Scientic and Professional Liaison Council

October, 22 2018

**Attendees**

**Call participants**
Amy Janke, PhD – Chair
Melissa Bopp, PhD (Guest)
Bernardine Pinto, PhD (Guest)
Kristin L. Schneider, PhD
Jennifer A. Sumner, PhD

**Regrets**
Martin D. Cheatle, PhD
Jeffrey P. Haibach, PhD, MPH
Paul B. Jacobsen, PhD
Natalia Loskutova, MD, PhD
Julie E. Volkman, PhD
Erika A. Waters, PhD, MPH
Sandra Winter, PhD

**Staff**
Angela Burant
Lindsay Bullock

**Meeting Minutes**
Approved September meeting minutes that are on the Google drive
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zX0qaEO9AloSMzEw5-IbdwqjDaarO OSS

**New Member**
Introduced Dr. Bopp to the Scientific and Professional Liaison Council. Dr. Bopp is taking over Dr. Goodrich’s spot as a physical activity liaison. Dr. Bopp has been an SBM member since 2007. Dr. Goodrich’s main work was as an ASCM liaison and now Dr. Bopp will take it over as the new liaison.

**Membership Drive**
Discussed ways to grow the council as people cycle off and what new liaison would be good to add to the Scientific and Professional Liaison Council. AMIA liaison role will be filled again soon. Discussed some other areas that are under or not fully represented. Dr. Pinto asked adding some nurses as liaisons. As long as Dr. Janke has been a member of the Scientific and Professional Liaison she hasn’t seen a nursing liaison. Dr. Janke has done some work with Dr. Resnick (previous president of GSA) from Gerontological Society of America (aging) liaison. Lindsay suggested to ask Dr. Hayman (past president of SBM) of some suggestions. Dr. Hayman and Dr. Resnick usually plan a mid-day meeting for nurses at the SBM Annual Meeting.

We could possibly work with the new CVD. Discussed some other ways to work with partner SIGs more closely. We will discuss membership drive on future calls as well.

We should revitalize our pain connections and get strong VA connections. Dr. Haibach is our current VA liaison.

We could have a liaison from the American Diabetes Association possibly or the Diabetes SIG. How much does SPLC need to connect with these connections when SIGs are well connected with organizations outside of SBM? Dr. Janke as far as she knows SPLC hasn’t done anything with diabetes.
Dr. Janke says the Scientific and Professional Liaison Council seems to not be involved in industry, right now, but maybe we do need to connect more with industry. The AMIA role could connect us with the industry. The Scientific and Professional Liaison Council has been lagging in industry because we don’t have an AMIA liaison right now.

**Future Calls**
The next call will be Monday, November 26th. We will not have a call in December as it falls on Christmas Eve.

**TOS & SBM Policy Updates**
Dr. Janke and Dr. Schneider will be talking on Wednesday October 24th about a TOS and SBM partnership. We will discuss how to come out with joint policy statements and ways to support each other. The Obesity Society does get a lot of money from the sugary beverage industry. SBM doesn’t get money from corporations. Should SBM align with an organization that receives money from an industry? The Executive Committee is aware of an informal relationship with TOS. The Health Policy Committee takes into account any red flags of possible endorsers. In the past, SBM has looked at some endorsers case by case to see if their political stances and endorsers would influence the policy statement in a certain way. We would make the Health Policy Committee and Executive Committee aware of the relationship between TOS. Let the Health Policy Committee and the Executive Committee know of the topic in advance then we can make more strategic decisions about supporters and endorsers. Whose endorsement would have the biggest impact and get traction in the least critical way. Partnerships don’t always have to be co-authors or endorsers, but just having a partner to share the policy brief with can be a good way to get more people to view our policy brief.