

**ACNP Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 13, 2018**  
**9:00am – 12:00pm**  
**Meeting Room 319-320**  
**The Diplomat Beach Resort, Hollywood, Florida**

*Marina Wolf, Presiding*

Anissa Abi-Dargham  
Victoria Arango  
Joseph Coyle  
Judith Ford  
David Kupfer  
Helen Mayberg  
Maria Oquendo  
Kerry Ressler  
Trevor Robbins

Absent: Steven Hyman  
Bitia Moghaddam

Executive Director: Sarah Timm  
Staff: Erin Shaw

***Conflict of Interest forms were reviewed prior to start of the meeting by Marina Wolf, President, Joseph Coyle, Secretary, and Sarah Timm, Executive Director per the Conflict of Interest Policy for Council.***

- 1. 2023 ACNP Annual Meeting Location Discussion*** – S. Timm informed Council that the Executive Office has investigated several options for the 2023 annual meeting including the Diplomat Beach Resort and properties in Tampa, Orlando, Dallas, Austin and San Juan, Puerto Rico. S. Timm informed Council that Marriott Waterside in Tampa has just completed a \$50 million renovation. A JW Marriott is being built that will be connected by a bridge to the Marriott Waterside with the convention center located in the middle. The convention center is similar to the space at the Diplomat. The properties are located near many restaurants in walking distance. S. Timm discussed that both Austin and Dallas would accommodate our group, however the Austin property does not have a great space for posters. The Dallas Anatole is in a nice area with plenty of restaurants and things to do. Council received positive feedback from attendees on the Diplomat and requested to keep the Diplomat as one of the locations in our rotation. Council requested for the Executive Office to site-visit the Tampa properties and try to negotiate further with the venues. Council will decide during their July meeting on either the Diplomat Beach Resort or Tampa, Florida. It was stated an attendee requested to have coffee more present during sessions. S. Timm stated the College spends approximately \$900K on food and beverages alone for the annual meeting. Council suggested informing the membership the cost of food and beverages for the annual meeting during next year's Business Meeting.

2. **Annual Meeting Photography Policy** – Council stated the annual meeting photography policy was appropriately communicated and seemed to work better this year. S. Timm sent a personal email to all session chairs requesting they announce the policy during their sessions. It was suggested for presenters to include a symbol on their slides indicating if photography is allowed (camera logo) or not (camera logo with X). The Executive Office will email all presenters a graphic to use in their presentation slides starting next year. It was also suggested to communicate the photography policy during the President’s Plenary.
  
3. **Code of Conduct Discussion** – Council agreed the email reminder mid-meeting on the College’s Code of Conduct policy was well received. The Code of Conduct policy was communicated in all marketing emails leading up to the meeting. Council requested for the policy reminder to be sent in its own email again next year either before or on the first day of the meeting.
  
4. **Final Decisions on Use of Funds** – Council discussed the amount of funding to spend on mission driven projects is \$213K during their Saturday meeting. Council reviewed each project for the coming fiscal year and determined our expenditures:
  - a. APA Research Colloquium (funds already committed): \$20K.
  - b. The Public Information Committee would like to continue annual meeting press releases with the Palabra Group (public relations firm): costs \$8K.
  - c. Support for Past Travel Awardees (funds already committed): \$60K
  - d. Latin American Researcher Funding: \$15K
  - e. BRAD Fellow (funds already committed): \$10K
  - f. Journal initiatives: \$50K
  - g. URM Additional Year Travel Scholarship: \$21K

TOTAL: \$184K

Other Items of Financial Significance:

  - h. Associate Member Dues Decrease: \$5K
  - i. Members moving to Emeritus Status: \$24K

GRAND TOTAL: \$213K

K. Ressler requested Council consider donating \$20K again to the National Neuroscience Curriculum Initiative (NNCI). In the past, SOBP and ACNP have given NNCI \$20K. A formal request has not been made to ACNP or SOBP. K. Ressler will follow up with a proposal to Council. Council questioned if the College would be donating again to the American Brain Coalition. S. Timm stated she has outlined a plan with Katie Sale, ABC, from this year’s donation of \$21,500, and that any future funding can be considered once we receive the request. S. Hyman had requested Council consider the differentiation between funding our special projects and additional expenditures in 2019. S. Timm and D. Kupfer will work together to differentiate these items in the next fiscal year budget.

Latin American Initiative – The current budget of \$15K has been used to fund the representatives from Latin America to attend the annual meeting. The task force, once established, will need to request funding for their initiatives moving forward.

It was stated the College needs to provide guidance to them without consistent funding by offering expertise and involvement. Council questioned if the College needed to fund the attendance of the task force non-members from Latin America to the annual meeting or only provide an invitation. This will be discussed further once the task force provides their potential initiatives to Council.

CINP and ECNP – Collaborative efforts were discussed during the leadership meeting on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> with AsCNP, CINP and ECNP. CINP requested each meeting provide a symposium for the other Colleges as this was done in year's past. A reciprocal symposium would be expected from ACNP. Council discussed our annual meeting would not be able to accommodate this as we do not provide guaranteed session slots to our own committees and task forces. The College provides six meeting invitations to AsCNP, CINP and ECNP, and those attending should be encouraged to present a poster or participate in symposia. There was also a suggestion to allow AsCNP, CINP and ECNP to invite two junior investigators to attend the annual meeting and be provided with a mentor. The Executive Office will edit their invitation letters for approval on a future EC call. It was also suggested to make the Program Committee aware of the College's global initiative to take into account when reviewing proposals, however the top-rated science will be accepted for presentation.

Emeritus Status – Council discussed if the College should send personal emails again next year explaining emeritus status to eligible Members and Fellows, or wait a few years before we communicate again. It was suggested to remind the Membership Committee in next year's meeting that they do not have to fill all open slots and to continue with the College's standards with membership and average number of spots accepted. Council questioned if we should change the age of being eligible for emeritus status to 70 instead of 65. This would be a bylaw change. D. Kupfer suggested calculating the distribution age of members between 65 and 70 and 70 to 75. After much discussion, Council agreed the College has a good balance in the number of slots available each year for membership and decided no action is needed at this time.

D. Kupfer stated it is important to consider what we are placing in annual meeting expenses vs. operating expenses to have our budget operationally break-even. Currently, the special use of funds items fall below the normal operating budget. Council requested in the future to show the annual meeting relation to special projects in the use of funds spreadsheet.

5. ***ACNP Strategic Plan*** – The last time (2015) the College updated the strategic plan it was a year-long process. The task force had calls in the spring, met in person during the Program Committee meeting in July, and then completed the plan to present to Council. There was a suggestion on Saturday to include Associate Members to assist in this process to contribute to diverse points of view, however it was recommended to brief them on the history of the current strategic plan. A briefing document will be created outlining where we are today and what Council thinks we need to consider in the next five years. S. Timm recommended finalizing the task force members soon to give them enough time to be available for the summer meeting. Council agreed there should be 8-10

members on this task force that will consist of an under-represented minority member, a younger member (either Associate or full Member), Bill Carlezon as Editor-in-Chief, an international member and the remaining members from Council. The Executive Office will send an email to Council requesting volunteers and suggestions for members, and the task force will be finalized on the January EC call.

6. ***ASCP Inclusivity Committee: Request for ACNP Data*** – ASCP’s Inclusivity Committee requested for ACNP and meeting attendee demographic data on gender, age, and ethnicity/race. ASCP stated this information would be reviewed internally. Council approved if the information stays confidential.
7. ***Discussion of Plan S Task Force*** – Plan S is a movement within the EU where funding agencies and country specific granting agencies support it. The plan states that all papers should be published by the year 2020 in a Gold Open Access journal. Gold open access journals do not sell subscriptions as all publications are free. Springer Nature is the largest publisher of open access content, and NPP has both (option for open access and subscription). The industry is moving to open access in the future, and the long-term question is how ACNP should prepare for the change. This would be something the task force should consider. As stated in the Business Meeting, the journal makes up 20% of our revenue sources. S. Timm stated the College receives \$800K per year in royalties and journal office support for NPP. Council discussed that there are many special considerations for the task force to consider as the College is also considering a rebranding which could affect the journal’s name. The task force should consist of members who are familiar with publishing, Springer Nature and the Origin Editorial team. Council suggested asking B. Carlezon for his suggestions on task force members. Some suggestions from Council were Editorial Board Members and past editors of other journals who could provide expertise such as John Krystal, Ned Kalin, Andreas Meyer-Lindenberg, James Meador-Woodruff, Stephan Heckers and Joe Coyle. S. Timm will report back to Council on a January EC call after speaking with B. Carlezon to finalize the task force.
8. ***Minority and Economically Disadvantaged Scientists*** – In the summer meeting, it was stated the College needs to focus on bringing in more minority and economically disadvantaged scientists to the ACNP meeting, particularly through the travel award program. Presently, ACNP considers the following as minorities:
  - a. African American
  - b. Hispanic
  - c. Native American
  - d. Pacific Islander
  - e. Scientist with a Disability

The question was raised on how the College would quantify economically disadvantaged scientists and questioned how the NIH quantifies this. Before the College has a policy on this, we need to understand how to implement. M. Wolf stated she recently reviewed graduate student applications and one of the questions was if the individual has received a Pell Grant, their family received

food stamps, if they lived in a community where a percentage of the population received food stamps or if they were the first in their family to attend college as criteria to consider. Council discussed how adding additional categories such as LGBT could dilute our previous efforts to set a real target goal for the minority categories. Historically, the College looks at what the NIH constitutes as minorities as guidance. The NIH is currently dealing with economically disadvantaged as well. The question for adding LGBT came from a request by the Under-represented Minority Task Force. Council questioned Biological Psychiatry's efforts in this area. S. Timm stated they are currently still reviewing and have not made final decisions. There were questions on how these additional criteria affect an individual's participation in the annual meeting as the College does have a Commitment to Diversity statement under the Core Values. There was a suggestion to include LGBT and other categories to the Diversity Invitation Bank. Council questioned what the demographics would be for these groups (LGBT and economically disadvantaged). Council decided to charge the Under-represented Minority Task Force to determine which criteria should be adopted by the College, and provide them a list with the major concerns such as privacy, dilution of ongoing efforts for minorities, and the question if there has been a problem prior with other minority groups. The Minority Task Force chairs will be invited to an EC call after the task force has an opportunity to discuss. The Executive Office will draft a letter to the Under-represented Minority Task Force chairs for M. Wolf to review.

**9. NIH Clinical Trial Definition** – M. Oquendo requested confirmation if the NIH has changed the definition of clinical trials so that any study that has human subjects will be considered a clinical trial. It was stated this change was introduced because many people never follow up with the grants to publish their data. It was stated this NIH wide mandate is already in effect, however whether it is defined or not is still uncertain. A clinical trial is any study that might impact behavior function and is required to register at [clinicaltrials.gov](http://clinicaltrials.gov). Council contacted Mi Hillefors, Program Officer and new ACNP Member, to attend the meeting and provide additional information. M. Hillefors stated that if a trial does not include an intervention, then it is not considered a clinical trial. She also stated that the definition of NIH clinical trials has not changed. The definition was determined three to four years ago; however, they are making the case much stronger and mandating if it is a clinical trial now. Council thanked M. Hillefors for attending and will continue to utilize her for additional information in the future.

**10. ECT Device Manufacturer Issues New Warning of “Permanent Brain Damage”** – H. Mayberg informed Council that there are two companies with ECT machines and one was recently sued. The case was settled, however the company had to place a statement within the warnings about their equipment that, “it may cause brain damage.” The lawyers pursuing this case have an anti-psychiatry blog and are going after the manufacturers now instead of just the psychiatrists. Council suggested forwarding the information to Sarah Lisanby and request her input on this on a future EC call. Article links below:

<https://www.madinamerica.com/2018/10/huge-breakthrough-ect-lawsuit/>

<https://www.madinamerica.com/2018/11/ect-manufacturer-warns-permanent-brain-damage/>

**11. Presidential Initiatives for 2019** – M. Wolf reminded Council that the College has some important initiatives planned for the coming year with the minority engagement, global outreach, the development of a strategic plan and determining how to deal with Plan S. Many of these important items will be addressed in the new strategic plan. Council suggested M. Wolf to write presidential blogs that could be placed on the website and tweeted. M. Wolf will also use her President’s letter to communicate to the College and more importantly younger members on the exclusivity of the College and why not making the College so large is important. M. Wolf can discuss the history and why the College was started. The theme of her presidency can be “what is our brand and who are we.”

***Information Items:***

**12. ICOCS** – Council reviewed the update from Carolyn Rodriguez and Naomi Fineberg on the success of the international partnership networking initiative (ICOCS) and stated it was in good progress.

**13. 2019 Summer Council Meeting** – The summer Council Meeting will be Sunday, July 21, 2019 in Chicago. The Program Committee will meet on Saturday, July 20, 2019.

**14. 2019 EC/Council Call/Meeting Schedule** – The 2019 EC and Council call/meeting schedule was provided to Council.

The meeting concluded at 12:20pm Eastern time.