

**ACNP Summer Council Meeting**  
**Sunday, July 17, 2016**  
**8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST**  
**Hyde/Wicker Park Room**

***Participants:***

***Alan Frazer, presiding***

***Joe Coyle***

***Jim Meador-Woodruff***

***Anissa Abi-Dargham***

***Marina Wolf***

***Antonello Bonci***

***Steve Hyman***

***Maria Oquendo***

***Bitu Moghaddam, Council-elect***

***Kerry Ressler, Council-elect***

***Ronnie Wilkins, staff***

***Sarah Timm, staff***

***Erin Shaw, staff***

***Jacque Loftus, staff***

***Apologies:***

***Peter Kalivas***

***Raquel Gur***

***David Kupfer***

***Rita Valentino***

***Barry Everitt***

***Minutes:***

Conflict of interest forms were reviewed by A. Frazer, J. Coyle and R. Wilkins prior to the start of the meeting.

- 1. Program Committee Report*** – Carlos Zarate and Patricio O'Donnell joined the meeting and gave an overview of the selected program. This year all but two of the submissions had a woman or minority included in the proposals. The meeting went smooth this year. The additional technology, using an Audience Response System for voting on acceptance or rejection of panels, was successful and helpful. The advancements to the review system were also well-received. Council recommended that all Program Committee members receive all submissions so that they could review them prior to the meeting. This year we had a lower number of submissions than in past years. We will want to watch the poster submissions to see if the trend of submissions there is also lower. If it is, we may want to survey the members to determine the reason. It was also suggested that we state in the call for proposals that titles match the content of the presentations. The range of the submissions (clinical, basic, integrative) was similar to what it has been in the past.

The “other” category for disease state was used much more than other categories. The Program Committee may want to review the categories and expand them in order to not have so many in that category. A. Frazer requested that we look at the number of members vs nonmembers accepted on the program in the future.

Concern was raised that the quality of submissions was not as good as in past years. This should be monitored in future years.

A. Bonci raised the issue that many international scientists view the College as difficult to obtain membership. Council agreed we should have a discussion with our current international members to learn how we might be more encouraging for international scientists to apply for membership. M. Wolf suggested that we add information to the website that would make it clear that international scientists are encouraged to apply. This information should also be added to the Membership Advisory Task Force posters. Outreach to top quality institutions in other countries informing them of membership may be something Council should consider in the future. This item will need more discussion in December. The Executive Office will have data on international members at that time.

2. ***Treasurer’s Report*** – David Kupfer was conferenced into the meeting by phone to present the treasurer’s report. He reviewed the continued increase in our investments. In the past year, we have added funds to our Vanguard account, which is the one account which we manage our selves. Our total investments to date are approximately \$8.5M. We have been maintaining approximately \$2M in cash for the activities of the College. We have opened a short-term fixed income account to hold some of our cash in order to improve our interest rate. Total cash and investments to date are approximately \$10.5M. The mix of our revenue streams has continued to change. Now about a third of our revenue comes from Parthenon Management Group management fees. Corporate fees and grants now represent only 16% of total revenue. Our corporate fees and contributions continue to decrease year over year as has the number of companies who are part of the participating corporation program. The original goal of the College was to have no more than 20-25% of revenue from industry. We are now at 16% from industry. S. Hyman asked if there is a size of reserve that the College wants to obtain. Council has discussed that a \$10M reserve is adequate. We have discussed how to use funds that are acquired over that amount. Our total operating expense is less than \$3M annually. A. Abi-Dargham suggested that we need to offer more funding to help young scientists come to the meeting. This can be part of the continued use of funds discussion. J Coyle commented that before identifying possible funding needs that can be supported by our investments we must decide how much above the corpus can be spent, prioritize needs and include sunset provisions in the commitments.

D. Kupfer discussed the Qualified Charitable Distributions from IRAs. The membership was surveyed on their interest of donating to the College via this distribution option. The College should encourage members to do this. He announced that A. Markou has left \$100K to the College for a travel award. The QCD program will be discussed further at the Business Meeting in December. Additionally, an email will be sent to the membership outlining the benefits to members. This request/email should include the vision of the College and how the money will be used.

3. **Hoch Award** – Council reviewed the two (2) nominations that have been received to date. Martin Katz was selected as the Hoch Awardee for 2016.
  
4. **New ACNP Handbook Report from Publications Committee** - Dave Sibley joined the call on behalf of the Publications Committee Chair, Harriet deWit, to discuss the proposal. He reviewed the statistics of the College's past publications. There are still a large number of page views on our website on the 5<sup>th</sup> Generation of Progress, perhaps indicating that there is a need to produce a similar publication. The Publications Committee is recommending that the College publish a higher level handbook of neuropsychopharmacology. The project was discussed with Nature/Springer, and they were enthusiastic about the proposal and agreed that it could be successful for the College. This handbook would be available in print and online, and could be indexed in PubMed. We would make this book available for free to the members. The publisher estimates that this publication would likely be revenue neutral for ACNP. Authors for the publication would be able to update their chapter after the publication. Council agreed that using College funds to pay authors to write the chapters would be a good use of our funds. Council viewed this as a contribution to the field to help educate the next generation of researchers and educate the public. ACNP would retain the copyright for the publication. Council agreed in order for this publication to work there would need to be a strong champion for the project. Contracts would be needed with authors to ensure that they get them done on time. Council agreed that we need further discussion on this project and how it would serve the mission of the College. We also need to discuss how this publication is different from NPP Reviews. We will invite H. deWitt and D. Sibley on a future EC call.

Statistics on publication web hits:

- a. 5<sup>th</sup> Generations of Progress had 9,737 page views for Jan 1 to Dec 31 2015
- b. 4<sup>th</sup> Generations of Progress had 4,029 page views for Jan 1 to Dec 31 2015
- c. Neuropsychopharmacology Reviews
  - i. Editorials:
    - a. 2016 – Visits 1,220, Views 1,175
    - b. 2015 – Visits 1,388, Views 1,821
    - c. 2014 – Visits 841, Views 1,013
  - ii. Reviews
    - a. 2016: Impact of Stress on the Brain: Pathology, Treatment and Prevention – Visits 29,898, Views 40,656
    - b. 2015: Neurodevelopment and the Origins of Brain Disorders – Visits 27,046, Views 35,901
    - c. 2014: Biomolecular Discovery: Mechanisms, Therapeutics, and Biomarkers in Neural Disorders – Visits 26,109, Views 38,824
  - iii. Hot Topics
    - a. 2016 – Visits 9,067, Views 11,708
    - b. 2015 – Visits 15,760, Views 21,441
    - c. 2014 – Visits 17,885, Views 24,783
  - iv. Commentaries
    - a. 2014 – Visits 2,117, Views 2,962

5. ***EIC Term for Neuropsychopharmacology*** – Earlier this year, the Publications Committee was asked to review the term limits of the NPP Editor. It was suggested that it be changed from two, 3-year terms to three, 3-year terms. Council made a decision in 2006 to limit the EIC to two terms of three years each, a total of six years. However, there is a recognition that this limitation may be too severe. An Editor is just beginning to put his/her own imprint on the journal in six years and a limit of three terms (nine years total) might be more reasonable. The Publications Committee endorsed this recommendation. Council discussed the recommendation and agreed to offer two five-year terms instead. B. Carlezon will be offered a revision to his current contract that will give him an additional two years to his first-term contract, and then he will be eligible for a second five-year term. Council would like to investigate compensation for the journal prior to the next five-year term.
  
6. ***Journal Report*** - Bill Carlezon joined the meeting via teleconference. He reported that the journal is strong, however the impact factor did drop again this year. He reviewed the strategies that the journal is using to improve the impact factor. They are reducing the number of papers being accepted to the journal. About 40-45% of submissions are being triaged upon submission. The current acceptance rate is around 20% though the goal is to be closer to a 12.5% acceptance rate. We are also reducing the size of the issues. There are no financial implications to the College for this reduction. Council discussed various other strategies that might help the impact factor such as commentaries on other issues in the field, increasing the number of short reviews, using shorter titles, and the use of social media.
  
7. ***Annual Meeting 2021*** – S. Timm presented the options of San Juan, Orlando and Hollywood, Florida as options for the 2021 Annual Meeting. San Juan would be an attractive option for the College financially and would allow for older members to go back to a place with fond memories. The meeting in San Juan would take place at the convention center, and we would have attendees staying at 4 to 5 hotels. Orlando is a financially attractive option and would offer a different location for attendees from Hollywood, Florida. The room rates in Orlando would need to decrease further in order for ACNP to consider them as an option. This will be discussed further in December.

Council also discussed the number of trainees in attendance at the Hawaii 2011 meeting to determine if Hawaii as a destination decreases the number of trainees who are able to attend.

<b>Registration Status</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011 *Hawaii</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Past Travel Awardees	55	62	91	115	111	109	96
Trainees	114	114	85	116	106	134	158

Council discussed the summer council/program committee meeting for 2017. We may want to hold the meeting in Palm Springs to see the resort. Council agreed that was too far and would like to keep the meeting in Chicago.

## **8. *Committee & Task Force Reports***

- a. Membership Advisory and Women's Task Force – Council discussed if these task forces should be standing committees of the College. Both task forces have been successful in their initiatives. Council agreed that the Women's Task Force should not become a committee. They would like the task force to think about their long-term goals and report back to Council. They would also like to see how they can liaise with other committees or even other societies. R. Gur will be asked to communicate this to the task force. For the Membership Advisory Task Force, M. Wolf will continue to help guide the task force so that they can focus on the Career Development Session and other activities for the meeting.
- b. J. Coyle and S. Hyman recommended the Animals in Research Committee be resurrected as it is essential for rapid response to members with animal issues, and it indicates that the College takes the ethical use of animals in research seriously.
- c. Membership Advisory Task Force – Networking Speed “Dating” Session Tuesday after Posters. Council approved that the session can occur on Tuesday evening after the poster session.
- d. Liaison Committee – The committee recommended inclusion of TARA as an ACNP Advocacy Affiliate. This was approved.

**9. *Discussion on Using SPECT to Diagnose Psychiatric Disorders*** – Council discussed the development of a white paper on the issue of SPECT to diagnose disorders. A white paper on this topic was completed in 1996. Council agreed that there is a need for such a paper, or perhaps a simple statement now that would address both genetic testing for psychiatric disorders and the use of SPECT for diagnostic purposes. K. Ressler will ask Helen Mayberg and Mark Daly to help with this. We should work with SOBP, APA, NAMI, etc. to distribute this statement/paper.

**10. *Statement on Sexual Harassment within the Annual Meeting*** – Council agreed we need a policy statement. The statement should state that we take it seriously and appropriate authorities will be contacted. This will be discussed further on a future EC call.

Below is the statement that has been printed in the ACNP Program Books in recent years. This will be placed on a future EC call for approval and/or modifying.

“Code of Behavior

ACNP does not accept inappropriate or suggestive acts or comments that demean another person by reason of his or her gender, gender identity or expression, race, religion, ethnicity, age or disability. Any reports of such behavior will be investigated and acted upon as indicated by the specific findings of the investigation.”

**11. *APA Research Colloquium*** – Alan Frazer updated the group on the colloquium. Council agreed in December to participate, along with the SOBP this spring. The colloquium went very well this year. There was discussion about conducting a booster session with the attendees at the ACNP Annual Meeting in future years. APA has resubmitted an

application for an R13 grant from NIDA to fund the program, but for now ACNP has agreed to contribute \$20K for the program. This year there were 39 participants. Council agreed to ask the Education and Training Committee in 2017 to develop a plan for these participants to incorporate them into the Annual Meeting.

**12. *Childcare at the Annual Meeting*** – The stipend for childcare has been \$60 per day per family. Council agreed to increase it to \$80 per day, per child rather than per family effective with this year’s meeting.

**13. *Change in registration rates for the 2017 Annual Meeting:*** Following from our strategic planning discussions last year, Council asked Ronnie Wilkins to prepare a memo as a starting point for discussions about the long term use of ACNP funds. A workgroup met by conference call to discuss the ideas presented in that memo, as well as others, and made a recommendation that the funds be used to lower the cost of member registration and dues and to have more balance with non-member’s registration fees. Council reviewed the spreadsheet analysis of what the impact of this change would have been if it had been in place for the 2015 meeting. After discussion, Council asked A. Abi-Dargham, as president-elect to reconvene this work group and continue to discuss options for the use of funds in ways that would further the mission of the College. The goal of the group will be to develop a list of priorities for the use of funds. S. Hyman agreed to join the work-group which consists of D. Kupfer, D. Lewis, D. Rubinow, P. Kalivas and R. Gur. This group will have recommendations to Council by December.

**14. *Animal Research Advocacy Update*** – A. Frazer updated Council that N. Ator has been acting on behalf of the College in the animal research advocacy arena. She is planning on putting together a task force between now and the Annual Meeting. The group discussed reinstating an Animal Research Committee. This can have further discussion in December.

**15. *Latin America Initiative*** – A. Frazer discussed the invitations we extended to researchers in various countries in Latin America. There are five senior researchers coming and they are each bringing a junior researcher. They will also be presenting posters. Council agreed to hold a meeting with the Executive Committee and these researchers to discuss their goals and how the ACNP might be involved. A. Bonci agreed to participate as well. This will take place on Sunday at lunch. A letter or email will be sent to them outlining the plan for the lunch meeting.

***Informational Items:***

**16. *ACNP Strategic Plan update will be a discussion item on the December agenda.***

**17. *Career Development Institute (CDI) for Psychiatry at ACNP Annual Meeting***

- a. (18) Attendees are now ACNP Associate Members.
- b. (4) Attendees are now ACNP Members.

c. (1) Attendee is now an ACNP Fellow.

***18. Reminder: Past President's Lunch will no longer take place at Annual Meeting.***

***19. Reminder: ACNP Annual Meeting will be "Going Green" and there will not be printed program books or tote bags.***

The meeting concluded at 1:34 p.m. central daylight time.