

ACNP Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 10, 2015
9:00am – 12:00pm
The Diplomat Resort
Hollywood, Florida – Room 319-320

Alan Frazer, Presiding

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

Executive Director: Ronnie Wilkins
Staff: Sarah Timm
Laura Hill
Jacque Loftus

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.

1. ***2021 ACNP Annual Meeting Location Discussion*** – Council discussed options on the eastern side of the US. Council was not enthusiastic about continuing to come to the Diplomat in future years with the issues we had this year with internet, food and beverage, etc. We have contracts signed with the Diplomat for 2018 and 2019, however, we do have an out-clause for those years 30-days post 2016 Annual Meeting. Council agreed to evaluate the hotel during/after the annual meeting in 2016. The Executive Office will investigate the options of Orlando and Puerto Rico for 2018, 2019 and 2021. The proposals will be evaluated in the summer Council meeting. Council would also like to look at the attendance number of trainees from the Hawaii meeting to determine if it was impacted. Those numbers will be provided in the summer council meeting.
2. ***PMG Board Report/Board Reappointments*** – Carol Tamminga and Wolfgang Fleischhacker term ends in 2016. Council agreed to reappoint them for another five-year term. R. Wilkins term on the board continues until 2017. He would like to stay on the PMG Board longer.

3. ***Timeline to Assess Readiness for Membership in the College*** – M. Wolf revised the timeline which will be an aide to those applying for membership for discussion and posting on the website. Council agreed the document would be appropriate for posting on the ACNP website. A video to accompany the document was suggested, but was not approved. Council reviewed the website and agreed that the information is readily available. The Executive Office will look at reorganization of the web page navigation with the website editor, Dave Sibley. M. Wolf will be included in the review and reorganization of the page.
4. ***Nomenclature Update*** – D. Kupfer updated Council on the nomenclature project with ECNP, CINF and several of the Asian societies. The app they have published is being updated and translated into a number of languages. ECNP is working with editors to implement these changes in publications. There is a push for outreach to residency training directors to incorporate the nomenclature into their curricula. There is an ACNP workgroup dedicated to working with the ECNP group. Council would like to encourage ECNP to engage ASPET to become engaged in the initiative. Including this in the APSET and SfN programs in the coming years would also be important. The ACNP workgroup will continue to liaise and work with ECNP on the continued development.
5. ***APA Research Colloquium for Young Investigators*** – A. Frazer updated Council on co-sponsorship request by SOBP and ACNP. This program brings new investigators to a one day program in which they get mentoring, are able to present posters to senior faculty, and are able to discuss careers in academic psychiatry. The program is conducted as a one day meeting between the SOBP meeting and the APA meeting. Council agreed the program is worthwhile and part of our mission. The colloquium would be co-branded to include all the associations who sponsor the initiative. There is interest from the organizers in having a booster session at the ACNP Annual Meeting. The group is looking for an investment of \$25K. Council would like to see the metrics/outcome data for the graduates of the program. They would also like to know the overlap for participants in the colloquium and the ACNP travel fellowships. It will be important for the College to have facetime with the attendees to educate them about ACNP. Since M. Oquendo was in conflict, she left the room prior to the vote. Council agreed to support the initiative by giving \$20K to the initiative for one year only. They would like the Education and Training Committee and the URM Task Force to become involved in the initiative so that they may evaluate the effectiveness of the program and consider it as an ongoing program of ACNP.
6. ***Harry June Memorial Travel Award for a Minority Scientist to attend the meeting*** – R. Wilkins updated the group on the request from George Koob to fund the award. Rather than offering a lump sum of money for the award, G. Koob would like to fund the award annually. Council approved the request. The Education and Training Committee will choose the awardee.
7. ***Committee Report Follow-up***

- a) *Audit Committee* – The report was reviewed and approved.
- b) *Education & Training Committee* – Council reviewed the report. The committee would like approval from Council to formally change the eligibility criteria for MDs to include fellowships as their final training. The policy would now read that an applicant would be eligible five years from their last training (including a fellowship) to apply for a travel award.

Council also discussed how we could continue to increase the number of awards and how those awards will be funded. The Executive Office did submit grants for funding this year and Janssen supported the travel award program with a grant for \$20K in 2015. We also have a \$20K grant pending from Lilly for 2016. The Lundbeck Foundation may be an option. The current chair, Kathleen Merikangas, suggested that institutes other than NIMH fund this initiative. Council will charge the Education and Training Committee to investigate foundation funding for travel awards in addition to industry funding and government funding. Additionally, Council would like to see an increased communication between the URM Task Force and the Education and Training Committee. Mentor and mentee matching was challenging this year. We had more people wanting mentors than we had volunteers. Council would like the committee to consider better guidelines for mentors. The guidelines should include areas for discussion and interactions with the mentees. This would include guidance for interaction with mentees. Council would like to strongly encourage Associate Members to mentor trainees. The letter in the new member packet should include encouragement to new and Associate Members to mentor in the coming year.

- c) *Public Information Committee* – The report was reviewed by Council. Five press releases from the Annual Meeting were sent out this year. They would like to do more press releases on hot topics from the journal in the coming year.

- d) *Publications Committee* – The report was reviewed.

8. *Presidential Initiatives for 2016 – Alan Frazer, Advice on Implementation of Initiatives*

- Involve international members – A. Frazer explained that he intentionally added more international members to committees in the College. Council discussed how they could be involved in educating internationally. There was not enthusiasm for an international education effort. M. Oquendo agreed to investigate what opportunities there may be for us in this arena. Council would like to look at organizations in Cuba and South America to discuss bringing them to our meeting and assisting with their educational efforts. Council approved targeting three countries and no more than six

people being invited to our meeting. The Executive Office will pull a list of members from South America for A. Frazer to contact. Some of those members are: Euripedes Miguel, Jair Soares, Julio Licinio, Patricio O'Donnell, and Javier Escobar.

- Explore ways to counter actions/messages from groups such as PETA – A. Frazer suggested that develop an Animal Research Task Force, chaired by Nancy Ator, to look at how the ACNP can be more involved. Council approved the request. They would like the task force to also be involved with other organizations with initiatives in this area. Additionally, A. Frazer suggested that we engage NABR and Frankie Trull. The ACNP currently is a member of NABR and pays dues annually. F. Trull is asking that we support with funding the cost of a newsletter or for future op-eds in newspapers. We are interested also in discussing animal rights issues on the hill. Council approved donating \$10K as a presidential initiative. The Executive Committee will discuss specific items we would like the money to be used for.
- Rapid response system for ACNP statements – Council discussed the ability to rapidly respond to issues. As issues arise, Council will be asked to determine people who can address quickly.

9. **Honoric Awards** – J. Coyle suggested that during the honorific awards ceremony rather than reading the requirements for the awards, we should tell a bit about the awardee and why they received the award, their accomplishments.
10. **Name Badges** – J. Coyle proposed that we add institutions to the name badges. Council approved the proposal. We will also add ribbons to Council badges identifying council members.
11. **Program Issues** – For 2016, we will need to provide stools by podiums for people who are unable to see over the podium. The Program Committee discussed how to better maintain discussion time during sessions. There also is a need for better enforcement of chairs not having slides in order keep sessions on time.

The meeting concluded at 12:06 p.m.