

Council Quarterly Call
Tuesday, April 26, 2016
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Eastern
Dial-in: 800-501-8979, pin # 3242374

Participants:

Alan Frazer

Anissa Abi-Dargham

David Kupfer

Raquel Gur

Peter Kalivas

Antonello Bonci

Rita Valentino

James Meador-Woodruff

Marina Wolf

Ronnie Wilkins, staff

Sarah Timm, staff

Erin Shaw, staff

Minutes:

- 1. **Avanir Pharmaceuticals Participating Corporation Application** – Council approved Avanir Pharmaceuticals participating corporation's application. The Executive Office will compile a list of companies that have become participating corporations and at what level for the past five years to present at the summer meeting to show recent trends.*
- 2. **Qualified Charitable Distributions from IRAs** – D. Kupfer discussed the QCD memo prepared for Council and explained how this provision works in regard to tax liabilities. D. Kupfer stated we should start encouraging members to consider qualified charitable distributions from their IRAs to the College. Questions were raised as to how many members in our college are in this financial position or how many members fall into this position each year. Different ways to advertise the program were discussed such as mass email to membership, placing on ACNP website and presenting at the Business Meeting in December. A policy will be needed if members start wanting named travel awards for their donations. Council would need to clarify how much would need to be donated to have a named travel award. Group discussed different ways to present to membership such as targeting a group that fits into this category or surveying membership. It was decided that the Executive Office would work with D. Kupfer to prepare a survey for the membership. Once approved on an Executive Committee call it would then be emailed to membership.*
- 3. **Policy regarding Chair and Co-Chair for Program Committee** – It was a unanimous decision by Council that a policy needs to be set stating that the Chair and Co-Chair of the Program Committee should not be allowed to participate on any proposals. The Executive Office will update the Policy Manual. In the future, when members are asked to serve in one of those positions they will be reminded that if they agree to serve they may not participate in a program submission.*

4. ***New ACNP Handbook Report from Publications Committee*** – Dr. de Wit lives in Chicago and can come to the summer meeting to discuss the proposal in person. She has also requested Dr. Sibley to be included by conference call since he has also been involved. This is approved by Council. The Executive Office will work directly with Dr. de Wit and Dr. Sibley’s schedule and coordinate their involvement in the summer Council meeting.

Information Items:

5. ***April Committee Updates***
6. ***Annual Meeting Report*** – Feedback was received by attendees that more clinical science is needed in presentations. There were also comments on poor service, food and accommodations at the Diplomat. The hotel is undergoing renovations on all their guest rooms, lobby and restaurants. They are also to enhance the Wi-Fi connection in guest rooms which was also a complaint from the 2015 Annual Meeting. It was stated the executive club was not as nice as it has been in previous years. Since the Diplomat has transitioned into a Hilton property, the executive clubs are not as common. S. Timm reported that she will have venue options for future meetings in Orlando and Puerto Rico at the summer meeting.
7. ***URM Attendee Luncheon during Annual Meeting*** – In alignment with the Task Force charge from the ACNP Council to replace URM attendee breakfast with a luncheon on Sunday, the URM Task Force plans to hold a luncheon on Monday, December 5th during the designated lunch period 11:30 am – 1:30 pm.
8. ***URM Attendee Reception during the Annual Meeting*** - ACNP Council charged the task force to evaluate success of 2015 annual meeting task force events. The URM Task Force agreed the 2015 attendee reception was a success, and great to get attendees together again to continue to network and develop relationships. They plan to hold a reception on Monday, December 5th just after the poster session from 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm.
9. ***ACNP 2017 FY Budget was unanimously approved.***