2025 SBL International Meeting and 2025 EABS Annual Meeting Requirements for Participation

Participation Details

Participation Limits

- A person is limited to participation in no more than three regular program sessions as a presenter, panelist, or respondent.

    o Committee and business sessions do not count toward this total.

    o Presiding at a session does not count toward the limit.

Proposals

- Members may submit **up to three** proposals as an author or co-author.

- Proposals require a presentation title and an abstract of approximately 150 words. An optional longer description (up to 500 words) and/or a short bibliography may also be included.

- Each proposal **must be unique**; submitting proposals of the same, or substantially similar, content to multiple program units is not allowed and will result in all versions of the proposal being withdrawn. Please note, however, that a proposal may designate both a primary and secondary program unit. The secondary unit will be able to review and accept the proposal if it is not accepted by the primary unit.

- Specific time allotments for accepted presentations are determined by program unit chairs. Most often, papers are given 15–25 minutes with some time for discussion.

- If you have a question about a particular program unit, email the chair listed in the Call for Papers for that unit.

- Proposals **must** be submitted through the online system. Emailed proposals will not be considered.

- All proposals must represent presentations of the scholar's own original work that has not previously been presented at an academic conference or published. Exceptions are only for particular session like book reviews or retrospective whose primary focus is on a published work.

- Presentations must be in person except as noted for some EABS program units; *in absentia* presentations are not accepted for SBL program units. EABS program units may accept remote presentations in accordance with EABS policies. SBL members looking to present in a virtual environment are encouraged to propose to the Global Virtual Meeting.

- Papers cannot be repeated in other sessions or at other SBL meetings. An exception is possible if the paper has undergone substantial modification based on feedback from the previous presentation.

Registration and Membership Requirements

Program Participation

- Membership in SBL or EABS is required from the time of proposal through the meeting.

- Non-current members will be removed from the program.

Registration for Meeting

- All participants and attendees are required to register through SBL registration platform.

- All meeting participants must be registered by **April 15.** Presenters who are not registered by that date will be removed from the program.

Waivers of Registration and/or Membership Requirements

In general, those who work primarily in biblical studies and related fields must be members of SBL or EABS and register for the meeting as a member. This includes fields whose literatures, histories, and cultures (material and social) that interface "Bible," broadly construed. Membership in other related organizations (e.g., AAR, ASOR) does not qualify one for a waiver.

Waivers for membership and/or registration may be granted, on a one-time basis only, for presenters who work outside of biblical studies and related disciplines. Those who have had an SBL membership in the past or attended an SBL meeting are not eligible for a waiver. If a past waiver recipient wishes to participate in the program in subsequent years, that person must join the SBL and register as a member.

A waiver for the International Meeting may include:

- o waiver of membership requirement

- o complimentary meeting registration

The waivers program is administered by the Programs staff in consultation with the Executive Director and the International Meeting Program Committee. Waiver recipients register using a waiver registration form, which is usually sent to all waiver recipients by April 15.