AGENDA: Per feedback, will discuss today both common positives and also ways to best address potential challenges.

1. **Methods**: Are there better ways to gain feedback in the future?

2. **Review of Favorite Things**: what was reported to work well for IRB members (e.g. what they get out of experience and trainings for the future)

3. **Goals Moving Forward**:  
   - Discussion of personal goals and how the IRB can help members achieve them  
   - Discussion of systemic goals and how to best tackle them as a Board
LOWER RESPONSE RATE: Many members did not have time to complete the survey in real-time.

Nearly half of respondents completed the survey within 48 hours of the deadline.

Question: Is there a more preferred way to gather feedback?

- Personalized sessions with admin/reg rep
- In-person completion of surveys at meeting
IMPROVING WORK AT PENN: reported that membership improves quality of their research and their knowledge of the Penn community.

Most Frequently Reported Benefits of IRB Membership Experience

- Great relationships: 21%
- Better understanding of regulations in general: 37%
- Better understanding of what's happening at Penn/fields: 35%
- Intrinsically valuable: 12%
- Helps create better research: 29%
Many seeking training on new Common Rule regulations, as well as extant requirements.

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**About 1 in 3 respondents** requested that there be more trainings for refreshers/updates on regulations.

**Most Popular Suggestions**: issues of consent, subpart determinations, devices

**Result**: many of the trainings noted were already going to be included for this year; however, the refreshers listed will be worked into the coming year’s trainings.
PERSONAL GOAL TO SUBMIT EARLIER: Many members have a goal of submitting notes earlier, but not as many think that more time will help.

Yet, more respondents think that longer time with the agenda would have no impact, rather than a positive one, on this goal.

Question: What alternative actions could help achieve this goal?
HS-ERA IS A BEAR: Still troubles with HS-ERA, but these have fueled recent efforts to minimize its impact.

Almost half of respondents reported encountering regular challenges and difficulties this year, either in certain areas or system-wide.

Result: recent actions taken to minimize reliance on HS-ERA

- Use of PDF Portfolios for members
- Addition of .zip File features
- Use of separate Penn-specific forms
WHAT GETS TO MEETINGS: Most frequent request is to raise the bar for what gets to the meeting.

Respondents reported concerns with either unnecessarily long or poorly organized applications.

Difficulty: balance of subject benefit between ensuring access to change versus incomplete/unclear provisions for it.

Question: What is the preferred way to achieve this balance?

- Better communication of safety impact
- Targeted educational outreach on submissions
ENJOYING OPEN MEETING DISCUSSIONS: New questions on what should be there & having more

Top Two Suggestions for Improvement:
1. Clarity on what is substantive discussion to maximize time for dialogue
2. More opportunities to connect with and learn from other Board members

Questions:
What are some important points that the Board would like to focus on?
Would the Board like to pursue additional, occasional activities?