

*Council Quarterly Call*  
*Tuesday, April 24, 2018*  
*2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Eastern*  
*Dial-in: 800-501-8979, pin # 3242374*

*Participants:*

*Steve Hyman*

*David Kupfer*

*Maria Oquendo*

*Alan Frazer*

*Kerry Ressler*

*Rita Valentino*

*Anissa Abi-Dargham*

*Trevor Robbins (elect)*

*Sarah Timm, staff*

*Erin Shaw, staff*

*Minutes:*

1. ***ACNP FY19 Budget*** – D. Kupfer and S. Timm discussed the proposed FY19 budget with Council. It was stated that income from publications and Parthenon Management Group is enabling the College to project a slight profit or a break-even operationally. However, the College will not see an operational profit in FY18. This is mainly due to the expense of the annual meeting. The annual meeting registration income does not cover the food and beverage expense alone, not including all other expenses around the meeting. D. Kupfer and S. Timm recommended that Council pass along a slight registration increase over the next few years so the College is able to continue to provide funding to our special projects that support our mission. Council agreed there needs to be a balanced operating budget. Council was in favor of increasing the registration fees by \$20 for all registration categories, except for trainee, over the next four years. Council has requested the Executive Office provide a brief, but clear memo explaining the increase. S. Timm will provide this information in her Director's Notes for the May Bulletin. It was suggested for D. Kupfer to discuss in this year's Business Meeting as well. Council unanimously approved the FY19 budget.
2. ***ACNP Core Values*** – There is currently not a commitment to diversity in the Core Values on the ACNP website. Council discussed the proposed commitment to diversity:
  - **Proposed:** Commitment to Diversity. The College and its members actively promotes and recognizes principles of fairness, equity, and social justice in relation to, and across, intersections of race, age, color, disability, faith, religion, ancestry, national origin, citizenship, sex, sexual orientation, social class, economic class, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, and all other identities represented among our diverse membership.

The Council members on the call were all in favor of adding a commitment to diversity statement to the Core Values. Council discussed the proposed statement and agreed there

needs to be some editing. S. Timm will provide edits to the statement to send by email for Council's edits/approval.

3. ***New Award Proposed by Liaison Committee for Congressional Engagement*** – K. Ressler and S. Timm discussed the proposed new ACNP Public Service Award from the Liaison Committee. This award proposal was presented to Council a couple of years ago, but it was not passed. The Public Service Award is intended to be an expression of appreciation from the College toward outstanding public leaders who provide complete, accurate, and unbiased information about brain and behavior disorders. The honoree may be a member of the government, an advocacy organization, or a public education initiative that promotes increased awareness of brain research and the impact it has on people's lives. Council discussed a congress person/politician would probably not be able to attend the annual meeting. Council agreed if the award winner was an elected official at a national level, it would be beneficial to present the award to that person on Capitol Hill during Hill Day, etc. The committee also requested to have the award winner speak during the meeting, but S. Timm communicated it would be hard to fit into an already packed meeting schedule. Council has requested the Liaison Committee amend the award details to be more pragmatic by presenting the award in D.C. if the winner is an elected official, and at the annual meeting if the winner is with an advocacy organization, etc. S. Timm will revise the guidelines for K. Ressler to review before submitting back to the Liaison Committee for updates.
4. ***Corporate Support Categories*** – The Liaison Committee is requesting an expansion of the corporate support categories to include those who do not do original research but are involved in technology research, etc. Below are the current categories:

**ACNP Current Defined Levels of Participating Corporation Support:**

**1. Full Participating Corporation:**

a. Annual fee of \$75,000; Full Participating Corporations that pay an annual fee of \$75,000 are allowed 20 Designated Representatives, each of whom may register for the Annual Meeting at the member rate. At least 15 of the Designated Representatives must be scientists involved in CNS research.

b. Annual fee of \$50,000; Full Participating Corporations that pay an annual fee of \$50,000 are allowed 12 Designated Representatives, each of whom may register for the Annual Meeting at the member rate. At least 9 of the Designated Representatives must be scientists involved in CNS research.

**2. Associate Participating Corporation:**

a. Annual fee of \$25,000; Associate Participating Corporations that pay an annual fee of \$25,000 are allowed 5 Designated Representatives, each of whom may register for the Annual Meeting at the member rate. At least 4 of the Designated Representatives must be scientists involved in CNS research.

b. Annual fee of \$12,500; Associate Participating Corporations that pay an annual

fee of \$12,500 are allowed 3 Designated Representatives, each of whom may register for the Annual Meeting at the member rate. At least 2 of the Designated Representatives must be scientists involved in CNS research.

***Proposed New Categories:***

**3. Other Participating Corporations:**

a. Annual fee of \$12,500; Other Participating Corporations are organizations that are not conducting original research but are contributing to the growth of the CNS research field. These corporations will pay an annual fee of \$12,500 and are allowed 3 Designated Representatives, each of whom may register for the Annual Meeting at the member rate. At least 2 of the Designated Representatives must be scientists involved in CNS research.

b. Annual fee of \$3,000-\$4,000; This is for Participating Corporations that are small technology start-up companies that may or may not be conducting original research but are contributing to the growth of the CNS research field. These corporations will pay an annual fee of \$3,000-\$4,000 and are allowed 1-2 Designated Representatives, each of whom may register for the Annual Meeting at the member rate. At least 1 of the Designated Representatives must be a scientist involved in CNS research.

Council agreed this is a good idea and questioned if the committee already has corporations in mind. K. Ressler and S. Timm discussed the annual fee of \$12,500 would be for a CRO company, where the annual fee of \$3,000-\$4,000 would be more for a start-up biotech. Council has requested the Liaison Committee place more details in the descriptions to have a better distinction between the two new proposed categories, and present back to Council on a future call.

5. ***Charge to Constitution and Rules Committee*** – The Constitution and Rules Committee was charged with considering changing the name “Emeritus” to “Distinguished” (Distinguished Member or Distinguished Fellow) as Council questioned if emeritus could have a negative tone in their December meeting. The committee has requested that before a name change of “Emeritus” to “Distinguished” is made, the Executive Office clarify in the bylaws and advertise the full benefits and privileges of emeritus status to the eligible members of the College to see if there is an impact before changing the name. The committee also reviewed the bylaws and recommended minor edits. Amendments to the bylaws of the College may be proposed by a two-thirds vote of Council or by petition of ten percent of the Fellows without approval of Council. Approval requires a favorable response from two-thirds of members who vote. Council agreed it was a good idea to present the proposed edits to membership to clearly define the benefits of emeritus in hopes more eligible members will change their status. If after advertising the benefits of emeritus and eligible members are still not changing their membership status, then Council will need discuss further a possible name change for the future.
6. ***Chilean Society in Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery*** – As a follow-up to the April 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee call, Council suggested M. Oquendo and Carlos Zarate for possible ACNP members to act as an “ACNP Ambassador” to give a plenary talk and

network with Latin American researchers at the Chilean Society of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery. Pablo Moya, Latin American Advisory Group member from Chile, is part of the Neurogenetics and Genomics Working Group at the Chilean Society of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery. Their annual meeting will be held November 8-10, 2018 in Pucón, Chile and holds 1,000-5,000 physicians, mainly from University Hospitals, private practice, and academics and translational research. This year the meeting will be held along with the II Meeting of the World Associate of Social Psychiatry. The College will support the funding for this member to attend. M. Oquendo stated she would review her calendar for availability and report back. If she is not available, then Council will ask C. Zarate.

7. ***Latin American Researcher's Initiative*** – Council approved \$15,000 in their December meeting to fund the Latin American initiative in 2018. The past two years, the College has covered the hotel, flight, ground transportation and registration for the invited guests from Latin America to attend the annual meeting. Council agreed to use the funding to cover the expenses of the non-members of the Latin American Advisory Group to attend this year's annual meeting.
8. ***Travel Awardee Categories*** – S. Hyman and Marina Wolf received an email from an ACNP Fellow pointing out that there is not currently a category applicable for those in PharmD-Ph.D. programs in our travel awards. Currently, there are three categories for travel awardee applicants (Junior level, Senior level, and M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. Student Trainee). Council agreed to incorporate this category by revising our existing award qualifications and have the Education and Training Committee review.
9. ***Membership Applications*** – There are currently special considerations for industry applicants applying for membership to the College, however, there is not for government applicants. R. Valentino volunteered to discuss having the Membership Committee make a proposal on how to move forward with Lisa Monteggia, Membership Committee chair.
10. ***Call for Panels, Mini-Panels, and Study Groups*** – Linda Brady and Susan Amara, Program Committee chairs, received feedback from a member who did not want to submit a proposal for the 2018 annual meeting program since the College is asking for all participants in a session be available for all meeting days. The call for proposals currently reads: "All participants in a session must commit to attending the meeting and to be available for all meeting days." Council agreed the sentence should not be removed as it is important to have presenters available to ease scheduling challenges. L. Brady recommended to clarify that all presenters be available for all meeting days for the purpose of scheduling accepted panels, mini-panels, study groups, and encourage accepted presenters to attend the full meeting to the extent possible. Council approved this recommendation. The Executive Office will update this sentence on the call for proposals for the next reminder email to membership.

### **Information Items:**

#### ***11. April Committee Updates***

**12. ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellowship** – Stephanie Maddox, Research Fellow at McLean Hospital/Harvard University, accepted the ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellowship and has completed her onboarding paperwork. S. Maddox has officially started and is planning a BRAD event at McLean later this month.

**13. Annual Meeting Report** – The report was provided to Council for review. The report will be forwarded to the Program Committee for review as they prepare to score the 2018 submissions.

**14. 2019 ACNP Officer and Council Election** – Our newly elected Officer and Council Members:

- a.** President-elect:
  - i. Maria Oquendo, M.D., Ph.D.
- b.** Council (three-year term):
  - i. Helen S. Mayberg, M.D.
  - ii. Trevor W. Robbins, C.B.E., FRS, Ph.D.