

*Council Quarterly Call*  
*Tuesday, October 24, 2017*  
*2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Eastern*  
*Dial-in: 800-501-8979, pin # 3242374*

***Participants:***

*Anissa Abi-Dargham*  
*David Kupfer*  
*Joseph Coyle*  
*Alan Frazer*  
*Raquel Gur*  
*Rita Valentino*  
*Maria Oquendo*  
*Victoria Arango*  
*Judith Ford*  
*Marina Wolf*  
*Ronnie Wilkins, staff*  
*Sarah Timm, staff*  
*Erin Shaw, staff*

***Minutes:***

- 1. Annual Meeting Registration Fee Structure*** – The Executive Office received an email from a member concerned about junior faculty who are not trainees nor associate members being able to afford the ACNP invited guest registration fee. The Membership Advisory Task Force requested Council to consider a reduced registration fee from the current \$800 invited guest fee to a \$500 fee for junior faculty who are non-Associate Members of ACNP. The eligibility timeframe will be after initial training, but within seven years of becoming an Assistant Professor level or its equivalent. Council agreed to offer this fee of \$500 for the 2018 annual meeting, and then re-evaluate for 2019. Members will be required to confirm eligibility for their guests when requesting the invitation.
- 2. President's Award Proposal*** – A. Abi-Dargham, D. Kupfer, and R. Wilkins further developed the details of the budget for the President's Award proposal that was requested by Council on the October 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee call. A one-year fellowship will cost approximately \$61,000. If the award is always approved as a two-year fellowship, in the first year we would have one fellow in process and then in years two and all subsequent years, we would always have one fellow in his/her first year and another in his/her second year. Therefore, the total cost of the program would be approximately \$125,000 per year. Announcements will be made next summer, applications will be reviewed with the decision made in the fall, and the presentation of the award will be during the President's Plenary session. Council decided to make this a one-year fellowship, and agreed to track this award over five years to show how the awardees are progressing. The fellowship funding allocation will be adjusted to give the fellow \$50,000 and \$5,000 to the host institution. A. Abi-Dargham will request Steve Hyman's input on the announcement to membership since the first award will be given during his presidency.

3. ***Honorific Awardee Interviews*** – A. Frazer suggested interviewing an Honorific Award winner during the Annual Meeting which could be featured in the Bulletin. Council agreed to interview Dolores Shockley and the first Shockley Minority Mentoring Award winner during the annual meeting. This interview will be videotaped, and placed on the ACNP website and in the February Bulletin. A. Frazer will conduct the interview, and has requested suggestions for relevant questions. The Executive Office will ask D. Shockley and the award winner to schedule the interview, and request permission to videotape.
  
4. ***Annual Meeting Schedule Modification Survey*** – Council discussed the results from the 448 members who completed the survey selecting to either change the annual meeting schedule to end on Wednesday with the President’s Plenary on Sunday and reception on Wednesday, start panel sessions on Sunday morning and end the meeting on Wednesday with the reception, or to not make any changes to the existing schedule. The results showed very close scores with ending the meeting on Wednesday with the reception, but starting with either the President’s Plenary or the first set of panels on Sunday. There was discussion with having a runoff survey between the two different schedules. However, Council did decide they had enough data to make a decision. There was a motion to hold the President’s Plenary on Sunday, and end the annual meeting on Wednesday with the reception. This motion was approved. This will be initiated in the 2019 annual meeting since we are unable to make a change in the schedule for the 2018 meeting due to the conference hotel. The Executive Office will let the hotel for 2019 know, and discuss again in the December meeting with Council.

**Information Items:**

5. ***October Committee Updates***