

**2017 Business Meeting Minutes**  
**ACNP Annual Meeting**  
**JW Marriott, Palm Springs, California**  
**Wednesday, December 6, 2017**  
**11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Anissa Abi-Dargham, Presiding

1. Call to order. President Anissa Abi-Dargham called the 56th Annual Business Meeting of the ACNP to order. She announced that 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.
2. 2016 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. Abi-Dargham 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 2018:

Marina Wolf--President-Elect  
Victoria Arango--Council  
Judith Ford--Council

Dr. Abi-Dargham thanked outgoing Council members, James Meador-Woodruff and Maria Oquendo, and Past-President, Raquel Gur.

4. Thanks to all 2017 Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs. Dr. Abi-Dargham thanked the 2017 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. 2017 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 70 travel awardees and fellowships this year. Sixty (60) of these awards were sponsored by the ACNP. For these awards, we received 400 applications. The Education & Training Committee has done a superior job with recruiting young talent. The College is grateful to Janssen Pharmaceuticals who work with us to support these travel awards.

Dr. Abi-Dargham 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. Abi-Dargham asked the 2017 mentors in attendance to stand for recognition.

6. ACNP Staff. Dr. Abi-Dargham introduced the ACNP staff members and thanked each staff member for their hard work and support.
7. Executive Director's Report. Dr. Abi-Dargham called on Ronnie Wilkins to give the Executive Director's report.

Ronnie Wilkins gave an update on registration numbers with the 2017 annual meeting being a record high attendance of 1,826. The 2010 Annual Meeting in Miami was the second highest with 1,759 in attendance. This year there were 722 members, 349 invited guests, 156 non-member participants, 69 Travel Awardees, 124 past Travel Awardees, and 194 trainees. One of Council's initiatives is to attract young researchers to the annual meeting.

In 1999, there were 1,000 people in attendance. From 2000-2005, attendance averaged 1,361. In 2006-2010, the average attendance was 1,589. In 2011-2016, 1,683 was the average attendance. He mentioned that if the annual meeting continues to grow, a cap will be placed on meeting attendance to keep the annual meeting at or under 2000 attendees.

He encouraged members to complete the Annual Meeting Evaluation.

8. Parthenon Management Report. Dr. Abi-Dargham 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 fourteen full service societies and five meeting societies. PMG continues to grow annual revenue, and is open for new business in scientific research societies. PMG is a c-corporation and pays corporate taxes. ACNP does not need to worry about PMG endangering ACNP's non-profit status.

9. Treasurer's Financial Report. Dr. Abi-Dargham 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 a variety of investment advisors. These groups are Olimpio Neu, Suntrust/UBS, and Vanguard. The current numbers presented were from the end of October, so they will continue to go up. The College has over \$12M in total assets. The guidelines for investing are relatively conservative. The College also has an additional \$1 million in net equity from the office building in Brentwood, Tennessee.

Dr. Kupfer described the breakdown of income sources for the College with approximately 43% from PMG management fees, 18% from the annual meeting, 10% from supporting corporation fees, 19% from publications, 6% from member dues, 4% from contributions, and 1% from rental income.

Dr. Kupfer reported on grants and donations for the annual meeting becoming less and less. The College is no longer dependent on grants and donations from industry.

10. Editor's Report. Dr. Abi-Dargham called on Dr. William Carlezon, Editor in Chief, to give the journal report.

Dr. Carlezon reported on the new 10-year contract with Springer Nature, and new cover for *Neuropsychopharmacology*. Dr. Gretchen Neigh was appointed in February of this year as the Social Media Editor. Dr. Neigh manages the Journal's Twitter account and Lori Kunath manages the ACNP Twitter account. The journal now has 1,590 Twitter followers as of December 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Impact Factor of *Neuropsychopharmacology* is 6.403. The journal continues to have one of the shortest time lags from acceptance to print. *Neuropsychopharmacology* is ranked #12 in psychiatry.

Dr. Carlezon congratulated the 2017 NEATOR Award recipient, Dr. Katie McLaughlin, on the paper entitled: *Maltreatment Exposure, Brain Structure, and Fear Conditions in Children and Adolescents*. Dr. Carlezon congratulated the 2017 NEAR Award recipient, Dr. Bruce McEwen, on the paper entitled: *Stress Effects on Neuronal Structure: Hippocampus, Amygdala and Prefrontal Cortex*. Dr. Carlezon announced the top reviewer in 2017: Noboru Hiroi with 18 reviews as of November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Carlezon reported on the member survey: "What do you want from our Journal?" The take-home points were maximizing journal influence on field, 90-95% rejection rate is tolerable, authors chase Impact Factor, publicly promoting papers is currently not a priority, do not change Journal's name, and members consider impact factor a primary metric of success.

The 2018 goals for the journal were also discussed. They are:

- More selective (fewer papers)
- Continue to update EBM roster
- Continue to strengthen social media visibility
- Solicit more engagement from early career members
- Addition of Editorial Intern for special projects

11. Website Editor's Report. Dr. Abi-Dargham called on Dr. Todd Lencz, Website Editor, to report on the new website.

Dr. Lencz thanked Dr. David Sibley whom maintained the ACNP Website so nicely for ten years. Dr. Lencz also thanked Evan Dickert for his work with the new website developer.

Dr. Lencz reported on the new website that will be available in early 2018. There will be a sliding window and Twitter feed on the home page. There will be a digital library for the scientific content and cleaner format for the FAQ's.

Dr. Lencz is looking for two website Associate Editors.

12. Dr. Abi-Dargham called on Dr. Alan Frazer to recognize Ronnie Wilkins on his retirement. Dr. Frazer thanked Ronnie for his service, professionalism, and business acumen.
13. Membership Committee Report. Dr. Abi-Dargham called on Dr. Richard Keefe, Membership Committee Chair, to announce the 2018 new members and promotions. Dr. Keefe thanked the committee members for their hard work and diligence. Dr. Abi-Dargham thanked Dr. Keefe for chairing the committee, and the time commitment involved.

#### **A. New Associate Members (28)**

Chadi Abdallah  
Megumi Adachi  
Denise Cai  
Joan Camprodon  
Kristina Deligiannidis  
Daniel Eisenberg  
Craig Erickson  
Jennifer Felger  
Lawrence Fung  
Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt  
Adam Halberstadt  
David Hsu  
Michelle Mazei-Robison  
Carrie McAdams

Patrick Mulholland  
Pavel Ortinski  
Melissa Perreault  
Noah Philip  
Christine Rabinak  
Cynthia Rogers  
Theodore Satterthwaite  
Pei-an Shih  
Mary Torregrossa  
Michael Treadway  
Jared Van Snellenberg  
Valerie Voon  
Alik Widge  
Larry Zweifel

**B. New Members (39)**

Nika Adham  
Susanne Ahmari  
Howard Aizenstein  
Larry Alphs  
Michael Bloch  
Pascal Bonaventure  
Stephen Brannan  
Melissa Brotman  
Michael Bruchas  
Frank Bymaster  
Sarah Clinton  
Paul Croarkin  
Mariella De Biasi  
Yan Dong  
Stephanie Dulawa  
Irina Esterlis  
Jamie Feusner  
Cecilia Flores  
Susan Shur-Fen Gau  
Mary Heitzeg

Daphne Holt  
Thomas Kash  
William Lawson  
F. Markus Leweke  
Chunyu Liu  
Chitra Mandyam  
John Mantsch  
Charles Marmar  
Rachel Marsh  
Margaret McCarthy  
Jose Moron-Concepcion  
James Murrough  
Karen Parker  
Armin Raznahan  
Carolyn Rodriguez  
Joshua Roffman  
Dipak Sarkar  
Scott Small  
Miklos Toth

**C. Members to Fellows (38)**

Anne Andrews  
Vaishali Bakshi  
Laura Bohn  
Katherine Burdick  
Joseph Callicott  
Guang Chen  
Cynthia Crawford  
Darin Dougherty  
C. Neill Epperson  
Daniel Geller  
Birte Glenthøj  
Joshua Gordon  
Todd Gould  
Steven Grant  
Christine Heim  
Jack Henningfield  
Beng-Choon Ho  
Sari Izenwasser  
Lawrence Kegeles

Wouter Koek  
Scott Kollins  
Amanda Law  
Mickey Matsumoto  
Venkata Mattay  
Robert McCullumsmith  
Melvin McInnis  
Lin Mei  
A. Leslie Morrow  
Christopher Pittenger  
Diego Pizzagalli  
Gregory Quirk  
Perry Renshaw  
Victoria Risbrough  
John Rotrosen  
Barbara Sahakian  
Richard Shelton  
Leanne Williams  
Ma-Li Wong

14. Old Business / New Business. Dr. Abi-Dargham made a call for old business and new business. There were no old or new business items brought forward for discussion.
15. The President's Year in Retrospective. Dr. Abi-Dargham gave a brief update of the 2017 continuation and new initiatives.
  - Animal Research Committee – Dr. Sari Izenwasser and Dr. David Jentsch chaired the re-established Animal Research Committee in 2017.
  - Latin American Initiatives – This was the second year the College invited Latin American researchers 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 – The Dolores Shockley Minority Mentoring Award was awarded to Dr. Margarita Dubocovich.
  - Collaboration with CINP, SOBP, ECNP, and AsCNP – Continued collaboration around nomenclature and joint society initiatives.
  - Collaboration with APA and SOBP – Continued collaboration around joint educational programs.
  - Diversity: Improved numbers, but still not enough.
    - From 2013 to 2017, the number of URM members have increased from 3% to 5% of our total membership.
    - The number of URM Travel Award applicants increased from 37 in 2016 to 65 in 2017. The number of URM Travel Awardees increased from 4 in 2016 to 12 in 2017.
    - The URM acceptance rate for Associate Member was 60% in 2017, and is 50% in 2018. The URM acceptance rate for Member was 100% in 2017, and is 75% in 2018.
  - President's Award - A one-year fellowship of \$50,000 to a successful candidate, \$5,000 to the institution, and two-year travel support. Announcements for the award will be made next summer, review/decision in the fall, and the presentation of the award during the President's Plenary session. The hope is that this award will bring young outstanding scientists into the ACNP community. Each president can target areas of need that he/she will select. This program can expand if more funds become available.
  - Use of ACNP Funds –
    - Journal – new award this year, NEAR
    - Travel Awards – Expanded this year, previous year travel awardees receive support to return a second year to the Annual Meeting.
    - Fees Reduction – Associate Members dues were reduced from \$400 to \$200.
    - APA Colloquium – All APA Travel Awardees were invited to the ACNP meeting. The College is a co-sponsor for APA Colloquium.
    - ASCP Support – Teaching clinical trials methodology for \$20,000

- National Neuroscience Curriculum Initiative - \$20,000
    - Support for American Brain Collation - \$25,000
  - Annual Meeting Format – The annual meeting will move to a four-day program instead of a five-day program to address poor attendance on Thursday in 2019.
16. Passing of the Reins. Dr. Abi-Dargham expressed the major responsibility of the ACNP President is to articulate the vision of our College, and to speak on behalf of the College. She passed a set of symbolic reins to 2018 ACNP President, Dr. Steven Hyman, and wished him well in the coming year.
  17. President's Plaque. Dr. Hyman thanked Dr. Abi-Dargham for her service, leadership, and initiatives, and presented her with the 2017 President's gavel plaque.
  18. Comments by the 2018 President. Dr. Hyman addressed the members in attendance and expressed the need to continue our current initiatives. He also stated his goals as President are the following:
    - Greater global engagement so that the ACNP meeting features the best mission relevant research, wherever in the world
    - Focus on pushing our intellectual boundaries so that we may stay cutting edge
      - Disciplinary examples include computational science, genetics/genomics—many outstanding researchers of great relevance are not presenting or part of the ACNP.
      - Address how the College can engage younger investigators in such fields to become interested in associate membership.
      - Determine roles for invited nonmember speakers beyond the usual itinerary of plenary and then departing for the airport. This could mean having them give a small workshop or small Q & A session.
      - Consider whether ACNP should sponsor workshops/boot camps either within or outside the annual meeting to bring new methods to members and their labs (e.g., single cell methods, stem cell technology and organoids).
    - Identify 'stones left unturned' in advancing ACNP outreach to and support of under-represented minorities, women, and younger scientists
  19. Adjournment. Dr. Hyman adjourned the meeting and reminded the group of the buffet luncheon on the Springs Patio.