

**ACNP Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, December 8, 2015**  
**6:00pm – 11:00pm**  
**The Diplomat, Hollywood, Florida**  
**Room 319-320**

*Raquel Gur, Presiding*

Anissa Abi-Dargham  
Barry Everitt  
Alan Frazer  
Suzanne Haber  
Raquel Gur  
Peter Kalivas  
David Kupfer  
David Lewis  
Robert Malenka  
James Meador-Woodruff  
Maria Oquendo  
David Rubinow  
Marina Wolf

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

Secretary-Elect: Joseph Coyle  
Council-Elect: Antonello Bonci (Council-Elect have voice but no vote)  
Rita Valentino

***Conflict of Interest Forms were reviewed prior to start of the meeting by Raquel Gur, President, David Rubinow, Secretary, and Ronnie Wilkins, Executive Director per the Conflict of Interest Policy for Council.***

- 1. Ethics Committee Report*** – Rita Valentino and William Bunney reported to Council on behalf of the Ethics Committee. The committee discussed the need for a dedicated slot on the program for a presentation related to Ethical Issues in Neuropsychopharmacology. The committee requests from Council that a session be dedicated to the Ethics committee to develop annually, specifically on ethical issues in the field. The committee discussed topics for the session for 2016. The proposed session will be on Gene Editing research. Council discussed the proposal and agreed it is important to have ethics issues on the program, but they did not want to have a permanent slot on the program, even though they recognize it may be hard to compete with other panels. Council agreed to review the proposal from the committee this year once the proposal is finalized. A decision would then be made prior to the meeting of

the Program Committee for next year's meeting. In future years, if the committee has a topic for a session, they can present the topic to Council for consideration.

The committee also raised the issue of supporting a researcher who has been under attack by PETA for his research using animals. Stephen Suomi, a NIH researcher who studies how early environment shapes behavior, conducts research that involves separating young monkeys from their mothers, measuring their addiction to alcohol, and monitoring their long-term stress levels. Recently, PETA targeted both Suomi and Francis Collins, publishing their home addresses and sending letters to their neighbors. The Ethics Committee suggested that the ACNP write a letter of support for S. Suomi to the NIH to let them know we are in support and condemning the harassment tactics used by PETA. The letter may also go to the Washington Post. Council agreed to review the background of the case and the letter sent by APA and consider a letter from ACNP. An alternative position would be promoting a statement about the College's position on use of animals in research.

2. ***Liaison Committee Report*** – Mark Rasenick and Natalie Rasgon gave the report from the committee. The committee has been active on the hill by participating in the SfN Hill Day, sponsoring a Congressional Neuroscience Caucus and conducting several Hill visits independently. The committee has discussed how to better engage advocacy affiliates. There has been little involvement in the College from our affiliates. In the coming year, the committee would like to:
  - a. Continue their advocacy efforts on the Hill. This could be by strategic visits to the Hill, visits with other organizations like ABC and SfN, and by conducting Congressional Neuroscience Caucus briefings.
  - b. The committee proposed that the ACNP create a public health service award. The award could be given to T. Murphy (R PA). The College could invite him to attend the meeting to receive the award and to present in a specially designed symposium. Council discussed and agreed that we will not offer a public service award.
  - c. The committee endorses a Brain Initiative/Brain Project (in Europe) panel session for the 2016 Annual Meeting. D. Wong plans to resubmit the panel next year. He would like the committee to informally advocate for the acceptance of the panel and that it will be scheduled earlier in the week of the meeting. Council agreed the session can be submitted for review by the Program Committee, but special consideration will not be recommended.
3. ***Membership Advisory Task Force*** – Christina Barr and Vaishali Bakshi gave the report from the task force. They were joined by Associate Members, Daniel Mueller and Srjan Sen. The task force asked the Council to consider the following:
  - a. Extension of Associate Member Due to Life Circumstance – The task force would like Council to consider an allowance of additional years (past seven years) of Associate Membership due to life circumstances that may have interrupted the member's work in the field. In order to extend Associate Membership past seven years, the ACNP bylaws will need to be amended. Council agreed to ask the Membership Committee to evaluate this issue.

- L. Hill stated that she often hears of applicants for associate member who have had a significant life event slowing their research who believe they are not ready to apply for Associate Membership. The Membership Committee will be asked to consider this issue as well.
- b. **Membership Composition of Task Force** - The task force would like representation from the Membership Committee on the task force. D. Lewis suggested having members from the Membership Committee who rotate off the committee serve as advisors to those applying for membership. These members and their contact information could be posted on the website or given during inquires. Council approved asking recent past members from the Membership Committee to participate as ‘membership advisors.’
  - c. **Childcare** – The task force would like to have childcare offered during the poster session or some sort of activity for children. Council approved adding childcare during the poster session.
  - d. **Networking Time at the Meeting** - Open up time in the meeting for more informal networking. One item could be a scientific speed dating session for junior people (travel awardees and associate members) at the meeting. Council was in favor of the speed dating concept. The challenge is finding time in the program for an additional event. Council would like the task force to examine where this could be included in the program.
  - e. **Continuation of Task Force** – The task force agreed that the current Associate Member Task Force-related activities – facilitation (by a group of Associate Members and new regular members of the annual survey on the perceptions of new or prospective members of the College, a dedicated poster at the annual meeting, career development session, Associate Member reception, and advising on issues important to new members - are a critical part of the mission of the College. While significant progress has been made thus far, survey results plus conversations that task force members have had with junior meeting attendees indicate that certain negative impressions about the College still need to be addressed. The task force plans a number of new initiatives to address these issues. The task force leadership anticipates that more than one year will be required to implement the new initiatives, so they requested Council to consider extending the ‘lifespan’ of the task force or to possibly consider converting it to a standing committee. Council approved the extension of the task force.
4. ***Past President Luncheon*** – Council agreed to end the Past President’s luncheon, but to possibly include an informal breakfast. The time on Sunday should be filled with the URM task force luncheon.
5. ***Program Committee*** – Bitu Moghaddam reported on behalf of the Program Committee. She requested consideration on:
- a. **Committee Membership** - that incoming president’s consult with the chair and co-chair of the Program Committee when making decisions on committee membership. This will allow for coverage of expertise gaps caused by attrition.

- b. Presenter Changes - For 2016, the Program Committee proposes that we ask session chairs of accepted sessions to have two or more replacement speakers in mind should an emergency occur with a presenter.
- c. Acknowledgement of all Authors on Session Proposals – An issue was raised where a panel proposal was submitted (not accepted) and a co-author on a study proposed for inclusion was unaware of the submission. B. Moghaddam questioned if we need an attestation from the submitter that all authors are aware of the proposed presentation during the submission process. Council discussed the issue and agreed an additional attestation was not needed.

6. **Membership Committee Report** - Linda Porrino and Victoria Arango presented the Membership Committee report. The committee received 57 new member nominations. The committee is recommending 39 for membership. Only 16 of the 57 applicants were women. Of those, 10 women were accepted. There were five URM applications and the committee accepted two. There were nine corporate applications and the committee accepted four. While more industry representatives were accepted this year, there is still a challenge evaluating industry nominations with academic nominations. This will need further monitoring in future years.

For associate membership, there were 52 nominations. The committee recommended 31 of those applications for associate membership. 21 of the 52 applicants were women. Of those, 13 women were accepted. There were six URM applications and four were accepted. There were no industry members that applied for associate member. Of the total 86 slots, 70 were used.

81 Members applied for promotion to fellow. Of those, 57 (70%) were eligible for automatic promotion. The remaining 24 were reviewed by the committee. Of the 24 reviewed, 14 (58%) were approved for promotion to fellow. Of the total applicants for promotion to fellow, 71 (88%) were promoted.

The committee proposed that the current data subcommittee use the current database to develop metrics to look at predictors for membership. The metrics could also be examined for industry applicants to assist with assessment of those applications. These metrics would not be used for decision making. Council agreed this subcommittee should proceed in working on these metrics.

Council proposed reaching out to the URMs who were not accepted for membership and encouraging them to reapply for membership. Council suggested using the past membership committee members as advisors to review the rejected URM applications and then reach out in a mentoring manner to help the applicants grow in their careers. Ultimately, Council agreed that the original member nominator should do this outreach after consulting with the Membership Chair. L. Porrino will be asked to contact these nominators.

D. Lewis proposed that the Membership Committee develop a form letter for nominations. Council approved the development of a nomination form letter.

- **Associate Members Approved**

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| ○ R. Alison Adcock | ○ Kristin Bigos     |
| ○ Albert Arias     | ○ Camron Bryant     |
| ○ Darrick Balu     | ○ Thilo Deckersbach |

- Christine Denny
- Gabriel Dichter
- David Dietz
- Kate Fitzgerald
- Christie Fowler
- Juan Gallego
- Charles Gillespie
- Sergio Iniguez
- Amy Janes
- Shin-ichi Kano
- Mazen Kheirbek
- Mary Kay Lobo
- Hirofumi Morishita

- Karen Parker
- Jonathan Posner
- Alan Prossin
- Tarek Rajji
- Kathryn Reissner
- W. Kyle Simmons
- April Thames
- Daniela Tropea
- Jill Turner
- Hiroyuki Uchida
- James Waltz
- Catharine Winstanley

- ***Full Members Approved***

- Robert Alexander
- Tracy Bale
- Moses Chao
- Colin Dourish
- Erika Forbes
- Kenji Hashimoto
- Gregor Hasler
- Ian Hickie
- Paul Holtzheimer
- Yasmin Hurd
- Gitte Knudsen
- Evelyn Lambe
- Scott Langenecker
- Ruth Lanius
- Christian Luscher
- Robert Malison
- Sanjay Mathew
- Robert Messing
- Michael Nader
- Jonathan Rabinowitz

- Victor Reus
- Zachary Rodd
- Dorit Ron
- Randal Ross
- Laura Rowland
- Martha Sajatovic
- Jordan Smoller
- James Swain
- Warren Taylor
- Dardo Tomasi
- Jason Tregellas
- Gustavo Turecki
- Eric Turner
- Daniel Umbricht
- Kimberly Vanover
- Jeremy Veenstra-VanderWeele
- Eric Vermetten
- Kimberly Yonkers
- Jared Young

- ***Promotion to Fellow Approved***

- Susan Amara
- Susan Andersen
- Paul Appelbaum
- Christina Barr
- Jill Becker
- Sabina Berretta
- Kathleen Brady
- Nicholas Brandon

- John Bruno
- Monte Buchsbaum
- Vince Calhoun
- Jose Canive
- Linda Carpenter
- Yue Chen
- Wilson Compton
- William Coryell

- Melissa DelBello
- Erica Duncan
- Mary-Anne Enoch
- Charles France
- Mark Frye
- Jon Grant
- R. Adron Harris
- Elliot Hong
- Thomas Hyde
- Lars Jarskog
- Rene Kahn
- Amir Kalali
- James Kennedy
- Sidney Kennedy
- Bruce Kinon
- Harold Koenigsberg
- Adrienne Lahti
- Helen Lavretsky
- Ellen Leibenluft
- Caryn Lerman
- Marco Leyton
- Kelvin Lim
- Bertha Madras
- Graeme Mason
- Colleen McClung
- Kalpana Merchant
- Jeffrey Meyer
- F. Gerard Moeller
- Ziad Nahas
- Thomas Neylan
- Vishwajit Nimgaonkar
- Stephanie O'Malley
- Mani Pavuluri
- Bradley Peterson
- Daniel Pine
- Daniele Piomelli
- Nunzio Pomara
- Susan Powell
- John Ragland
- Kurt Rasmussen
- Barbara Rothbaum
- Scott Russo
- Susan Schultz
- Barry Setlow
- Cynthia Shannon Weickert
- M. Katherine Shear
- Etienne Sibille
- Pamela Sklar
- Edith Sullivan
- John Sweeney
- Michael Thase
- Madhukar Trivedi
- Guochuan Tsai
- Sophia Vinogradov
- George Woody
- Deborah Yurgelun-Todd

The committee also reviewed several members for non-attendance. For each of those members, the committee chose to terminate membership.

7. ***Business Meeting Agenda*** - The business meeting agenda was reviewed.
8. R. Gur thanked the council members rotating off of Council. They are David Lewis, David Rubinow, Suzanne Haber and Rob Malenka.

***The meeting concluded at 9:37 p.m.***