2016 Business Meeting Minutes  
ACNP Annual Meeting  
The Diplomat, Hollywood, Florida  
Wednesday, December 7, 2016  
11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Alan Frazer, Presiding

1. Call to order. President Alan Frazer called the 55th Annual Business Meeting of the ACNP to order. He announced only ACNP Members and Associate Members are permitted to attend the Business Meeting. Corporate representatives, invited guests, and nominees for membership are not allowed to attend the Business Meeting.

2. 2015 Minutes. The minutes of last year's business meeting in Hollywood, Florida were emailed to the members and posted in the Members’ Only section of the website. Dr. Frazer asked if there were any changes to the minutes. No changes or corrections were made and the motion for acceptance was passed.

3. Newly Elected Officers and Council for 2017:
   
   Steven Hyman--President-Elect  
   Bita Moghaddam --Council  
   Kerry Ressler--Council

   Dr. Frazer thanked outgoing Council Members, Barry Everitt and Marina Wolf, and Past-President, Peter Kalivas.

4. Thanks to all 2016 Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs. Dr. Frazer thanked the 2016 committee chairs and co-chairs for their hard work and dedication to the College throughout the year, and asked the chairs in attendance to stand for recognition.

5. 2016 Travel Awards. The ACNP Travel Award Program is a fundamental aspect of the College’s efforts to foster the professional growth of new scientists.

   The multiple ACNP Travel Award and Fellowship Programs have grown from the support of 10 travel awardees in 1980 to 64 travel awardees and fellowships this year. Fifty-nine (59) of these awards were sponsored by the ACNP. For these awards, we received 345 applications. The Education & Training Committee has done a superior job with recruiting young talent. We are grateful to Janssen Pharmaceuticals who work with us to support these travel awards.

   Dr. Frazer also recognized and thanked the many members who volunteered to serve as mentors to the selected travel awards recipients during the meeting. Each awardee’s annual meeting experience was enhanced by their opportunity to meet
with and interact with a mentor. Dr. Frazer asked the 2016 mentors in attendance to stand for recognition.

6. **ACNP Staff.** Dr. Frazer introduced the ACNP staff members and thanked each staff member for their hard work and support.

7. **Executive Director’s Report.** Dr. Frazer called on Ronnie Wilkins to give the Executive Director’s report.

   Ronnie Wilkins gave an update on registration numbers. The 2016 attendance is 1713 which is down by nine from last year. This is an increase of 58 over the last ten years. He encouraged members to complete the Annual Meeting Evaluation.

   Also, Ronnie Wilkins gave an overview of our contracts for the next five annual meetings. He discussed that space, dates, and best deals are factors the College considers when choosing the annual meeting location. He mentioned that if the annual meeting continues to grow, a cap will be placed on meeting attendance.

8. **Parthenon Management Report.** Dr. Frazer called on Sarah Timm to give the report from Parthenon Management Group.

   Sarah Timm updated the College on Parthenon Management Group’s (PMG) growth over the last several years. In 2008, PMG had one client, and now has sixteen clients. PMG continues to grow annual revenue, and is open for new business.
9. **Treasurer’s Financial Report.** Dr. Frazer called on Dr. David Kupfer to give the treasurer’s report.

Dr. Kupfer reported on the College’s investments and reviewed the income and investment accounts. The College is in a financially secure position to continue its current and future initiatives. The College is working with three groups with three different investment accounts.

Dr. Kupfer described the breakdown of income sources for the College with approximately 33% from PMG management fees, 21% from the annual meeting, 13% from supporting corporation fees, 19% from publications, 9% member dues, 3% from grants & donations, and 2% from rental income.

Dr. Kupfer reported on grants and donations for the annual meeting becoming less and less. The College is not dependent on grants and donations from industry. The College is doing great and would like to give back to our members and young investigators.

**Questions:**

**Q.** Are there concerns with the risk management and real estate holdings with Parthenon Management Group?

**A.** The success of Parthenon Management Group over the last eight years is fantastic, and the value of the building has gone up. The assets are not long term so if we want to get out tomorrow the College could.

**Q.** Are there risks of lawsuits?

**A.** ACNP, Parthenon Management Group, and the building are all insured. ACNP’s goal was to be covered for three times our operating cost per year. The College is currently looking at five times that amount.

**Q.** If PMG continues to grow, will they get another building?

**A.** If PMG continues to grow, they would rent the suite in the building which is being leased currently to another tenant.
10. **Secretary’s Report.** Dr. Frazer called on Dr. Joseph Coyle to give the Secretary’s Report.

   Deceased Members were recognized with a moment of silence observed.

   Dr. Coyle discussed that committee members who do not participate in calls and duties of their job will be replaced moving forward.

   Dr. Coyle stated ACNP’s new Code of Conduct for the Annual Meeting has been posted on the ACNP website.

11. **Editor’s Report.** Dr. Frazer called on Dr. William Carlezon, Editor in Chief, to give the journal report.

   Dr. Carlezon reported on enhancing the front half of the journal with perspectives, commentaries, and correspondence. All metrics for the web presence are good. The journal will conduct six podcasts per year. The impact factor over the last several years has been steady for NPP.

   Dr. Carlezon congratulated the 2016 NEATOR Award recipient, Dr. Naomi Eisenberger, on the paper entitled: *Sex Differences in Depressive and Socioemotional Responses to an Inflammatory Challenge: Implications for Sex Differences in Depression.* Dr. Carlezon announced the top reviewers in 2016: Noboru Hiroi (20), Carlos Bolanos-Guzman (17), Foster Olive (13), Bernard Le Foll (13), Ron Duman (13), Michael Bruchas (12), Yan Dong (12), Stephanie Borgland (12), John Mantsch (12), and Chris Pierce (12).

   The journal has accomplished all of their goals for 2016. Dr. Carlezon previewed a new cover design with the new contract for Nature-Springer. Dr. Carlezon also thanked the Managing Editors with Origin, the Editorial Assistants with ACNP, and all Editors for the journal.

   The 2017 goals for the journal were also discussed. They are:
   - Timely/exciting additional content
   - More selective (fewer papers)
   - Next two *Circumspectives*
   - Next two NPPR issues
   - Continue to update EBM roster
   - Enhance social media visibility (Altmetrics)
12. **Public Information Committee Report.** Dr. Frazer called on Dr. Jacqueline McGinty, Public Information Committee Chair, to report on the Public Information report.

Dr. McGinty reported that the Public Information Committee writes press releases for panels. These press releases are embargoed until after the presentation at the annual meeting. The Public Information Committee has submitted news articles for the ACNP website as well as created the Neuro News Corner for updated articles on the website. Members with news for this part of the website can forward information to the Executive Office.

13. **Membership Committee Report.** Dr. Frazer called on Dr. Victoria Arango, Membership Committee Chair, to announce the 2017 new members and promotions. Dr. Arango thanked the committee members for their hard work and diligence. Dr. Frazer thanked Dr. Arango for chairing the committee, and the time commitment involved.

A. **New Associate Members (30)**

- Rebecca Ashare
- Isabelle Boileau
- Stephanie Borgland
- Heather Brenhouse
- Joshua Cisler
- Gregory Collins
- Kathryn Cullen
- Thomas Fernandez
- Carrie Ferrario
- Ragy Girgis
- Mei-Hua Hall
- Georgia Hodes
- Guillermo Horga
- Dawn Ionescu
- Andrew Jaffe
- Fernanda Laezza
- Jun-Xu Li
- Brady Maher
- Scott Moeller
- Jonathan Morrow
- Mark Niciu
- Minae Niwa
- Vinay Parikh
- Carmela Reichel
- Douglas Ruderfer
- Julia Sacher
- Hanna Stevens
- M. Elizabeth Sublette
- Margaret Wardle
- Natalie Zahr
B. New Members (45)
Katherine Aitchison
Olusola Ajilore
Tanya Alim
Jean Beaulieu
Alessandro Bertolino
Staci Bilbo
Doo-Sup Choi
Cheryl Corcoran
Alan Cross
Joao de Quevedo
Brian Dean
Mark Demitrack
Daniel Dickstein
Kim Q. Do
Stephen Haggarty
James Herman
Atsushi Kamiya
Lorenzo Leggio
C.-S. Ray Li
Falk Lohoff
Xin-Yun Lu
Angus MacDonald
Rodrigo Machado-Vieira

Atul Mahableshwarkar
Keri Martinowich
Tsuyoshi Miyakawa
Daniel Mueller
Jo Neill
Subhash Pandey
Peter Penzes
Sheldon Preskorn
Eugenii Rabiner
Donald Rainnie
Panos Roussos
Christian Schmahl
Mark Schmidt
Melanie Schwandt
Vikaas Sohal
Iris Sommer
Garret Stuber
Armin Szegedi
Johannes Tauscher
Debby Tsuang
Christopher Winrow
Venetia Zachariou

C. Members to Fellows (31)
Carrie Bearden
Carlos Bolanos-Guzman
Charles Bradberry
Margit Burmeister
Christoph Correll
Lynette Daws
Michael Detke
Yogesh Dwivedi
Michael Egan
Amit Etkin
Anne Evins
Christian Felder
Margaret Haney
Gregory Light
Francis McMahan
David Michelson

Pradeep Nathan
M. Foster Olive
Dost Ongur
K. Luan Phan
Linda Porrino
Rosalinda Roberts
Sanjaya Saxena
Naomi Simon
Helen Simpson
Rajita Sinha
Kevin Spencer
Karen Szumlinski
Pierre Tariot
Marquis Vawter
Claes Wahlestedt
14. **Old Business / New Business.** Dr. Frazer made a call for old business and new business. There were no old or new business brought forward for discussion.

15. **The President’s Year in Retrospective.** Dr. Frazer gave a brief update of the 2016 initiatives.

- **Animal Research Initiatives** – Funding was provided to NABR to help develop their new website. Dr. Nancy Ator represented ACNP and other organizations in the AAALAC International Board of Trustees, “STAR” coalition of scientific societies organized by the American Psychological Association, and the National Association for Biomedical Research (NABR). Council also has decided to re-instate the Animal Research Committee.

- **Latin American Initiatives** – Latin American researchers were invited to the annual meeting, and there was a roundtable discussion with these guests and ACNP leadership on how we might increase our connections with our Latin American colleagues.

- **New Award for Mentoring of Minorities** – This was suggested by the Minority Task Force and approved by Council. This will be awarded in 2017.

- **Information** on our involvement with the APA Colloquium – ACNP was a financial co-sponsor, along with SOBP, of the APA Research Colloquium on May 15, 2016. There were 40 junior investigator participants; 31 from the U.S., 4 from Canada, and 5 from other countries. There were 24 mentors/faculty with many of whom are ACNP members.

- **Use of ACNP Funds** – A Strategic Spending Committee was formed in 2016 to strategically plan how much funds we should expend on initiatives, and establish broad categories for those initiatives. Council did approve a one-time grant of $1,000 to each travel awardee who returns to the meeting within two years of his/her initial travel award. The dues for Associate Members will be reduced from $400 to $200 beginning in 2017. Additionally, Associate Members will be eligible for non-member panel, mini-panel, and study group funding at the discretion of the session chair.

16. **Passing of the Reins.** Dr. Frazer expressed the major responsibility of the ACNP President is to articulate the vision of our College, and to speak on behalf of the College. He passed a set of symbolic reins to 2017 ACNP President, Dr. Anissa Abi-Dargham, and wished her well in the coming year.

17. **President’s Plaque.** Dr. Abi-Dargham thanked Dr. Frazer for his service, leadership, and initiatives, and presented him with the 2016 President’s gavel plaque.
18. **Comments by the 2017 President.** Dr. Abi-Dargham addressed the members in attendance and expressed the need to continue our current initiatives. She also stated her goals as President are the following:

- Continue the effort of diversification, with a focus on URM, while we continue to aim for gender equality
- Support use of animal research: new committee to deal with these issues (advocacy, rapid response, and coordination with other societies)
- Invest a portion of our extra funds in promoting the mission of the College
  - Invest in our Journal
  - Expand our educational efforts, within and outside the College
  - Expand our awardee programs, again with a focus on URM
  - Enhance our advocacy efforts for promoting funding for research (ABC, Research!America, NABR, etc.)

Dr. Abi-Dargham encouraged attendees to participate, engage, and email her or the ACNP staff with any ideas for the College.

19. **Adjournment.** Dr. Abi-Dargham adjourned the meeting and reminded the group of the buffet luncheon in the Great Hall.