

# ***AsMA Session Chair Guidelines***

## **SUNDAY BEFORE THE MEETING**

- ❑ Attend AsMA Scientific Program Session Chairs meeting, 5 PM on Sunday, in Avalon 3/4.

## **DAY BEFORE YOUR SESSION**

- ❑ Check for program or room changes.
- ❑ Meet with your co-Chair to coordinate responsibilities and divide tasks.
- ❑ Read all abstracts that will be presented in your session.
- ❑ Prepare at least one question per talk to facilitate the question and answer periods.

## **30 MIN BEFORE YOUR SESSION**

- ❑ Report to your session room and check operation of
  - Lectern light, laser pointer, and microphone
  - Review audio-visual equipment operation with A-V support person.
- ❑ Report any problems to the Program Committee representative.

THERE WILL BE AN A-V SUPPORT PERSON IN EACH SESSION ROOM. IF NOT, GO TO THE REGISTRATION DESK TO REPORT PROBLEMS.

## **15 MIN BEFORE YOUR SESSION**

- ❑ Speakers should report to you at least 10-15 minutes before the session starts.
  - ❑ Help them upload/check their talks on the laptop – they may NOT use their own computers this year!
  - ❑ Show them how to use the laser pointer and laptop as needed.
  - ❑ Remind them of time limits and that you will advise them when they have 5, 2, and zero minutes left.
- ❑ Open each presentation prior to session and minimize all but the first. This will reduce the time between talks.
- ❑ **Confirm that the speaker is the one underlined in the program, and if not have the speakers fill out a conflict of interest form!**

## **OPENING YOUR SESSION**

- ❑ Begin on time.
- ❑ One chairperson should open the session with brief preliminary announcements.
  - Remind the audience to use the microphones and identify themselves when asking questions, and to silence their electronic devices.

## **DURING YOUR SESSION**

- ❑ Chairpersons should alternate for speaker introductions:
  - Speaker's name, affiliation, position, and topic title
- ❑ **Keep session on time**
  - **Notify speaker at 5 minutes, 2 minutes, and stop time using the signs provided**
- ❑ Start the Q&A with your prepared questions, if necessary.
- ❑ Make sure all questions and presentations are made using the microphone.
- ❑ If a speaker does not show up, you may allow earlier speakers to take additional questions for that period or advance a later speaker to fill the time.

## **CLOSING YOUR SESSION**

- ❑ One chairperson should close the session on time with a few concluding remarks.
- ❑ **Fill out the session feedback form and leave it at the podium. Make note of any abstracts NOT presented.**

If you have any questions, contact	
Barry Shender (Program Chair)	240-925-6964
Patricia MacSparran (Deputy Chair)	530-848-3434
Walt Dalitsch (Panels)	907-315-7921
Kate Bleckley (Posters)	405-664-0697
Diane Ritter (Slides)	210-859-0007
Pam Day	571-305-3653