

**ACNP Summer Council Meeting**  
**Sunday, July 16, 2017**  
**8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST**  
**River Room**

***Participants:***

***Anissa Abi-Dargham, presiding***

***Steve Hyman***

***Joseph Coyle***

***David Kupfer***

***Alan Frazer***

***Raquel Gur***

***Jim Meador-Woodruff***

***Antonello Bonci***

***Rita Valentino***

***Bitia Moghaddam***

***Kerry Ressler***

***Victoria Arango, Council-elect***

***Judith Ford, Council-elect***

***Ronnie Wilkins, staff***

***Sarah Timm, staff***

***Erin Shaw, staff***

***Apologies:***

***Maria Oquendo***

***Marina Wolf***

***Minutes:***

- 1. Program Committee Report*** – Patricio O’Donnell and Linda Brady joined the meeting to give an overview of the program for the ACNP 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. The Program Committee received a large increase in submissions this year over last year for the program. Each committee member reviewed approximately 12-14 proposals each. The chairs ranked the proposals based on the average scores looking at z-scores as well. There were 14 submissions with wide scoring that were either in the automatically accepted or rejected group that were discussed during the meeting along with the other 28 proposals scheduled to be discussed. There are still four slots that need to be filled, and the chairs will fill these open slots based on the program balance. This will be completed within a few days. The committee reviewed and accepted 41 of the 113 (36%) panel submissions and 10 of the 27 (37%) mini-panel submissions. They also accepted 6 of the 7 (86%) study group submissions. Of the 57 sessions accepted, 23 (40%) have female chairs and 2 have a URM (female) chair. There are 285 participants with 149 males, 136 females, and 23 URMs. 29 of the accepted sessions fulfilled RFPs. There were 12 clinical proposals accepted this year while 8 were accepted in 2016. Last year, the annual meeting trended heavy in imaging so the chairs took that into consideration this year. The *ad hoc* members only serve on the

committee for one year, but it was suggested by Council for S. Hyman to consider adding them to the Program Committee next year when choosing committee placements as they were very useful. There were several proposals with insufficient statistical information (e.g. no p values, etc.). P. O'Donnell and L. Brady will review the current instructions for submitting and propose edits for next year to be more explicit on the need for statistical data in submissions. The chairs may also want to add a special section of the abstract form dedicated to data and statistics. This should be completed by December and presented to Council. Council also questioned if the larger number of proposals this year was due to the annual meeting location being in Palm Springs or the specificity of the call for proposals. The Executive Office agreed to send a quick survey to all submission chairs to see if they submitted based on the call for proposals or the desire to attend a meeting in Palm Springs. The Executive Office will send this survey draft to the Program Committee chairs and A. Abi-Dargham to review.

- 2. *Treasurer's Report*** – D. Kupfer reviewed the Treasurer's Report and continued increase in our investments. He stated ACNP has continued to have a good year, and recommends spending our resources in some targeted ways that align with our mission. He explained our three primary investment accounts. Two have active managers (Olimpio Neu from Dallas and UBS), and the third is a Vanguard account that we manage ourselves. The fee structure that we have for both advisory groups are very low and quite reasonable. D. Kupfer explained that the College tries to keep \$1.5M to \$2M in cash and cash equivalents for things that could come up with the annual meeting, etc. We now have one named travel award in honor of Athina Markou, and that account increased from its initial investment of \$100,000 to over \$108,000 in this fiscal year. We made another investment in 2010 when ACNP decided to buy our office building in Brentwood, TN instead of renting. The value of that building continues to increase, even more than is reflected on our balance sheet. Last fiscal year, ACNP had \$4,532,689 in revenue from operations with 43% coming from Parthenon Management Group and revenue from pharmaceutical companies at 10%, the lowest number in memory.

Since our College is doing very well, we also discussed ideas for the use of our funds to further our mission. The College has already spent around \$150,000 in FY2017 on increasing Travel Awards, the APA Research Colloquium, NNCI, ASCP, and in our Journal. The College has the capacity to spend up to \$250,000 in FY2018. A. Abi-Dargham suggested the idea of a Presidential Award selected by each President to support a fellowship or a research grant to a young investigator. This would be similar to a NARSAD Award. There would have to be restrictions, such as the award winner could not be from the same institution or a mentee of the President. The Executive Office will arrange a call with A. Abi-Dargham, S. Hyman, and M. Wolf to discuss further and place this idea on a future call agenda. Another suggestion was to have a 'teaching day' at the annual meeting similar to the pre-meeting workshops at SfN. A task force was created to discuss this issue (A. Bonci, S. Hyman, B. Moghaddam, and R. Valentino) and to think about how to schedule this into our already packed annual meeting. One of the goals of this teaching day would be to "modernize" the science at our meeting by bringing in some of the people working on newer areas with more modern tools. Council has requested to see a listing of the funds committed to date in this fiscal year. The question was raised if Council should solicit ideas

from membership. The Executive Office will send a ‘call for ideas’ for investment in education and training to membership that will be drafted by A. Abi-Dargham with Council’s review. The use of our funds will be discussed on Executive Committee calls to prepare, and discussed further at the December Council meeting.

3. ***Parthenon Management Group Update*** – S. Timm reported that 43% of ACNP’s revenue comes from PMG, and that she anticipates it will be more than half of all our revenue by the end of FY2018. PMG profit has continued to grow, and is projecting profits for next year to be \$275,000 due to adding clients and growing our existing clients. PMG currently has 30 employees. PMG sees itself as more of a public benefit corporation, and has taken on some societies in the field that are struggling to get them on solid ground.
4. ***ACADIA Pharmaceutical Participating Corporation Application*** – Council reviewed and approved ACADIA Pharmaceutical as a Participating Corporation.
5. ***TRImaran Pharmaceutical Participating Corporation Application*** – Council reviewed and approved TRImaran Pharmaceutical as a Participating Corporation.
6. ***Hoch Award*** – Council discussed the 2018 Hoch Award.
7. ***Committee & Task Force Reports***
  - a. Animal Research Committee – A. Frazer commented that the newly re-established Animal Research Committee is doing a great job.
    - i. Biomedical Research Awareness Day (BRAD) Proposal –BRAD is an international campaign focused on increasing awareness of the role of animals in biomedical research and related fields. L. France is requesting a partnership between ACNP and AMP to promote BRAD at colleges and universities across the nation by donating \$10,000 a year for a total of five years to support a Fellow selected by ACNP to help organize the BRAD events with a specific charge to highlight the role that laboratory animals play in neuropsychopharmacology research. This would be \$5,000 for the fellow stipend, \$2,000 for materials and shipping costs, and \$3,000 for administrative costs and additional materials provided by AMP. Council agreed a young trainee might have more time to devote to this initiative as there will be a lot of administrative work to plan and execute BRAD. Council requested a proposal from AMP to show how the money will be used, and that they are continuing to support this initiative in the coming years. The Executive Office will request the proposal from AMP as well as ask L. France for a list of the responsibilities a Fellow would have.
    - ii. Statement of Principles on the Ethical Care of Animals for Research, Testing, and Education in Neuropsychopharmacology – Council reviewed and approved the updated statement. Council also sends their gratitude to the Animal Research Committee for reviewing this statement.
    - iii. Speaking Truth About Animal Research (STAR) Proposal – Nancy Ator, ACNP Member, represents ACNP in many alliance groups that support

animal research. This coalition of scientific societies was organized under the auspices of the American Psychological Association (APA). In 2013 and 2015, the coalition organized Congressional briefings on the importance of animal research funded by the APA. These briefings were well attended and the feedback was positive. Congressional staffers have informed the coalition that individuals and groups that support animal research rarely contact Congressional offices, yet groups against animal research are a constant presence on Capitol Hill. Speaking Truth About Animal Research is now asking for \$5,000 annually from its coalition member organizations to implement and sustain a program on semi-annual/annual briefings. Council approved to donate \$5,000 to STAR, however, asked for an annual report showing how the funds are used, who was sent to the Hill, and metrics on the success of the program.

b. Education and Training Committee

- i. Underrepresented Minority Rejected Travel Award Applicants – In previous years, the College has extended invitations at the trainee rate to the annual meeting to the underrepresented minority applicants that did not receive a travel award. This year there are currently 54 un-awarded URMs. Council discussed whether we should proceed in extending an invitation. One suggestion was to see if we could fund two more slots for the chairs to choose. S. Timm stated that the Education and Training Committee chairs, along with Yasmin Hurd, Minority Task Force co-chair, reviewed all URM applications. A. Bonci, Council liaison to the Education and Training Committee, will speak with the Education and Training Committee chairs as well as Y. Hurd to bring back a recommendation to Council. At this time, the rejected URM applicants will not receive an invitation to the meeting.
- ii. Travel Awardee Overview – The Education and Training Committee received 400 applications as compared to 345 in 2016. 55% of the applicants were women and 18% of the applicants identified themselves as an underrepresented minority. The committee awarded 60 travel awards, of which 20% were awarded to underrepresented minorities.
- iii. Steve Siegel requested to present the Athina Markou and Harry June Travel Awards at the President’s Plenary on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> with the ACNP Honorific Awards. All Travel Awardees will be presented at the Travel Award Luncheon this year instead of at the Travel Award Reception during the annual meeting. Council decided to include a slide during the President’s Plenary with the Travel Awardee’s names listed, and requested them to stand for applause. There will be an explicit mention of the Harry June and Athina Markou travel fellowship award winners during this time. This presentation could bring attention to have other members contribute to our travel award program.

- c. Membership Committee – Currently, our policy manual states that Membership Committee members are not eligible to apply for promotion during their tenure. The promotion process has been simplified since this policy was approved in 2009. Council approved to remove this exclusion from the policy manual.
  - d. Women’s Task Force – The Women’s Task Force requested Council to approve their recommendation to have Jennifer Sheridan be the plenary and networking lunch speaker. The plenary session is on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and is replacing the Women’s Reception. Both talks will be on implicit bias. Vaishali Bakshi provided J. Sheridan’s curriculum vitae, and described the many reasons that she would be a good speaker to our audience. J. Sheridan is the Research Director/Executive Director for the Women in Science and Engineering Leadership Institute (WISELI). Council agreed implicit bias training would be a good thing to offer to attendees, and approved to invite her to be the speaker.
  - e. Committee Updates – Council reviewed the committee updates.
8. ***ACNP, APA, and SOBP Education Work Group*** – K. Ressler updated Council on the work that Kristina Deligiannidis and the education work group have been doing to propose cross-meeting career development of our travel awardees as well as further development of the pipeline of early career investigators across Societies. The work group has proposed to create events at the ACNP and SOBP annual meetings for current/past travel awardees focused on career development, social engagement, and peer mentorship amongst awardees that are already attending that meeting. This would also include a longitudinal mentorship program and increasing communication and collaboration of travel awardees within their “class” year and across class years. Some suggestions were to create areas on the websites dedicated to prior travel awardees to post updates and create a social media page for each class. Council approved for the education work group to continue discussion with further collaborative efforts/ideas between organizations for career development with the understanding that they would need to review budgets/proposals with different options. The Education Committees for ACNP, APA, and SOBP will need to stay involved for planning. Council members, S. Hyman, R. Valentino, and A. Bonci will discuss this in their workgroup as well to make sure these programs will help with our broader goal to enhance the field and what ACNP is trying to accomplish. The education work group is also interested in learning how our professional Societies can collaboratively partner with NIAAA and NIDA efforts in substance use disorders educational activities. R. Valentino, NIDA, would also like to join these calls.
9. ***APA Research Colloquium*** - Council agreed to uphold their commitment to offer a half-day booster session on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> for the APA Research Colloquium participants at the ACNP Annual Meeting. K. Ressler has agreed to oversee the session. This half day training will consist of four, one-hour sessions on grantsmanship, navigating an academic career, having a recently funded young faculty member discuss their trajectory, and choosing your mentor. K. Ressler will work with the Executive Office on appointing a chair, co-chair (if desired) and four speakers. Anand Kumar, ACNP Fellow, and Zachary Stowe, ACNP Member, both volunteered to chair the session. The speakers will be chosen

from the list of ACNP members who were the 2017 Research Colloquium mentors. There were 49 APA Research Colloquium participants, but not everyone would benefit from attending the ACNP Annual Meeting. The Executive Office will send invitations for the trainee registration rate to the ACNP Annual Meeting. The half-day booster session will serve as a test year, and Council will review feedback once complete.

**10. Proposal for Latin American Researchers to attend the Annual Meeting** – Last year, A. Frazer started an initiative to reach out to and educate researchers from Latin America about the College. The luncheon at last year's annual meeting was useful to start this conversation. Katia Gysling and Clarissa Gama, invited guests at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, were asked to provide ten names to invite to this year's meeting with a balance of gender and clinical/pre-clinical. A. Frazer will work with Council to select five of these researchers to invite to the meeting this year. The average costs inviting five Latin American researchers to last year's annual meeting were \$254 per person, per night for the hotel, around \$784 per person for the flight, and waived registration of \$800 per person. Council discussed if they would like this to be an annual initiative due to financial obligations. Currently, there is no organization like ACNP in their countries where clinical and pre-clinical meet. One suggestion was to start an ACNP chapter in Latin America where the researchers who attend the ACNP Annual Meeting can educate their early career researchers, scientists, and local universities on ACNP, our mission, and what they learned at the annual meeting. This will be a further discussion item at the Council meeting in December.

**11. Emeritus Status in the College** – R. Wilkins reminded Council that Fellows and Members who have been members of the College for at least ten years and have reached the age of 65 may apply for Emeritus Status. Fellows and Members who have been granted Emeritus status shall receive all official material distributed to the membership, however, shall not pay dues and may or may not attend annual meetings. ACNP currently has 178 ACNP Fellows and Members who are eligible to gain Emeritus status, but have not requested it, and another 33 who will become eligible in the coming year. There was a concern if the College advertised this to the members, there is risk that a large percentage will request the change in membership, which would therefore open up a large number of new membership slots. There are currently around 250 Emeritus members, and around 50 attended the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Council agreed to not advertise the opportunity at this time.

**12. Abstract Disclosures** – S. Timm provided Council with a letter ACNP received from Michael Detke, ACNP Fellow, with constructive feedback on our abstract disclosures. M. Detke explains that other Societies in which he is a member of only ask him to list disclosures relevant to the presentation. Council reviewed the current ACNP disclosure as well as Amedco's, ACCME accreditor, general disclosure policy. ACNP requests a full disclosure for the past two years as Amedco requires a full disclosure for one year. Council agreed the standard disclosure policy should be the similar to the ACCME disclosure. The Executive Office will edit our current policy and have the Ethics Committee review before Council reviews at the meeting in December.

**13. American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology (ASCP)** – ASCP was very appreciative of the \$20,000 donation from ACNP for the 2017 ASCP Annual Clinical Trials Workshop,

and has requested support of \$20,000 for their 2018 Annual Clinical Trials Workshop. Also, ASCP would like to invite ACNP to partner with them. The workshop is a one-day training on how to put together a clinical trial. Supporting the workshop last year was part of A. Abi-Dargham's initiative to bring in more clinical scientists into the field. ASCP wants to develop closer ties with ANCP as there are shared members as well as to bring in more people. The donation is in line with supporting education with our extra funds. Council agreed to donate for one more year with the explanation that ACNP cannot continue to support due to other emerging initiatives that will need our support. The Executive Office will also include in the letter an invitation to participate in the ACNP, APA, SOBP Education work group that focuses on providing education to trainees.

**14. Annual Meeting 2022** – S. Timm presented San Juan, Orlando, Hollywood, Florida, and New Orleans as options for the 2022 Annual Meeting. Since ACNP has not had an opportunity to meet in San Juan or Orlando, it is hard to gauge the success of these venues. S. Timm presented an option to change our meeting rotation of two years east coast and one year west coast to go back west in 2022, allowing the College to tries of Orlando in 2019 and San Juan in 2021 for future bookings. Other meeting locations are 2018: Hollywood, Florida; 2019: Orlando, 2020: Phoenix; 2021: San Juan. Council approved changing the meeting location in 2022 to the west coast. Since our meeting is continuing to grow, it has become harder to find a warm climate, not in a convention center, and convenience of travel for domestic and international attendees. Council requested S. Timm to present options for San Diego, Santa Fe, Phoenix, and Las Vegas at the December Council Meeting. A decision will be made at that time.

***Informational Items:***

**15. Thank you letter from the 2017 ASCP Clinical Trials Workshop for ACNP's Support.**

**16. Nomenclature in Publications** – D. Kupfer stated the American Psychiatric Association (APA) had a plenary at their annual meeting in San Diego for the nomenclature.

**17. ACNP Support for NNCI** – K. Ressler updated Council on the status of the curriculum. NNCI was appreciative of the \$20,000 from ACNP's donation and SOBP matched the funding. Council agreed that this is a good thing, and would like to see how this gets adopted and implemented. NNCI will continue to receive funding until April 2018. The British are also redoing their curriculum.