

ACNP Summer Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, July 15, 2018
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST
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Participants:

Steve Hyman, presiding

Marina Wolf

Joseph Coyle

Maria Oquendo

Anissa Abi-Dargham

Alan Frazer

Antonello Bonci

Rita Valentino

Bitia Moghaddam

Kerry Ressler

Victoria Arango

Judith Ford

David Kupfer, via teleconference

Sarah Timm, staff

Erin Shaw, staff

Apologies:

Helen Mayberg, Council-elect

Trevor Robbins, Council-elect

Minutes:

- 1. Program Committee Report*** – Linda Brady and Susan Amara joined the meeting to give an overview of the program for the ACNP 57th Annual Meeting. The Program Committee received fewer submissions than last year in Palm Springs, but more than 2016 when we were last in Hollywood, Florida. The chairs ranked the proposals based on the average scores looking at z-scores as well. The committee discussed 28 submissions during the meeting that were not automatically accepted/rejected based on scoring. The committee discussed three additional sessions during the meeting that committee members brought up for review that were originally in the accepted or rejected groupings. All slots have been filled based on program balance. The committee and chairs reviewed and accepted 41 of the 98 (42%) panel submissions, 6 of the 18 (33%) mini-panel submissions, and 12 of the 16 (75%) study group submissions. Of the 59 sessions accepted, 29 (49%) have female chairs and 2 have a URM (female) chair. 35 of the accepted sessions fulfilled RFPs. The chairs requested Council consider updating the categories of how science is defined and believe this will help in assigning reviewers for next year. Council advised that SfN updated their categories two years ago and the process could be pragmatic. B. Moghaddam volunteered to assist the Program Committee and chairs with this process as she had experience in assisting SfN. The Program Committee will review during their

December committee meeting and report back to Council with the updated categories for 2019 for approval. It was stated that the proposals with new technologies were not reviewed as well. Council suggested this could be an area for the 2019 RFP. The Executive Office will send more reminders next year to the panel, mini-panel, and study group submission chairs to review their presenter's information before submitting as some presenters submitted little information in their abstract for the committee to review. There was a suggestion to place a model abstract on the submission site as reference for 2019. The committee and Council discussed adding the "9 Common Reasons an Abstract is Not Accepted" into the rejection letters. During the Program Committee meeting there was a discussion on genetic testing by various companies with concerns of what is happening in the field. ACNP has the Statement on Genetic Testing for Neuropsychiatric Disorders on the ACNP website. Council agreed the current statement's references need to be updated since they are from 2008 and that the College needs a statement on ethical imaging practices. S. Hyman, K. Ressler, and M. Oquendo volunteered to work with SOBP and APA to examine how the issue is being handled with their organization to establish a more prominent statement. Council stated the chairs did a great job and the Program Committee meeting was a very smooth process. There was a suggestion for the chairs to quickly review the submissions that were automatically accepted in the beginning of the Program Committee meeting with an overview of what areas are already covered in the program and what is needed.

- 2. *Treasurer's Report*** - D. Kupfer reviewed the Treasurer's Report with Council. He stated the audit report will be reviewed by the Audit Committee with a written report to Council in December. It will be noted in the Audit Committee letter that the Audit Committee chair and Treasurer should engage a new audit engagement partner every three years for good practice. D. Kupfer explained the three investment accounts with UBS being more weighted in equity, Olimpio Neu more conservative with a folio consisting of some bonds and equity, and the index with funds managed by D. Kupfer, S. Timm, and Ronnie Wilkins. D. Kupfer stated the College keeps between a million to two million dollars in cash accounts to allow greater flexibility for staff to manage the College. In 2018, the College invested some of the money into a short-term duration fund. D. Kupfer pointed out the total net assets include among other things the office building, computer equipment, etc. Our building is worth between \$400K-\$500K more than when we bought it, and this is not reflected on the statement. It was stated the College should try to not go higher or lower than 10% on sources of revenue from corporate fees and educational grants. Council requested for the corporate participating fees and educational grants be separated on next year's graph for sources of revenue. Council stated the membership dues is a small percentage of our total funds and suggested reducing Associate Members dues from \$200 to \$150 which would be approximately a \$7,500 decrease in funds each year. Council voted to reduce the dues for Associate Members and this will go into effect next fiscal year effective in 2019. Regarding the College's use of funds initiative, in FY 2018, the College spent \$165,800 on mission-driven projects. At the end of FY 2018, we calculated the total amount of cash earned from dividends and interest only. This totaled \$161,551, signaling we were in line with our desired expenditures for the initiative. D. Kupfer recommended that it would be prudent to annually calculate the previous year's earnings from dividends and interest and use that amount for the following year. This

would mean we have approximately \$163K for use on special projects. To date, we have committed or spent \$128,000 on projects. The group agreed we did not want to move forward with funding the previously discussed President's Award.

Council discussed the need to train current members on new and emerging technological approaches in the field. The possibility of hosting a Teaching Day was mentioned either attached to the annual meeting or at a separate time of the year, possibly during the summer meeting in 2019. Another option would be to work with SfN to provide scholarships to their sessions. The idea of having a teaching day could be incorporated into the 2019 meeting as we have decided to shorten the meeting by one day. The teaching day could be on the Thursday of the meeting. S. Hyman agreed to name a workgroup to continue discussions regarding the development of these sessions using College funds.

3. ***PMG Update*** – S. Timm reported the PMG ten-year anniversary is approaching this November. PMG grew from one client and nine employees to now managing 16 societies and 35 employees. PMG has taken on two new clients this year. They are the International Union of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (IUPHAR) and Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS). Both society transitions are going well. The International Society of Bipolar Disorders also just requested a contract for PMG to start managing their meetings beginning in 2019. In 2018, S. Timm has promoted three Senior Program Managers into a new Senior Project Leaders role. These individuals not only manage their society, but also have the capacity to oversee other Project Managers, transitions of new business and train new Project Managers. The staff is currently working on the PMG Strategic Plan, which will be presented to the PMG Board in the next few months. The current Strategic Plan was through the end of 2018; however, PMG had already met most of their goals by mid-2017. The new plan will be through 2020. S. Timm is projecting the year-end pre-tax profit before profit sharing to be around \$400K, comparing to \$275K in FY2018 and \$224K in FY2017. Council asked S. Timm her plan for continued growth. She stated growth will likely slow so that our infrastructure can be refined over the next year.

4. ***Global Outreach*** – Council agreed during their December meeting that they are interested in targeting the top scientists to attend the annual meeting to continue to make the ACNP Annual Meeting the cutting edge in neuropsychopharmacology globally. A. Frazer and D. Kupfer updated the group on their meeting with Prof Siegfried Kasper, CINP President, on CINP's attempt to increase their outreach with Asia. The next CINP meeting will be in Taiwan in 2020. Council discussed adding an agenda item for the ACNP, ECNP, CINP, AsCNP meeting during the ACNP Annual Meeting on global outreach. Council questioned what other agenda items would be appropriate to provide structure to this Thursday meeting. The Executive Office will email this agenda prior to the meeting on-site for the attendees to come prepared for discussions. A. Frazer provided an update on the Latin American Advisory Group. There was discussion if we should use the same model to invite 5-8 people from China, who are excited by the idea of ACNP, to attend our meeting and have an exploratory session during the annual meeting. The goal would be to make them aware of ACNP since some clinical trials and biomedical research is moving to China. Council agreed that China is very different than Latin America and the models would have to be different. The conversation about China can be discussed on a

future Executive Committee call. S. Hyman stated that Fang Liu is interested in assisting. Council agreed that A. Frazer should have a conversation with the Latin American Advisory Group during the breakfast on Sunday, December 9th on how the group should evolve and develop a timeline for the initiative. A. Frazer will work on the agenda for this breakfast meeting and discuss the agenda items with Council on a future teleconference.

5. ***Young Investigator BRAIN Initiative*** – A. Frazer brought to Council’s attention that Ed Boyden, Associate Professor of Biological Engineering and Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT Media Lab and McGovern Institute, is doing very impressive science. Council stated there was an initiative for this a few years ago with more senior involvement and agreed inviting junior people would be a great way to engage them about ACNP at an early age. S. Hyman stated he would invite E. Boyden to present as this year’s Distinguished Lecturer. Council stated Jim Rogers and Karl Deisseroth would be great resources to nominate younger people to attend the ACNP meeting. R. Valentino volunteered to contact Walter Koroshetz and Josh Gordon on the best ways to reach out to invite them to our annual meeting since they know these individuals are being funded by the BRAIN initiative. R. Valentino and A. Bonci volunteered to work together to identify these young people for Council. This will be discussed on a future teleconference. There was a suggestion to have a roundtable for lunch with these individuals during the meeting.

6. ***Update on Latin American Advisory Group*** –

a. Goals/Aims for the Latin American Advisory Group:

- i. To give a structure and venue for communication to all Latin American scientists and clinicians that belong to ACNP
- ii. To promote and communicate the mission of the ACNP across Latin American societies and universities
- iii. To coordinate efforts among Latin American scientists and clinician/scientists aimed at increasing participation of established investigators from Latin America to the annual ACNP meeting

b. Travel Award Applications:

- i. In 2018, there were 16 applicants from Latin American countries who submitted for a 2018 Travel Award, and none were accepted. There were 356 total applications and 62 travel awards given.
- ii. In 2017, there were 14 applicants from Latin American countries who submitted for a 2017 Travel Award, and one was accepted. There were 400 total applications and 60 travel awards given.
- iii. In 2016, there were 6 applicants from Latin American countries who submitted for a 2016 Travel Award, and none were accepted. There were 345 total applications and 57 travel awards given.

c. Call for Proposals for Panels, Mini-Panels, and Study Groups:

- i. The following was added to the call for proposals for panels, mini-panels, and study groups: “While scientific quality is paramount, this year the committee will continue to strongly consider the composition of the panels

9. Committee & Task Force Reports

- a. Education and Training Committee – A question was raised to the Executive Office by an ACNP Fellow on why the College allows the travel awardee applicants to upload their nominator’s supporting letter instead of this being confidential and uploaded by the nominator. Currently, there are no constraints or limitations on the number of applications the College receives, and non-members can nominate an individual for a travel award. The College receives around 400 applications each year for a limited number of awards, usually 56 annually. During the past four years, the applicant pool has grown by 36%. Council approved to restrict the supporting letters to ACNP members (all classes of membership), and that members are allowed to nominate one person for a Travel Award with the exception to allow one additional nomination for a minority applicant. Members will have to upload the supporting letter to the system which will be kept confidential from the applicant. This will be reflected in the Travel Award submissions process for 2019. Council agreed the Executive Office will need to communicate this widely to the membership. It should also be mentioned at the business meeting and travel award functions at this year’s annual meeting.

URM Rejected Travel Award Applicants – Council agreed to not extend invitations to the annual meeting to the 2018 URM rejected Travel Award applicants and any future year’s rejected applicants at this time.

- b. Liaison Committee – K. Ressler updated Council that Dawn Ionescu submitted a study group proposal to this year’s meeting, and it was accepted by the Program Committee. He also stated the College received three nominees for the newly established Public Service Award the Liaison Committee created this year. The Awards Committee is currently reviewing the nominations. K. Ressler also reviewed the two new categories of Participating Corporation support the Liaison Committee is recommending for Council to approve. The two new categories are below:

Other Participating Corporation:

- a. Annual fee of \$6,000; Other Participating Corporations are organizations that may or may not be conducting original research in ACNP areas of interest but are contributing to the growth of the CNS research field. This could be through technology development and data mining and analysis. These corporations may be targeting the brain and other organs with technologies having the potential to treat mental illnesses and other nervous system disorders, using a range of methods. These corporations could also be Contract Research Organizations (CROs), providing support to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical device industries in the form of research services outsourced on a contract basis, or they may be smaller biotechnology firms. These participating corporations may choose one of two options:

1. Pay an annual fee of \$6,000 for 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 the growth of CNS research or in technology development.
2. Pay an annual fee of \$4,000 for 1 Designated Representative, who may register for the Annual Meeting at the member rate. The 1 designated representative must be a scientist involved in the growth of CNS research or in technology development.

Council approved these two new categories.

- a. Membership Committee – R. Valentino had previously brought to the attention of Council that some Program Officers were interested in how they could apply for membership to the College and what the path was for them. R. Valentino discussed this with Lisa Monteggia, Membership Committee chair. L. Monteggia worked with Susan Sesack (co-chair), Linda Brady and Steve Grant to create an optional document for extramural applicants to upload to their membership application. However, the conversation moved from Program Officers to extramural scientists. Council agreed to charge the Membership Committee with creating a task force to discuss and create separate forms for program officers, intramural scientists and extramural scientists so that these groups can strengthen their membership applications to the College for next year's applications. Council approved the task force creation.
 - b. Committee Updates – Council reviewed the committee updates.
- 10. Springer Nature** – S. Timm stated the cancellation/opt-out clause for our 10-year contract with Springer Nature is at the end of December 2019 and requires a six-month notice. The journal has gone through a platform change and experienced significant service issues. S. Timm and B. Carlezon spoke and suggest that we send out a request for proposals to see what other publisher offers may be attractive. Council agreed this was a good idea.

One of Springer Nature's ad reps received a query about an advertising opportunity with NPP for a biopharmaceutical company. They were promoting a grant/award and not directly a product. S. Timm asked Council if NPP should receive updated guidance on what types of advertising would be acceptable by for-profit groups. Council approved non-product specific ads in NPP, such as fellowships.

- 11. Bylaws Edits Vote to Membership** – The edits to the bylaws on making Emeritus status in the College clearer from the Constitution and Rules Committee and approved by Council will be sent to membership for a vote in July. Council reviewed and approved the voting ballot to membership.

- 12. Arvid Carlsson, ACNP Fellow and Nobel Laureate, passed away on June 29th** – Council discussed ways the College can honor A. Carlsson, since he was a Nobel Laureate, other than the standard in memoriam in *Neuropsychopharmacology*. The suggestions were to place an additional slide in the President's Plenary with a video and comments from

members. Another suggestion was to have an award or panel session named after him that fits into the theme of his work. It was also suggested to place a special article in the Bulletin and website with comments from members on their memories with him or a commentary in the Journal. This will be discussed on a future teleconference. S. Hyman requested any additional ideas be sent to E. Shaw.

13. Annual Meeting 2021 – S. Timm stated that she along with E. Shaw and Kelly Phy (Meetings Manager) will visit San Juan in September to see progress on the rebuild. The Caribe Hilton is not scheduled to open until January, but that other hotels are operational. Adequate staffing is an issue now on the island due to the number of workers who left after the hurricane. S. Timm will report back on the site visit in the December Council meeting and Council will need to decide by January 1st if they would like to cancel. S. Timm will provide other potential options for 2021 and 2025 for east coast properties that can accommodate us. S. Timm did note that San Antonio has properties that could accommodate us, and that a Marriott World property is in planning stages for Miami.

14. Opioid Crisis – Nora Volkow suggested the College think of ways to bring in more translation research to the annual meeting and assist in developing partnerships between academia and industry since the Government cannot do that right now. K. Ressler will discuss this with the Liaison Committee for a panel submission next year. This will also be discussed in the Executive Committee meeting with the NIH Institute Directors in December.

Informational Items:

15. Diversity Invitation Bank – The updated verbiage including scientists with a disability was placed on the ACNP website and included in the latest marketing email to members. The updated statement is:

Diversity Invitation Bank: This invitation bank allows members to offer an additional meeting invitation to a scientist from an underrepresented minority group (including African-American, Hispanic, Native American or Pacific Islander) or a scientist with a disability. Members who request the invitation should vouch for the minority status of the scientist they are inviting. Guests from this bank may present a poster.

16. Career Development Institute (CDI) for Psychiatry 2017 Annual Report.

17. Annual Meeting 2023 – The December Council agenda will have proposals from the following properties for the 2023 Annual Meeting:

- a. Orlando Properties
- b. The Diplomat Beach Resort
- c. Miami Convention Center
- d. San Juan Convention Center