

*Council Quarterly Call*  
*Tuesday, April 25, 2017*  
*2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Eastern*  
*Dial-in: 800-501-8979, pin # 3242374*

*Participants:*

*Anissa Abi-Dargham*  
*Alan Frazer*  
*Raquel Gur*  
*David Kupfer*  
*Maria Oquendo*  
*Bitá Moghaddam*  
*Marina Wolf*  
*James Meador-Woodruff*  
*Victoria Arango*  
*Ronnie Wilkins, staff*  
*Sarah Timm, staff*  
*Erin Shaw, staff*

*Minutes:*

1. *NPP Editor in Chief Contract Renewal* – Last year in the Summer meeting, Council changed the term of the Editor in Chief from a three-year term with the possibility of one renewal, to a five-year term with the possibility of one renewal. Bill Carlezon is now in the fifth year of his term. Council unanimously approved to renew his term for another five years effective January 1, 2018. Ellen Leibenluft, Publications Committee chair, is supportive of his renewal as well.
2. *Annual Meeting Schedule Modification Survey* – Council discussed the annual meeting modification survey, and decided to ask the below two questions. The Executive Office will email this survey to membership in May for results to be discussed, and a decision made at the July Council meeting for the 2018 annual meeting.
  - a. Given the poor attendance on Thursday, Council is considering ending the meeting on Wednesday evening with the reception. All schedule scenarios maintain the same number of scientific sessions. We would not be losing any scientific content in the meeting. Which schedule below do you prefer?
    - i. **Schedule A:** No change to current meeting schedule
    - ii. **Schedule B:** Starting the President’s Plenary on Sunday, and ending Wednesday with the reception
    - iii. **Schedule C:** Starting the first set of Panels on Sunday, leaving the President’s Plenary on Monday, and ending Wednesday with the reception
  - b. Which of the below schedule scenarios would allow you to more likely attend the entire meeting?
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3. **The Membership Committee updated the timeline statement on the guidelines for applying for Associate Membership to be consistent with the guidelines for Travel Awards** – Council approved this updated statement.
- a. “Nominees may be no more than ten (10) years beyond completion of training (for MD’s the end of residency **or fellowship**, for PhD’s **the end of training or fellowship**). Individuals between ten (10) and twelve (12) years from their last training who have had a significant life event, may apply and include background information in their application about the life event for the committee to consider. (e.g. birth of a child, child care, illness of individual, care for an ill family member, personal or family tragedy, etc.)”
4. **Definition of Psychiatry** – The Global Strategic work group, consisting of ACNP, APA, and SOBP, discussed how they could refine, edit, and improve the definition of psychiatry with the definitions below. A. Abi-Dargham requested if anyone has any specific comments regarding these definitions to email E. Shaw, S. Timm, or herself to convey to the work group. There were no comments on the call.
- a. **Definition (short version):** “Psychiatry is the medical specialty that treats brain diseases that are primarily expressed through disruptions in cognitive processes, affective expression and experience, or behavior.”
- b. **Definition (long version):** “Psychiatry is the medical specialty that treats brain diseases that are primarily expressed through disruptions in cognitive processes, affective expression and experience, or behavior. Psychiatrists integrate pharmacological and behavioral interventions, often within a team of mental health specialists, to manage these conditions. Within these teams, ideally, the role of the psychiatrist is to provide medical and psychiatric evaluation, particularly of complex patients, establish and initiate a treatment plan, and provide psychopharmacological expertise.”
5. **Program Committee’s call for Proposals** – David Braff emailed A. Abi-Dargham, R. Wilkins, and S. Timm stating that the Program Committee’s call for proposals were too specific. Council discussed that these topics are only suggestions, but agreed that going forward there needs to be clarification that topics outside of the suggestions will be highly considered as well. This will be a discussion with Linda Brady, 2018 chair, and the elected co-chair for next year.

### **Information Items:**

6. **April Committee Updates**
7. **Annual Meeting Report** - Council questioned the statement on the annual meeting report pertaining to the hotel not honoring the additional discount on already discounted menus. The Executive Office clarified that in year’s past the hotel gave an additional 15% discount on food and beverage that we did not receive this year. The Executive Office

always tries to reduce food costs, and works with the hotels on custom menus to minimize spending. In year's past, we have received more competitive rates, especially in Phoenix. The Executive Office is currently working to receive tax exemption status in California as we do in Florida. The Executive Office asked Council to keep in mind that the additional number of events and number of attendees at these events factor in to this higher food and beverage pricing. Also, it was pointed out that all comments from the mobile app have been given to our developers to address these issues, and further improve the app every year.

**8. *ACNP 2018 FY Budget was approved.***