



NEWSLETTER

February 7, 2020

Greetings, and a very Happy 2020,

I would like to introduce you to a new member of my team, Andrew Dominello, who will be assisting with moving BMRC forward in 2020. Andrew not only brings excitement and a keen attention to detail but also many years of experience in the publishing world. He will help keep us organized and on-track with our 2020 goals.

Also new this year, we are instituting a monthly newsletter format to streamline communication, action items, and document-sharing. We will be including contacts from each of our represented societies to this newsletter so they may stay up-to-date with BMRC.

I have spent a significant amount of time considering the continuation of my term as presidency as proposed in our Q4 2019 committee meeting. I am very honored to be nominated to continue moving the vision of BMRC forward. However, in considering my current obligations, including my upcoming chairship for the United States Preventive Services Task Force, I'm going to have to regrettably decline. I believe I would do an injustice to BMRC, and possibly USPSTF, if I were to be trying to run both. I look forward to dedicating time in this upcoming year to securing a solid foundation and turn-key operations for the next elected president to grow this initiative.

With that being said, please see the nomination form for president-elect and secretary/treasurer in the "Action Required" section below. We will continue with nominations this month to have our 2020 board elected by our Q1 phone call (a Doodle Poll link is also noted also in "Action Items" below). We will also have two written pieces ready to review by our Q1 call—a written-commentary on the BMRC intended for *Nature Human Behaviour* as well as a five-year review piece on the state of behavioral medicine.

Looking forward to accomplishing great things together this year.

Warm Regards,

Karina



Action Required



Please rank the eligible candidates for president-elect and secretary/treasurer [here](#). Once everybody has submitted their preferences, we will reach out to the top selections for each position.



Complete the Doodle poll located [here](#) to help us determine workable dates for our Quarter One, Quarter Three, and Quarter Four meetings.



Review the first of two manuscripts we are scheduled to complete for *Nature Human Behavior* by the end of February: "[Accomplishing Breakthroughs in Behavioral Medicine Research: Behavioral Medicine Research Council](#)."

- BMRC members who are interested in editing this draft should email Andrew (adominello@northwell.edu) with a cc to the other seven members confirming that they are working on it. Edits should be applied via Track Changes in Word. When finished, please send the updated file to Andrew with a cc to the other members.



Please use our updated Manuscript Proposal Form (which can be accessed [here](#)) for potential projects going forward.

- Guidelines for using JANE and Web of Science are viewable in scrolling over the top right corner of the "Proposed Journal" box.

Reminders

- Version-naming control on files
 - To avoid any mishaps regarding conflicting naming convention of shared files (which can lead to confusion over which versions to

edit), all parties should adhere to the following naming convention: “[year] [numerical month] [three letters of month] [day of month] [short internal name for document]_[initials of person who just worked on file]”.

- Example: “**2020 02 Feb 07 Accomplishing Breakthroughs-BMRC_KWD**”
- Author order
 - **Official** BMRC papers should list “Behavioral Medicine Research Council” on the front, then the first author should be noted, and the remaining authors are listed alphabetically.
 - **Non-official** BMRC papers (i.e., anything that is not an official policy statement) follow the author guidelines as noted in the Manuscript Proposal Form (i.e., the individual who conducted the majority of the research is to be listed first, the senior author is to be listed last, and the remaining co-authors are to be listed according to their level of contribution).

Looking Ahead

- The Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research annual conference will be held in Scotts Valley, California from Thursday, June 25th to Sunday, June 28th. (More information can be found [here](#).)
- BMRC will be hold its Quarter Two meeting during the conference on Sunday, June 28th in the [1440 Multiversity](#) dining hall.
- Two manuscripts for *Nature Human Behaviour* are scheduled for completion by the end of February:
 - A commentary describing BMRC and its efforts (tentatively titled “Accomplishing Breakthroughs in Behavioral Medicine Research: Behavioral Medicine Research Council”)
 - A five-year review of accomplishments in the field of behavioral medicine research

Announcements

- Minutes from the 2019 Fourth Quarter meeting can be accessed [here](#).
- Updated BMRC Bylaws can be accessed [here](#).

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