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Dear Academy Members and Annual Meeting Attendees,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 22nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Health Behavior. It may surprise you to learn that the meeting theme “The Science of Health Behaviors in Times of Crises” was chosen prior to the COVID-19 global pandemic, and yet it is a timely fit. This meeting will provide attendees with opportunities to directly engage with and learn from leading and emerging health behavior researchers actively engaged in this and other vital health behavior research.

Our schedule includes an outstanding line-up of speakers and events. We are excited to kick off the annual meeting by recognizing our award-winning members from the past two years leading into an Opening Reception & Celebration of being back together in-person! While we will be following the latest CDC guidelines regarding vaccinations and masking, we are truly thrilled for this opportunity to have in-person interactions. For the first time we will have two series of Ignite Research Presentations, given by authors of the top-scoring abstracts. In these 5-minute presentations, presenters use 20 slides, which auto-advance every 15 seconds making for a fast and engaging presentation. Themed breakfast sessions include Professional Development and Mentoring Pairs Presentations (Monday), “Performing meta-analysis in Stata” (Tuesday), and an AAHB Meeting of the Membership (Wednesday) that is open to all conference attendees. A traditional Professional Development and Mentoring Presentation “Incorporating Artificial Intelligence in Public Health Teaching and Practice” will be held during lunch on Tuesday. Audience members will help pick the “crowd favorite” winner of the 3 Minute Thesis Competition on Tuesday morning.

Planning for our first in-person meeting since 2019, has been challenging but rewarding. The Board of Directors and the Conference Planning Committee have spent considerable time and effort to bring this program to you. I want to thank Co-Chairs Dr. Ledric Sherman and Past-President Dr. Lisako McKyer, FAAHB for their leadership and persistence despite multiple roadblocks, Program Co-Chairs Dr. Lisako McKyer and Dr. Samuel Towne for putting together an excellent meeting agenda, Dr. Meg Patterson for directing this year’s research review and poster abstract process, the rest of the Planning Committee for their assistance, and especially Joanne Sommers, our Executive Director who has been phenomenal in problem-solving, reminders, and basically making sure we had a meeting at all! I also want to thank each of the Board members who dedicate their time and efforts to serve the Academy throughout the year.

Finally, I want to thank each one of you who decided to take a chance and attend the 2022 AAHB Annual Meeting in-person. We could not have this conference without you. I hope that you not only have an excellent experience as I did at my first AAHB annual meeting in 2011, but that you decide to come back to future meetings and invite your health behavior research friends. Please make sure to share your feedback on the conference evaluation survey.

Welcome again, and I hope you have an enjoyable time at the AAHB 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie H.', is written in a cursive style.

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