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Dear Academy Members and Colleagues:

As President of the American Academy of Health Behavior, I am pleased to welcome you to the 17th Annual Scientific Meeting– *Health Behavior Research in the Age of Personalized Medicine*. The meeting will provide attendees with the opportunity to interact directly with the field's best researchers and thought leaders.

We have a very strong slate of nationally known speakers and an exciting meeting agenda. The speakers will reflect on what we have learned and how to move us forward in conducting novel, rigorous, and thought provoking research. In addition, this year's conference includes two exceptional professional development luncheons on "An Introduction to Working with Secondary Data" and "Keys to Quality Mentorship and Productive Collaborations: Lessons Learned from AAHB Scholars", as well as breakfast roundtables, peer-reviewed poster sessions, un-plug events, and evening social events. Moreover, on Wednesday afternoon several Research Laureates of the Academy will discuss their perspectives on the future of health behavior research. Furthermore, we will have the State of the Academy annual meeting Tuesday at 3:30 pm. This meeting is open to all conference attendees. Please join us for the Awards Breakfast on Wednesday morning as we celebrate our awardees and the contributions they have made to the Academy and to our discipline.

At the opening session on Sunday evening we will proudly recognize Dr. Kenneth Ward as the 2017 AAHB Research Laureate and Drs. Christine Delnevo, Lara McKenzie, E. Lisako McKyer, and Susan Rawl as the 2016 Class of AAHB Fellows. On Tuesday evening, Dr. Renée Umstattd Meyer will be inaugurated as the 17th President of The Academy.

The planning for our annual meeting is a task requiring considerable effort and time. The Board of Directors and the Conference Planning Committee have worked for over a year to bring this program you. I want to thank Dr. Adam Barry for his leadership in coordinating and leading our conference planning and Dr. Abigail Gamble for directing this year's poster abstract process. All members of the Conference Planning Committee dedicated countless hours to bring us a top-notch slate of speakers and research. I want to thank the person who holds us all together as well - Joanne Sommers, our Executive Director, who ensures that the day-to-day operations of the Academy run smoothly and efficiently!

You will be receiving an email shortly after the meeting to complete our online meeting evaluation. We look forward to your feedback regarding this year's meeting.

Best wishes for an enjoyable conference experience!

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