2018 Business Meeting Minutes
ACNP Annual Meeting
The Diplomat Beach Resort, Hollywood, Florida
Wednesday, December 12, 2018
11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Steven Hyman, Presiding

1. **Call to order.** President Steven Hyman called the 57th Annual Business Meeting of the ACNP to order. He announced that only ACNP members and Associate Members are permitted to attend the Business Meeting. Corporate representatives, invited guests, and nominees for membership are not allowed to attend.

2. **2017 Minutes.** The minutes of last year's Business Meeting in Palm Springs, California were emailed to the members and posted in the Members’ Only section of the website. Dr. Hyman asked if there were any changes to the minutes. No changes or corrections were made and the motion for acceptance was passed.

3. **Newly Elected Officers and Council for 2018.** The following were announced:

   Maria Oquendo--President-Elect
   Helen Mayberg--Council
   Trevor Robbins--Council

   Dr. Hyman thanked outgoing Council members, Antonello Bonci and Rita Valentino, and Past-President, Alan Frazer.

4. **Thanks to all 2018 Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs.** Dr. Hyman thanked the 2018 committee chairs and co-chairs for their hard work and dedication to the College throughout the year.

5. **2018 Travel Awards.** The ACNP Travel Award Program is a fundamental aspect of the College’s efforts to foster the professional growth of new scientists.

   The multiple ACNP Travel Award and Fellowship Programs have grown from the support of 10 travel awardees in 1980 to 72 travel awardees and fellowships this year. Sixty-two (62) of these awards were sponsored by the ACNP. For these awards, we received 356 applications. The Education & Training Committee has done a superior job with recruiting young talent. The College is grateful to Janssen Pharmaceuticals who work with us to support these travel awards.

   Dr. Hyman also recognized and thanked the many members who volunteered to serve as mentors to the selected travel awards recipients during the meeting. Each awardee’s annual meeting experience was enhanced by their opportunity to meet with and interact with a mentor.
6. **ACNP Staff.** Dr. Hyman introduced the ACNP staff members and thanked each staff member for their hard work and support.

7. **Executive Director’s Report.** Dr. Hyman called on Sarah Timm to give the Executive Director’s report.

   Sarah Timm gave an update on registration numbers with the 2018 annual meeting being a record high attendance of 1,943. All registration categories grew with the biggest growth in trainees and past travel awardees. Council is considering containing the growth of the annual meeting. In 2019, the annual meeting is in Orlando, Florida and the conference hotel is large enough to accommodate most attendees. Sarah Timm reminded members that the 2019 Annual Meeting will be a shorter meeting ending on Wednesday instead of Thursday.

8. **Parthenon Management Group Report.** Dr. Hyman called on Sarah Timm to give the report from Parthenon Management Group.

   Sarah Timm updated the College on Parthenon Management Group’s (PMG) growth over the last several years. Parthenon Management Group just celebrated their 10-year anniversary. In 2008, PMG had one client, and now has sixteen full service societies and a few meeting societies. PMG currently has 38 employees. PMG continues to grow annual revenue and is open for new business in scientific research societies. PMG is a for-profit entity owned by the College.

9. **Secretary Report.** Dr. Hyman called on Dr. Joseph Coyle to give the Secretary’s report.

   Dr. Coyle reminded membership of the College’s Code of Conduct Policy and that the Code of Conduct applies for off property events as well. He also stated that several investigations have been conducted over the past year and the College has a process developed for dealing with the cases. The College works with an independent law firm and the findings are referred to Council or the Ethics Committee. Dr. Coyle also reminded membership of the College’s social media accounts for Facebook and Twitter. He encouraged membership to share scientific issues relative to the College on social media.

10. **Treasurer’s Report.** Dr. Hyman called on Dr. David Kupfer to give the Treasurer’s report.

    Dr. Kupfer reported on the College’s investments and reviewed the income and investment accounts. The College is in a financially secure position to continue its current and future initiatives. The College is working with a variety of investment advisors which are Olimpio Neu, Suntrust/UBS, and Vanguard. The current numbers presented were from November 15th and had a 7-8% increase over the past year. The net equity includes the price of the building the College
purchased for the Executive Office, which has been easy to manage and a good investment. The price does not show what the building is worth now. Dr. Kupfer described the breakdown of income sources for the College with approximately 46% from PMG management fees, 17% from the annual meeting, 10% from supporting corporation fees, 20% from publications, 5% from member dues, 1% from contributions, .7% from rental income, and .3% from other income. Council decided in their summer meeting to reduce the Associate Member dues to $150 from $200 annually starting in 2019. With this reduction in dues, Council hopes to attract younger members.

11. Editor’s Report. Dr. Hyman called on Dr. William Carlezon, Editor in Chief, to give the journal report.

Dr. Carlezon reported the journal accomplished all of their goals for 2018 which were adding timely/exciting content, more selective with fewer papers which helps the impact factor, next Circumspectives which was a debate with two sides of an issue, next two NPPR issues, continue to update the EBM roster, continue to strengthen the social media visibility and solicit more input from members. Dr. Gretchen Neigh manages the journal’s Twitter account and Lori Kunath manages the ACNP Twitter account. The journal now has 2,558 Twitter followers. In 2018, the journal hired an Editorial Intern, Dr. Chloe Jordan. Her special project was on gender balance in journal function. Dr. Carlezon reported she did such a great job in this position that the journal has decided to continue the position in the future. Dr. Carlezon reported on the gender make-up of the current Editorial Board which is 65% men and 35% women. When Dr. Carlezon became Editor-in-Chief, there were only 13% women. The Editorial Board has a good balance however, the target goal is 39% women. There is currently 57% men and 43% women senior editors. Dr. Carlezon congratulated the 2018 NEATOR Award recipient, Dr. Susanne Vogel, on the paper entitled: Stress Induces a Shift Towards Striatum-Dependent Stimulus-Response Learning via the Mineralocorticoid Receptor. Dr. Carlezon congratulated the 2018 NEAR Award recipient, Dr. Timothy Dinan, on the paper entitled: Microbes, Immunity, and Behavior: Psychoneuroimmunology Meets the Microbiome. Dr. Carlezon announced the top reviewer in 2018: Noboru Hiroi with 21 reviews. The 2017 impact factor is 6.544 and increased from last year.

The 2019 goals for the journal were also discussed. They are:

- Timely/exciting additional content
- More selective (fewer papers): ~ 15% acceptance rate
- Next Circumspectives
- Next 2 NPPR issues
- Continue to update EBM roster
- Continue to strengthen social media visibility
- Encourage input from members
- Editorial Intern: new project (Altmetrics vs. citations)
12. Animal Research Committee Report. Dr. Hyman called on Dr. David Jentsch to give the Animal Research Committee report.

Dr. Jentsch reported on the accomplishments of the Animal Research Committee from the reestablished committee over the past two years. The committee has reviewed and updated the ACNP Statement on the Ethical Use of Animals. The committee actively participates in letters of support for targeted scientists with Council’s approval for STAR. The College approved to support an ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellow for three years. The fellow advances the goals of BRAD by bringing neuropsychopharmacology content to the initiative and expand BRAD to allied institutions. The first ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellow is Dr. Stephanie Maddox. The committee has also supported the Foundation for Biomedical Research’s “Love Animals? Support Animal Research” campaign.

13. Education & Training Committee Report. Dr. Hyman called on Dr. Aysenil Belger to give the Education and Training Committee report.

Dr. Belger reported the changes to the travel award program starting in 2019. Applications will open in March and all supporting letters must be from ACNP members (non-member supporting letters will not be accepted). Members will be allowed to nominate one person for a travel award with the exception to allow one additional nomination for an under-represented minority applicant. Members will have to upload their supporting letter in to the submission system which will be kept confidential from the applicant. Dr. Belger also reported the College will try to match mentors with mentees earlier next year for the annual meeting.

14. Membership Committee Report. Dr. Hyman called on Dr. Lisa Monteggia, Membership Committee Chair, to announce the 2019 new members and promotions. Dr. Monteggia thanked the committee members for their hard work and diligence. Dr. Hyman thanked Dr. Monteggia for chairing the committee, and the time commitment involved.

A. New Associate Members (35)

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Jesse Schank

Daniela Schiller
Marisa Spann
Sade Spencer
Eva Velthorst
Kate Wassum

B. New Members (39)

Anindya Bhattacharya
Jennifer Blackford
Maura Boldrini
Maja Bucan
Frances Champagne
Joseph Cheer
Janet Clark
Patricia Conrod
Kevin Eggan
Stephen Faroone
Susan Ferguson
Gabriella Gobbi
Tiffany Greenwood
Ebrahim Haroon
David Heal
Matthew Hill
Cecilia Hillard
Mi Hillefors
Jacob Hooker

Rene Hurlemann
Dawn Ionescu
Rima Kaddurah Daouk
Katherine Karlsgodt
Christoph Kellendonk
Brigitte Kieffer
Hartmuth Kolb
Ryan LaLumiere
Stephen Maren
Samantha Meltzer-Brody
Eric Morrow
Sachin Patel
Jonathan Posner
Konasale Prasad
Sheila Rauch
Michael Stevens
Aristotle Voineskos
Consuelo Walss-Bass
Thomas Weickert
Daniel Wolf

C. Members to Fellows (31)

Ursula Bailer
Deanna Barch
Ruth Benca
Zubin Bhagwagar
Carlos Blanco
Kelly Cosgrove
Zafiris Daskalakis
Michael De Bellis
Pedro Delgado
Katharina Domschke
Deepak D'Souza
Annette Fleckenstein
Rita Fuchs

Wayne Goodman
Noboru Hiroi
Beth Hoffman
Sheena Josselyn
Deanna Kelly
Terence Ketter
Thomas Kilduff
Stefano Marenco
Guo-li Ming
Jose Pardo
Mikhail Pletnikov
Christopher Ross
Martin Sarter
15. **Old Business / New Business.** Dr. Hyman made a call for old business and new business. There were no old or new business items brought forward for discussion.

16. **The President’s Year in Retrospective.** Dr. Hyman gave a brief update of the 2018 continuation and new initiatives.

   Dr. Hyman stated there continues to be terrific research around the world and that Dr. Alan Frazer has been doing a great job with the Latin American initiative. Dr. Hyman stated the goal was to have the best research in the world presented at the ACNP Annual Meeting. Council is looking to partner with AsCNP, CINP and ECNP on this initiative. The College continues to engage younger members, welcoming women and minorities, and introducing cutting-edge science in our field. Dr. Hyman stated that Linda Brady and the Program Committee did a fabulous job with RFP’s and the annual meeting program. Dr. Hyman stated Council is considering how to engage more government, industry and biotech involvement.

17. **Passing of the Reins.** Dr. Hyman expressed the major responsibility of the ACNP President is to articulate the vision of our College, and to speak on behalf of the College. He passed a set of symbolic reins and a tiara to 2019 ACNP President, Dr. Marina Wolf, and wished her well in the coming year.

18. **President’s Plaque.** Dr. Wolf thanked Dr. Hyman for his service, leadership, and initiatives, and presented him with the 2018 President’s gavel plaque.

19. **Comments by the 2019 President.** Dr. Wolf addressed the members in attendance and expressed the need to continue our current initiatives. Dr. Wolf also stated the College will begin to develop our new strategic plan in 2019, and that Council is taking a hard look at the College’s identity, the future, and how large the College should grow. Dr. Wolf stated the next step is to increase diversity, biotechs, new frontiers with science, and if the name of neuropsychopharmacology still fits the College.

20. **Adjournment.** Dr. Wolf adjourned the meeting and reminded the group of the buffet luncheon in the Great Hall 1-4.