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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 our 13th annual scientific meeting - *Systems Thinking and Analysis in Health Behavior Research*. The meeting will provide attendees with the chance to interact directly with the field's best researchers who are implementing systems approaches to advancing our understanding of what factors shape health behaviors and how that knowledge can be applied and analyzed through prevention programs.

As you will see in the conference eProgram (an abbreviated print version is also in your packet), we have a strong slate of speakers and an exciting meeting agenda. There are exceptional workshops on Social Network Analysis and ReThinking Health System Dynamics: Methods for Simulating and Evaluating Policy Options, as well as breakfast roundtables, AAHB Fellow-supported mentoring seminars, poster sessions, and evening social events. On Monday night, in alignment with our meeting theme will be a special session dedicated to technology demonstrations by our members who have integrated technology into their interventions and research. For the first time, AAHB will hold a public business meeting Tuesday at 4:45pm to address important challenges facing the Academy. And, we will proudly recognize Dr. Lawrence W. Green as the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Dr. Matthew Lee Smith as the 2013 Judy K. Black Award winner, the newest cohort of AAHB Fellows on Sunday evening, and on Wednesday morning, Dr. Rita DeBate will be inaugurated as the 13th President of The Academy.

This year we are following last year's lead to be more "green" by limiting the paper materials and putting as much as possible onto our [electronic program](#).

The planning for our annual meeting is a task requiring considerable effort and time. The Board of Directors and the Conference Planning Committee (see back of this page) has worked for over a year to bring this program to all of us. I want to thank Dr. Scott Leischow for his leadership in developing the conference program and to Dr. Katie Heinrich for directing this year's poster abstract and award review process. Both have spent countless hours out of their busy professional lives to bring us a top notch slate of speakers and poster presentations. Room does not permit thanking each committee member, but they each deserve high kudos for all their work in developing the activities that wrap around each morning's program. And we would all agree that the person who holds us all together is 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 reactions to this year's meeting — we take your comments very seriously and each year point to changes we've made based on participant comments. With best wishes for an enjoyable conference experience,

R. Scott Olds, H.S.D.
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