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Dear Fellow ABMR Members,

I'd like to begin by congratulating those just elected to leadership positions in ABMR: Jim McCubbin, elected as ABMR President for 2016-2017, and Sue Everson-Rose, Paige Green, and Ed Suarez, elected to the Executive Council beginning in June, 2015. I'd also like to take this opportunity to recognize the EC members whose terms end in June, 2015 -- Susan Lutgendorf and Frank Penedo, as well as Karina Davidson, who will end her term as Past-President -- and to thank them for their service on behalf of ABMR. We are indeed lucky to have such dedicated and talented individuals lending their time and efforts to making ABMR a leading organization representing the best of behavioral medicine research!

Register Now for ABMR's 2015 Annual Meeting! Attached is a preliminary agenda for this year's Annual Meeting, scheduled for **Thursday evening, June 25 through mid-day Sunday, June 28** at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay (<http://chesapeakebay.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>) on Maryland's beautiful Eastern Shore.



This year's meeting, highlighting "New Frontiers in Basic-to-Clinical Translation," is full of exciting science in a relaxed waterfront setting, and as is typical of ABMR's Annual Meetings, there will be plenty of time for networking with friends and colleagues and enjoying the amenities available at this lovely venue. In addition to a series of sessions highlighting basic behavioral science and early-phase interventional research, the program will feature a New Member symposium, a discussion of ABMR's Strategic Planning activities, luncheon roundtables with federal behavioral scientists, and a special Sunday Brunch session on new ideas and innovations in behavioral medicine.

Please register for the meeting and reserve your room as soon as possible to ensure room availability and so that we can accurately estimate attendance and space/meal needs. To do so, go to the ABMR website's Annual Meeting link at <http://www.academyofbmr.org/#/annual-meetings>, where you can register for the meeting and reserve your hotel room quickly and easily online. The site also contains links to information on the hotel and nearby sights, as well as travel tips to help make your stay on the Eastern Shore a memorable experience!

<http://www.academyofbmr.org>



The meeting venue, the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay, is a beautiful resort located in Cambridge, MD on Maryland's scenic Eastern Shore. Easily accessible by car from the Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) Airport, the Chesapeake Bay Hyatt is close to many historic and interesting Eastern Shore towns including Annapolis, St. Michael's, Easton, and Oxford. A variety of activities and amenities are available at the hotel and in the area, including swimming, tennis, boating, fishing, hiking, biking, and golf. The Chesapeake Bay Hyatt is known as a particularly family-friendly venue, with many activities for kids and families, and close proximity to beach resorts such as Ocean City, Bethany Beach, and Rehoboth Beach as well as to the natural beauty of the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge and Assateague & Chincoteague Islands. It is an ideal spot for bringing the family & extending your stay either before or after the meeting. More info on the hotel and surrounding area can be found on the website at <http://www.academyofbmr.org/#/annual-meetings> and at the following link: <http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/road-trips/maryland-eastern-shore/>.



Bring a Colleague to the Meeting with ABMR's New Visitor's Pass Program. We are excited to announce a new program, being piloted at this year's meeting, in which ABMR members can "apply" to invite a non-ABMR member colleague to attend the Annual Meeting. This program, developed by Anna Marsland, Daichi Shimbo & members of ABMR's Outreach and Member Engagement Working Group, allows you to share the intellectual stimulation and collegiality of ABMR's Annual Meetings with behavioral medicine colleagues and friends who are not members of ABMR. The program is ideal for inviting a promising junior colleague whom you may wish to consider nominating for future ABMR membership. We are also interested in using the program to enhance the diversity of meeting attendees (and eventual members), and welcome Visitor pass applications for individuals from diverse disciplines, institutions and ethnic/racial groups. It is expected that members who nominate a colleague for a Visitor's pass will attend the meeting themselves, and that the "visitors" (non-member colleagues) who are selected will provide for their own travel and registration.

To "apply" to receive a Visitor's pass for a colleague, please email Lori McBurney at lorimcb33@gmail.com and include your name & that of your colleague in your request. **But please act quickly, as we have only 10 passes available during this pilot period & the program is on a first-come, first-served basis!** You may also email Lori or me (czajkows@mail.nih.gov) if you have questions about the program.

Come Help OBSSR Celebrate its 20th Anniversary! NIH's Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) is holding several events as part of its 20th Anniversary Celebration, culminating in a symposium planned for June 25th, 2015 on the NIH campus in Bethesda, MD. The June 25th symposium theme is "Healthy Lives through the Behavioral and Social Sciences," and it is free and open to all. You can obtain information (including an agenda) and register for the 20th Anniversary symposium at the following website: http://obssr.od.nih.gov/obssr_20th_anniversary/

If you plan to attend this event, please make your own reservations (there is no dedicated "room block") at any one of several local hotels that are close to the NIH campus – either one Metro stop away from campus or a 30 minute walk. Nearby Bethesda hotels include the Doubletree (<http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/maryland/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-bethesda-washington-dc-WASBHDT/index.html>); the Hyatt (<http://bethesda.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>); the Hilton Garden Inn (<http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/maryland/hilton-garden-inn-washington-dc-bethesda-WASBTGI/index.html>); and the Residence Inn (<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasbr-residence-inn-bethesda-downtown/>).

Please consider coming to Bethesda for the OBSSR symposium on June 25th before continuing on to ABMR's 2015 Annual Meeting on the Eastern Shore of Maryland!

Feeling Creative? OBSSR Invites You to Submit a Video Highlighting Your Research! As part of its 20th Anniversary celebration, OBSSR is asking behavioral and social scientists to create and submit videos that showcase their research. The best videos will be featured at the OBSSR 20th Anniversary symposium on June 25th and on OBSSR's website (<http://obssr.od.nih.gov/index.aspx>) throughout 2015.

The video length should be 60 to 90 seconds; QuickTime/MOV, WMV, MPEG or AVI format and YouTube compatible; no larger than 50 MB; and 508 compliant (see <http://webstandards.hhs.gov/standards/7> for information on 508 compliance). In addition, the video must be captioned with an available transcription file, free of content that may violate any copyright laws, and release forms for all people featured in the video must be obtained (if applicable).

To submit your video:

1. Send your Intent to Submit a Video to Tara Turner tara.turner@nih.gov by **April 15, 2015**.
2. Upload your video to YouTube.
3. Send a link to your video to: obssrnews@mail.nih.gov

The Submission Deadline is May 15, 2015.

OBSSR staff will select videos based on relevance to the behavioral and social sciences research, compliance with all aforementioned specifications, significance and impact of the research featured, and quality of the video. Questions can be directed to: Erica L. Spotts at 301.594.2105 or spottse@od.nih.gov or to Tara Turner at 301.496.5594 or tara.turner@nih.gov.

Are You Interested in Helping Shape Future Research on Heart, Lung, Blood and Sleep Diseases & Disorders? NHLBI has launched a Strategic Visioning initiative and invites your ideas for future research priorities. Please visit NHLBI's Strategic Visioning website at

<http://strategicvisioning.nhlbi.nih.gov/> and contribute your ideas to ensure NHLBI's Strategic Visioning process includes a strong emphasis on behavioral medicine research!

On the Strategic Visioning website, you can submit your own ideas, vote for existing ideas, and/or submit comments on existing submissions. **The deadline for submitting ideas or voting for existing ideas is May 15, 2015.** Please take a moment to access the website and help shape the Institute's priorities over the next decade. Take advantage of this opportunity to make your voice heard!

I look forward to seeing you at the ABMR Annual Meeting in June – please be sure to register & reserve your room as soon as possible via our website link (<http://www.academyofbmr.org/#/annual-meetings>) and while you are on the ABMR website, take a moment to investigate our new weblinks that allow you to easily pay dues and donate to ABMR (<http://www.academyofbmr.org/#/members-pages>).

Please do not hesitate to email me at czajkows@mail.nih.gov or susanczajkowski@hotmail.com to share your ideas about ABMR, our Strategic Planning efforts, the Annual Meeting or any other aspect of our Society and its activities.

Have a wonderful Spring, and I hope to see many of you in June!

Take care,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Czajkowski". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a light blue, textured rectangular area.

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ABMR President