

Council Quarterly Call
Tuesday, October 23, 2018
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Eastern
Dial-in: 800-501-8979, pin # 3242374

Participants:

Steve Hyman
Marina Wolf
Maria Oquendo
David Kupfer
Anissa Abi-Dargham
Antonello Bonci
Victoria Arango
Lisa Monteggia, Membership Committee chair
Susan Sesack, Membership Committee co-chair
Sarah Timm, staff
Erin Shaw, staff

Minutes:

Conflict of interest forms were reviewed prior to the call by the President, Secretary and Executive Director.

- 1. Membership Criteria to ACNP*** – Membership Committee chairs, L. Monteggia and S. Sesack, joined the Council call to clarify the review process regarding prior ACNP involvement. A. Abi-Dargham reminded Council that on the August 28th Executive Committee call, Council discussed the requirements for prior attendance at the annual meetings as a sign of involvement with ACNP or services to ACNP for membership acceptance. This conversation originated on the Women’s Task Force call where the task force members were discussing increasing women applications for membership. The task force discussed how they try to encourage women, minorities and young members that are new to the College to apply, however their applications may be received with little enthusiasm due to lack of previous attendance. L. Monteggia stated the Membership Committee uses the following categories when reviewing the new member applications: publications, scientific and generative leadership, distinctions, organizations, ACNP, and mentorship. The ACNP category entails participating in ACNP Annual Meetings, reviewing for the Journal (NPP), and their nominators attesting the applicant’s potential contribution to ACNP. L. Monteggia stated it is important to select new members who will be involved with ACNP and continue to be involved in the future. Council agreed some exposure to the meeting prior to membership is good as it provides opportunities for attendees to be sure membership is something they want to pursue and contribute to the College’s mission, etc. Council discussed encouraging membership to invite potential new members to the meeting as their invited guest or by participating on panels, etc. Council agreed it is essential for potential new members to participate in the annual meeting on a panel or poster presentation before they apply for membership. There was discussion for the Membership Committee to draft a template letter that members could

use in encouraging potential applicants to attend the annual meeting and eventually apply for membership. However, those on the call agreed there is already information on the applications and nominations page of the [ACNP website](#) with Membership Mentors and membership requirements that our members, committees and task forces should be reminded of when encouraging people to apply. A. Abi-Dargham will provide this feedback to the Women's Task Force.

2. ***2021 Annual Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico*** – Kelly Phy, E. Shaw, and S. Timm toured the convention center, all contracted hotels, and downtown old San Juan in September on a site visit accessing the quality and rebuilding process after Hurricane Maria last year. The convention center and three of the five hotels were unharmed by the hurricane and running business as usual. The convention center space is similar to the Diplomat Beach Resort and will be easy for attendees to navigate from sessions. The Hilton Caribe and Hilton Condado Plaza are both still closed. A complete renovation is underway in both hotels as they sustained significant damage from the hurricane. The Caribe sleeping room towers had to be taken down to concrete due to mold from water invasion. The Executive Office is confident the new product in both hotels will be much nicer. The Caribe is scheduled to open one of their sleeping room towers in December and the other in the spring of 2019. The Condado is scheduled to have their guest rooms reopened in the Spring of 2019 as well. Both hotels and the Convention Visitors Bureau assured staff that the hospitality/tourism industry in San Juan will not be compromised, and that both properties' investments in the rebuild will not let staffing become an issue. S. Timm reminded Council that our attendees could experience the same level of service that the College had come to expect the last time we met in San Juan in 2004 which is not the same level of service we experience at other mainland properties. Council discussed there is some risk as another hurricane could hit before 2021, but also stated this same risk applies to south Florida. S. Timm stated the College does purchase event cancellation insurance for meetings to help with potential hurricanes. Council agreed to continue as planned in holding the 2021 meeting in San Juan.
3. ***Sage Therapeutics, Inc. Participating Corporation Application*** – Council reviewed and approved Sage Therapeutics, Inc. as a Participating Corporation.
4. ***American Brain Coalition*** – Council had approved a donation of \$21,500 in July but asked that ABC outline what would be included in the sponsorship. Council reviewed and approved ABC's sponsorship proposal of the investment to help ABC reach their funding goal for advocacy, the congressional neuroscience caucus, member engagement, and social media.
5. ***NIMH and Its Adverse Stance on Human Aggression Research*** – Emil Coccaro, ACNP Fellow, sent a proposal to Council on how NIMH is not funding biomedical research in aggression. Council discussed the proposal and recognizes the challenge, however will not be taking a stand on this issue. The Executive Office will draft a letter for S. Hyman's review to send E. Coccaro expressing Council's sentiment from the College.

6. ***Editor Invitations to ACNP Annual Meeting*** – The Executive Committee requested the Publications Committee review the current list of journal editors and make a recommendation to Council on an updated list of journals, and if Council should change the policy to allow one waived registration per journal to the meeting. As background, years ago the Executive Committee voted to offer invitations to select editors to gain exposure to our annual meeting. While there was not a perfect consensus, the Publications Committee did agree and recommended that ACNP continue with the current policy at this time. There was sentiment that if the practice is to continue, the process should be refined: the scale of invitees should be very modest, and the NPP EIC should be able to provide input to the invitation process, so that any invites are made with insight regarding which journals might be particularly competitive with NPP. The committee agreed offering one waived registration per journal would be acceptable. Council decided to charge the Publications Committee with evaluating the list of journals and determine if we should add any additional journals to the list for next year’s annual meeting. Council will have final approval on the list of journals recommended by the Publications Committee. The invitation to the meeting can be sent to the journal, and they could choose their representative to attend.
7. ***Guidelines Regarding Clinical Trials*** – An ACNP member questioned if they were required to register a trial prior to submitting the poster abstract for the annual meeting since the trial was a phase 1 safety trial (no efficacy). Per *Neuropsychopharmacology*, the journal requires all trials be registered, and the meeting abstracts are published in NPP. The Program Committee chair, Linda Brady, agreed with the journal’s policy, and stated the College should request confirmation next year in the submission process that any proposal submitters attest that they have registered any clinical trials with clinicaltrials.gov and that abstracts submitted for the meeting require registration. If a submitter states it is not registered, the reviewer will see this and then we will not publish the abstract. This recommendation was sent to the Publications Committee for their guidance before presenting to Council for final approval. The Publications Committee agreed with the recommendation to institute the requirement of registering any clinical trials with clinicaltrials.gov and attesting registration during the submission process. Council also agreed to implement this policy starting in 2019.
8. ***Poster Submissions to Annual Meeting*** – L. Brady asked for clarification from Council if the Program Committee chairs should accept the posters that are topical (without research data) for inclusion in the annual meeting. These may be informational on curriculum or consortia. In the past, the chairs have only rejected posters if they were unethical or illogical. Council agreed to accept the posters that are topical, however requested these be marked in the abstract book or on the poster as informational. A question asking the presenter if their poster is informational will be added to next year’s poster submission process. The Executive Office will mark these as informational in the 2019 abstract book and on the posters during the annual meeting.
9. ***Audit Committee Report*** – Council reviewed and approved the Audit Committee Report.

Information Items:

10. October Committee Updates – Council reviewed the committee updates.

11. Council Meetings during ACNP Annual Meeting:

- a. Saturday, December 8th at 8:00am-3:00pm
- b. Tuesday, December 11th at 6:00pm-11:00pm
- c. Thursday, December 13th at 9:00am-12:00pm

12. 2018 ACNP Annual Meeting Registrations – There are currently 1757 registrations for this year's annual meeting which is trending higher than the 2017 meeting in Palm Springs which had record breaking attendance. The 2017 final registration number was 1813. Council will discuss in their December meeting the plan that is in place for limiting the number of invited guest invitations to cap our attendance at 2,000 attendees.

13. Research!America Thank You Letter – The College signed on to the thank you letter to the Chairs and Rankers of the House and Senate Labor-H Subcommittees with Research!America.

14. ACNP Summer Council Meeting 2019 – The summer Council Meeting will be Sunday, July 21, 2019 in Chicago at [The Gwen, A Luxury Collection Hotel](#). The Program Committee will meet on Saturday, July 20, 2019.

15. ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellowship – The ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellowship application opens on November 1, 2018 and the deadline is March 1, 2019. This flyer will be highlighted on the ACNP website, in the November Bulletin, and communicated in an email to membership.

16. Boehringer Corporate Membership – As background, Boehringer Ingelheim was unable to continue as a participating corporation this year due to their internal contract and compliance review. This was not due to lack of interest. Compliance officers had concerns about the choice of venue. As a Germany-based company, Boehringer Ingelheim adheres to the EFPIA compliance rules for corporate sponsorship of events. These rules continue to evolve, in particular also concerning location and venue of the event. The choice of The Diplomat Beach Resort, Hollywood, Florida was considered to be inappropriate. This was the main reasons for the company to refuse to allow participation by their scientists. S. Timm sent a letter after a discussion with compliance officers outlining our reasons for choice of venue. The legal department for Boehringer Ingelheim consulted with the US legal and determined it was ok for them to continue to participate based on the letter. Unfortunately, it is too late this year for the scientists to attend, however Boehringer plans to attend next year's meeting. Since the annual meeting

is in Orlando next year in a convention hotel, S. Timm does not think it will be an issue moving forward.

17. Letter in Response to PETA on Journal Manuscript – There has not been any further communications from PETA since the Executive Office’s response on October 1st regarding their letter asking the Journal to retract or revise the recently published paper by Chang, et al, “[Narp Mediates Antidepressant-Like Effects of Electroconvulsive Seizures.](#)”

18. Beautiful Boy Movie Trailer – The movie, *Beautiful Boy*, was released on October 12th. The movie is based on the book, *Beautiful Boy*, written by 2017 ACNP Media Award Winner David Sheff.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y23HyopQxEg>

The call ended at 2:57 p.m.