



Hello!

Our annual SFBTA conference is just a few weeks from now--October 19-21, 2023. Have you registered yet? Well, here are some reasons that you should:

- I don't think we could have picked a better keynote speaker for our theme of *Moving Forward Together: Collaborating on Preferred Futures*. Dr. Haesun Moon is the executive director at the Canadian Centre for Brief Coaching and author of *Coaching A to Z: The Extraordinary Use of Ordinary Words*. She believes that conversations can change the world, and I have seen her consistently demonstrate this throughout my own interactions with her over the years.
- An international panel with representatives from Australasian Solution Focused Association (ASFA), European Brief Therapy Association (EBTA), Association for Solution Focused Practices (ASFP-India), Solutions Focus Mexico, SOLWorld, and United Kingdom Association for Solution Focused Practice (UKASFP) will share with us how they, as individuals and as solution-focused (SF) associations, have overcome the challenges of recent years and lived into their own preferred futures. I'm not going to lie—the past few years have been challenging, and I can use all the advice and inspiration I can get!
- In addition to these featured sessions, the conference will have 20 other sessions on the application of SF in areas ranging from suicide prevention to equity and inclusion. Also, the SFBTA Research Committee will host their annual Research Day to highlight recent SF research. Lots to learn!
- You can make your voice heard at our Members' Meeting, where we will:
 1. Vote on revisions to our [bylaws](#).
 2. Vote in new members for our 2024-26 [Board](#). In addition to nominations during the meeting, you may nominate yourself or someone else (with their permission) by sending me a brief bio and/or statement of interest at board@sfbta.org by October 10, 2023.
- Learn the latest updates on our 2024 Conference (In-Person)!

You may find more information and register at <https://sfbta.org/conference>. There, you will also find information regarding watch parties (Toronto, Fort Worth, and Miami). Whether in online or in one of these cities, I hope that you'll join us.

Warm regards,

Marcella Stark, SFBTA President