

Council Quarterly Call
October 27, 2015
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Eastern
Dial-in: 800-501-8979, pin # 3242374

Participants

Raquel Gur, presiding
Anissa Abi-Dargham
Antonello Bonci (elect)
Alan Frazer
David Kupfer
Peter Kalivas
David Lewis
Robert Malenka
Rita Valentino (elect)
Marina Wolf
Jim Meador-Woodruff
Bill Carlezon, NPP Editor-in-Chief
Ronnie Wilkins
Sarah Timm
Jacque Loftus
Laura Hill

Minutes:

- 1. Neuropsychopharmacology (NPP) Update*** - Bill Carlezon gave an update from the journal development day meeting with Nature Publishing Group (NPG). The journal's current impact factor is 7 with previous impact factors as high as 8.6. One factor contributing to the higher impact factor is the way the Reviews (*Neuropsychopharmacology Reviews*) issues are cited. Review articles are more highly cited than original articles. Numerous indicators of the journal's health, including the impact factor and ways to influence (increase) the impact factor, were discussed with NPG. Dr. Carlezon discussed these strategies such as delaying the time from online publication to print for up to one year. Papers accumulate citations while online but the official publication date occurs when the paper is published in print. A paper could potentially have up to a year of accumulated citations before it is officially published. Since NPP is among the fastest from decision to print, the speed works against its impact factor. NPG opposes the delayed publication strategy as it interferes with their marketing efforts. Additionally, delayed publication strategies work because there is a loophole in the system used to calculate impact factors, and eventually the lag loophole may close. Another strategy is to not consider papers that have been rejected by other journals, as typically they are not well cited. However, other factors such as the topic of the paper should be considered rather than making a decision based solely on rejection by another journal. The editorial team also watches for commonalities among NPP published papers that have not been well cited. The team continues to look to identify topics of broad interest for upcoming NPPR issues and will

continue to include review articles in NPP. Currently there have been 7 review articles solicited for NPP in 2015. Given the way the impact factor is calculated, strategies affecting the impact factor will take approximately 2 years before a change is detectable. Consequently, the effect of measures taken now will not be known until 2017. The journal's current acceptance rate is 23% with a goal of moving toward an acceptance rate of 15%. Overall, the consensus among Council members was that the journal should focus on getting the best articles possible. Dr. Carlezon will give a further update at the December meeting.

2. ***Strategic Plan Updates*** – Council reviewed the plan updates and the 2015 updated Strategic Plan was unanimously approved.
3. ***Industry Task Force Industry Statement*** – Lisa Gold chaired the task force empaneled to develop a statement articulating the importance of having industry members in the College. Along with Dr. Gold, task force members, Linda Brady, Nick Brandon, Jeff Conn, Mike Ehlers, Danielle Graham, Hussein Manji and Patricio O'Donnell drafted a statement for review and approval. Council agreed that the statement is in line with the newly updated strategic plan and approved the statement as an official position regarding the importance of having industry members in the College. The statement is currently being used by the Membership Committee as they complete their review of the applicants for 2016 membership.
4. ***APA Young Investigators Research Colloquium*** – The colloquium is a workshop for young investigators to present their work to senior faculty who then give feedback on their research and presentations. It has historically been a one day meeting at the end of the SOBP annual meeting and at the beginning of the APA annual meeting. Charlie Nemeroff asked if the ACNP would be willing to partner with the APA and SOBP to fund the workshop. The total cost for the one day event is \$50K. While it is a worthwhile event, it is unclear how a partnership would benefit the College, and more information is needed before proceeding. Ronnie Wilkins will contact Dr. Nemeroff to confirm that all 3 groups (APA, SOBP, and ACNP) would be participating in funding the event and Council will revisit the discussion in December.
Additionally, we should consider making the Education & Training Committee aware of this program and possibly charge the 2016 committee to enhance the travel award program by adding this type of competitive workshop.
5. ***Public Information Committee Request for a Media Awardee Presentation at the Meeting*** – Drs. London and McGinty requested an opportunity for 2015 Media Awardee, Lisa Genova, to give a talk at the annual meeting. Council agreed the day with the least number of conflicts is Sunday, December 6th. The talk will be scheduled for 45 minutes from 5:30pm-6:15pm. The previously scheduled Associate Member Reception will be shortened from one hour to 45 minutes and will run from 6:15pm-7pm.

6. ***AAALAC International Board of Trustees Appointment*** – Nancy Ator has served as the appointed ACNP representative for two 3-year terms with her current term expiring at the end of 2015. Given Dr. Ator’s participation as an active and engaged supporter of AAALAC during her tenure, Council agreed that she should be reappointed as the ACNP representative. Her new 3-year term will begin January 1, 2016 and conclude December 31, 2018.

7. ***Research America Campaign for Cures*** - The College supported the Campaign for Cures last year at the \$15K level. Council agreed we should again participate and donate \$5K this year.

Information Items:

8. ***October Committee Updates*** – All committee and task force work is progressing with many committees having completed their yearly charges. Any remaining actions will be addressed and completed by the December meeting.