHA**
Dr. Janke reported that the hypertension guidelines response was not accepted by *JAMA*, but has been approved as an official SBM position statement by SBM’s executive committee. The response will next be submitted to *Annals or TBM* for potential publication.
HERO
Dr. Winter reported that representatives from HERO have expressed an interest in developing a webinar to introduce the organization to SBM members.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Dr. Janke applauded the council for the multiple recently-held and in-development webinars with SPLC partner organizations, and encouraged any council members with questions about planning a webinar to reach out to her and SBM staff.

In addition, Dr. Janke encouraged council members to participate in SBM’s Presidential Twitter Chats, and to consider sharing relevant chats with their liaison organizations. Twitter chats can also potentially lead to new partnerships: Prevent Cancer’s participation in the inaugural chat helped contribute to their interest in collaborating further with SBM.