

ACNP Council Meeting Minutes
Saturday, December 3, 2016
8:30am – 3:00pm
The Diplomat Resort
Hollywood, Florida – Room 319-320

Alan Frazer, Presiding

Anissa Abi-Dargham
Antonello Bonci
Joseph Coyle
Barry Everitt
Raquel Gur
Steven Hyman
Peter Kalivas
David Kupfer
James Meador-Woodruff
Rita Valentino
Marina Wolf

Executive Director: Ronnie Wilkins
Staff: Sarah Timm

Council-Elect: Bita Moghaddam (Council-Elect have voice but no vote)
Kerry Ressler

Absent: Maria Oquendo

Conflict of Interest Forms were reviewed prior to start of the meeting by Alan Frazer, President, Joseph Coyle, Secretary, and Ronnie Wilkins, Executive Director, per the Conflict of Interest Policy for Council.

Alan Frazer and Anissa Abi-Dargham went to the Membership Meeting to give charge to committee.

- 1. Treasurer's Report*** – D. Kupfer reviewed the Treasurer's report. Investments have done very well this year. Our total investments total equals about \$8.6M. The College's net equity is \$11.3M. We are not seeing a great gain in investments year over year as our plan was to be conservative. The percent of revenue from industry has continued to drop. In the FY2016, the College had 16% of revenue from industry. With this decline in industry revenue and the increase in other income for the College, Council question if there is still a need to have corporate supporting fees. All agreed this was not the time to change the structure of the College and our interaction with industry, but this can be revisited again. Parthenon Management Group is now representing a third of the College's revenue. Publications continue to be another source of revenue that is very important to the College. The profit margin for PMG is approximately 10-12% annually.

2. ***ACNP Statement on Ethics for Use of Clinical Neuroimaging in Psychiatry*** – K. Ressler gave the background on the issue of the need for an ethics statement in neuroimaging for clinical assessment. The statement could appear on the website. It will need to be reviewed every two years to ensure the information is still accurate. It was suggested that the references that are older should be removed. Council agreed the title should be changed from ‘ethics’ to ‘present status.’ The summary should be edited to add positivity to the future of imaging as a clinical tool. K. Ressler will work with H. Mayberg to incorporate these edits and present this to Council again at a later date. Additionally, the Genetics Testing Statement on the website needs updating.
3. ***American Brain Collation Update and Current Initiatives, Katie Sale*** – K. Sale joined the meeting to discuss the ABC with Council. R. Wilkins reminded Council that ACNP, along with SFN and AAN, were the inaugural sponsors for the ABC. K. Sale explained the coalition is formed of academic societies and patient advocacy organizations. Corporate supporting members have been added to the membership. The ABC works closely with the NIH institutes. The ABC has instituted the Congressional Neuroscience Caucus. The caucus holds quarterly educational briefings for members of Congress and their staffers. The ACNP has sponsored several of these briefings. The incoming HHS secretary is opposed to stem cell research. This is an issue that should be addressed by the ABC with ACNP. K. Sale along with J. Coyle, K. Ressler and P. Kalivas will be attending the ACNP Liaison Committee to discuss the ABC and the proposal from J. Lieberman on engagement of advocacy affiliates. Increasing our level of support for specific initiatives will be considered in the use of funding discussion as the level of support for ABC from ACNP has fallen from \$25,000 annually to \$3500.
4. ***NPP Contract Renewal with Nature Publishing Group*** – A task force appointed by Council has been working on renewing our publishing contract. R. Wilkins updated Council on those negotiations. We had hoped we would have the contract with our negotiated edits by the meeting, but we will not. We did get an increase in our royalty amounts. Springer/Nature has asked for a 10-year contract. We are not willing to sign for 10 years without a 3-year out-clause because of uncertainty over the long-term finances of scientific publishing with the movement to electronic platforms. With the merger, the journal will likely see an increase in royalties due to the increase in subscription sales and bundling. R. Wilkins will provide an update before the end of the year. Council also raised the issue of posting the raw data in a publicly available space with all submissions. R. Wilkins agreed to discuss this issue with B. Carlezon and provide follow-up.
5. ***URM Task Force and Progress Report*** – The report was reviewed. The URM percent in the College has increased slightly to 4%. The percentage of accepted minority travel awardees has dropped. This will need attention in the coming year. Council agreed they would like to meet with the co-chairs on Tuesday.

6. ***URM Mentoring Award Name*** – The URM recommended a mentoring award for an individual that has excelled in mentoring URM scientists. Council agreed to discuss the name further.
7. ***Reinstate/Update the Animal Research Committee, Nancy Ator*** – Dr. Frazer updated Council on his efforts to increase the visibility of research with animals and its acceptance. ACNP has been represented by Nancy Ator in a number of venues discussing animal research. ACNP has also given funds to NABR for further development of a website campaign. N. Ator was not able to develop a committee/task force on the use of animals in research this year. She has suggested that we ask the Ethics Committee to take on the issue. Instead of charging the ethics committee with this issue Council agreed to re-instate the Animal Research Committee. Membership will be decided on by A. Abi-Dargham. A charge will be developed by Council. The committee will consist of 8-10 members. N. Ator should be an appointee to the committee. There will be an ex-officio member from the Ethics Committee and the Liaison Committee to carry the conversations through those committees.
8. ***Athina Markou Travel Award Guidelines for Council Approval*** – The estate of A. Markou has generously given \$100K to the College to form a travel award in her name. The funds received were invested in a separate account. Regardless of the return on the account, the Council agreed to continue this award and help supplement the award should that be necessary. The guidelines were reviewed and approved by Council.
9. ***Appointment of New Website Editor*** - David Sibley's term as Website Editor will end on June 30, 2017. The website editor receives \$12,500.00 annually to do this role. Council will charge the Publications Committee with finding the new website editor. This will need to be done by July. Council would like to know how much time D. Sibley devotes to the website.
10. ***Policy on Email Voting*** – The policy on email voting was approved by Council and will be incorporated into the ACNP policy manual.
11. ***Executive Office/PMG Report*** – R. Wilkins gave the report on the staff changes in the Executive Office. Council agreed that the staff in the office this year has exceeded expectations. Council was also updated on the development of the Joyn system that integrates membership functions, registration, abstract submission, abstract scoring, itinerary planner and mobile app. ACNP is saving a large amount of money by using this integrated system instead of the multiple systems that we used to use. The system also allows us to have the ability of to pull data for statistics and reporting. The system has also allowed us to save approximately \$40K by not printing a program book due to the app availability. Parthenon Management Group continues to excel in management of its clients and its return to ACNP. We anticipate that PMG will account for some 40% of ACNP's total revenue at the end of this fiscal year.
12. ***ACCME Discussion*** – S. Timm explained that PMG had applied for CME accreditation for PMG. Our application for accreditation was denied by ACCME based on

noncompliance of one criterion, which states that no industry employees may be part of a program committee. This strong stand against industry scientist participation is not consistent with our mission. Additionally, PMG has been able to find an accreditor at a fair price. Council agreed that the accreditation with ACCME is not crucial to continuing a successful business for PMG. This feedback will be shared with the PMG Board.

13. ACNP Strategic Plan Report – R. Wilkins explained the report was a follow-up on where we stand with goals and objectives. The activities of the committees continue to correlate with the strategic plan. The membership stats by country report was reviewed. We have seen an increase in recent years from international associate members and members. Council agreed this is likely a perception issue. This will be discussed in the Latin America scientific luncheon. We will discuss this issue further on Thursday. The average age of the College (including emeritus) is 65 years old. Council would like to see the average age of the attendance at the annual meeting. S. Timm retrieved that information, and the average age of meeting attendees this year is 49.

14. Industry Posters – The Council discussed that the current poster sessions are highly valued by attendees and think it is an important networking aspect to the meeting.

15. ACNP's Involvement in the Young Investigator Initiative of the APA – This will be discussed further with representatives of APA and SOBP at this meeting, and will be considered in conjunction when making final decisions on recommendations the Use of Funds Task Force.

16. Use of Funds Report for Council Consideration – The Use of Funds Task Force met by conference call on September 19 to discuss the charge from Council; i.e. How should ACNP use the funds that are available and are beyond our goals for reserves and beyond our operational needs? Anissa Abi-Dargham and the ACNP staff met again by conference call on October 4 to summarize the discussion and recommendation from the Task Force. The College now has approximately \$11M in total net worth. This is well beyond our goal for a healthy reserve, the goal of which has been three times our annual operational expenses of approximately \$2.5M. The College has been earning approximately \$375,000 in positive cash flow from operations and around the same amount in earnings from investments in recent years. The task force has recommended that we budget \$350,000 per year as funds available for projects outside of our core operations that further the mission of the College. Council agreed on this amount. We should re-evaluate that amount at least once every three years. Each of the below proposals were evaluated.

- **Provide Additional Support for Travel Awardees:** Because we limit the number of associate members to be accepted each year, the task force thought it would not be productive to increase the number of travel awardees for fear of increasing the bottleneck of young investigators who cannot become Associate Members. However, they did agree it would be good to provide additional support for the travel awardees to be able to return to additional meetings. The task force recommended that we provide 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 total cost of this recommendation

would be approximately \$53,000 per year, if all travel awardees took advantage of the offer. Council agreed to fund this proposal.

- ***Invest More in our Journal:*** The task force asked Bill Carlezon to tell them if he has an idea of how he could use an additional \$50,000 in ways that would improve the standing and the impact factor of the journal. The suggestion was to invest in social media, white papers and commissioned pieces. A formal proposal will come from the editor later in the week. Council would like B. Carlezon to join the Council meeting on Thursday to discuss his recommendations, but have agreed in concept to approve this funding.
- ***Provide Additional Support for the APA Colloquium:*** The task force recommends continuing to support the APA Research Colloquium by offering a booster session for program participants at the ACNP Annual Meeting. They suggest that we not provide funding for the existing one-day session offered in conjunction with the APA meeting, but also not ask for financial support for the booster session at the ACNP meeting. This could be arranged in a variety of ways from offering a flat stipend for each participant to come to the ACNP meeting to offering full support for attending the meeting and adding on an extra day for the booster session. There were 38 participants in the Colloquium in 2016. If the College offered each a flat \$1,500 stipend to attend the Annual Meeting, and held a booster session at some point within the normal dates of the meeting then the cost would be \$57,000. If we invited all the participants to attend the meeting at our expense and added on an extra day during which we would conduct the booster session, then the estimated cost could be as much as \$125,000. Council agreed this proposal needs further discussion.
- ***Support for Organizations with Missions in Sync with ACNP and Who Might Have More Impact on Public Policy:*** Providing financial support to groups like ABC, NABR, Research!America, and specific projects being conducted by groups like SfN, etc. is a way of supporting good work being done that is in line with our objectives and of building the recognition of ACNP with such groups. The task force recommended allocating \$25,000 per year to be available for such projects, with decisions being made on an annual basis by Council as to which specific groups and projects are to be supported and in what amounts. Council agreed they would like to receive a proposal from the ABC on how funds could impact their mission. We will also need to invest in other societies about NABR and Research!America. This will have further discussion on Thursday.
- ***Recommendation to Reduce Associate Member Dues/Registration Fees:*** In the interest of helping younger members who tend to have tighter budgets, the task force recommended reducing the dues for Associate Members from \$400 to \$200.. The approximate cost of this recommendation would be \$29,000 per year. A proposal was added that we also allow Associate Members who are presenting an oral presentation to have waived registration and be eligible for non-member funding. Both of these proposals have been accepted.
- ***Provide Research Grants for New Investigators with a Focus on Clinical Research:*** This would involve creating a special committee equivalent to membership or

program committee, where the task would be to review proposals and allocate funding up to \$30,000 per project per year for two years. If Council approves 3 projects each year, then beginning with year two there would be a total of 6 projects in process at any one time for a total cost of \$180,000 in direct cost and an estimated \$27,000 in administrative support for a total cost per year of \$207,000. This could expand in the future to include non-clinical research, but we can start with clinical research to help young “physician scientists”. It would serve as an early young investigator award (a la NARSAD). The proposal was amended to be for fellowship training salary for deserving scientists. This proposal was tabled. Details will be developed by A. Abi-Dargham and K. Ressler for further discussion.

- ***Provide Training on Conducting Clinical Trials:*** Perhaps in tandem with Number 2 and/or Number 4 above, we might sponsor young investigators to enroll in the annual course on psychopharmacological clinical trials that is co-sponsored by The American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology, and The Zucker Hillside Hospital. This program focuses on the general problems and challenges of designing and implementing clinical trials with an emphasis on methodology. Topics include trial design, diagnosis, clinical assessment, patient ascertainment, and recruitment. It will also review recent developments in psychotropic drug research and ethical issues in the conduct of clinical trials. The organization of the course includes didactic sessions, discussion, and workshops. The annual cost of participation would vary with the number of participants we sponsor, and it might be possible to become a co-sponsor of the program along with ASCP. We could set an amount that we would be willing to invest, such as \$25,000 per year. S. Hyman suggested the College may also want to consider a pre-clinical research rigor training with additional website materials. This item was tabled until Thursday. S. Hyman will work on a proposal for this.
- ***NNCI/SOBP Proposal*** – This is the National Neuroscience Curriculum Initiative. This is to improve the residency training in neuroscience. They received a R25 grant which will expire next year. They are seeking bridge funding until they can receive another NIMH Grant. There was not a lot of enthusiasm within Council, so it was tabled until Thursday for discussion. K. Ressler will come back to Council with an updated proposal.

The meeting was closed at 2:05 p.m. Eastern.