February MSLBD Symposium

How Many February Symposium Conferences Occurred?

- The number of February Symposium Conferences from 1983-2022 was 39.
- Although the 2021 February Symposium in 2021 was not held due to the COVID pandemic, a successful virtual workshop presentation was made in January 2021 as a stand-in for the annual conference.
- Therefore “technically,” there were 40 Conferences! Moreover, the planning committee has met for 41 years!

How many people participated in MSLBD Symposium Conferences?

- Participation includes all people who registered. That includes presenters, planning committee members and other attendees. Across years, we of course have no way how many people attended multiple years!
- In spite of its name, MSLBD has been a national conference with registrations received from more than 40 states, and three other countries (Australia, Canada & Tiwan)
• Average participation based on registration for the most recent five years of the February Symposium (2016-2020) is 935.

• Participation in the 2020 February Symposium Conference was 1002!

• Participation in the January 2021 Virtual Presentation was (approximately) 500.

• The total of participants which includes both presenters and attendees at the February Symposium including the virtual presentation from 1983-2020 is about 33,782!!

Number of Presenters

• In 1983 there were four keynote speakers, A luncheon speaker Several Focus Sessions; and Several Sharing Sessions. About 80 people participated as speakers on the program.

• In 2020, there were four keynote speakers, 27 breakout sessions, 21 poster sessions, and 12 workshop sessions. There were about 88 people participating as speakers on the program.

Symposium Registration Cost

• In 1983 the Symposium registration fee was $30.

• In 2020 it was $180 (early registration fee) for the Symposium with workshops.

• Registration for the 2021 Virtual Workshop was free.

Conference on Behavior Issues for School Administrators/Leaders

How many people participated?

• Participation at the 12 Conferences for Administrator’s/Leader’s from 2011 – 2018 was about 122 for each conference.

• The total number of participants is approximately 1473.

What were the Conference Registration Costs?

• Early complete registration cost for the first conference in 2006 was $190.

• Registration cost for the last conference in 2017 was $295.

Simpson Autism Conference

How many people participated?

• Participation in the Simpson Autism conference in 2018 was 263, and the conference attendance in 2019 was 206.

• Participation in the 2021 virtual conference was about 186.
• In the three Simpson Autism Conference held by 2021, the combined participation was 655.

What were the registration costs?
• Registration for the virtual conference cost was $75 plus $45 for BCBA credit.

Planning Committee Membership
• The MSLBD Planning Committee meets five times each year in January, February, April, June and September. Except for the February meeting those meetings are a combination of in-person and virtual meetings. The Board of Directors meets before each of those Planning Committee meetings. Committees meet on varying schedules as needed.
• As of 2021, the MSLBD Planning Committee includes 48 members with an additional 9 individuals in the process of becoming members. Ten members are on a leave of absence or have resigned in the past year.
• Over the years since 1983, over 200 different individuals have been members of the MSLBD Planning Committee.

• Members join when able to contribute and may withdraw when unable to continue. On average, members participate in the planning committee for about 8.6 years, with some as few as one year, and others as long as all 40 years.
• Members over the years have represented 19 different states, with Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Iowa having the largest numbers of planning committee members.
• Current planning committee has about 57 members including those in the process of becoming members. About 38 of those are or have been affiliated with Colleges or Universities including a few doctoral students. About 13 are educators in school settings, and the remaining 4 with other agencies/projects or independent consultants.
• Over the years the Planning Committee has included members working for State Departments of Education, residential and hospital psychiatric programs, mental health agencies and parent/disability advocacy organizations.

Total Registration for All Conferences to December 2021
• Symposium Conferences including 2021 workshop: 33,782
• Leader’s Conferences: 1,473
• Simpson autism conferences: 655
• Total cumulative registrations all events: 35,910