

**ACNP Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, December 11, 2018**  
**6:00pm – 11:00pm**  
**Meeting Room 303**  
**The Diplomat Beach Resort, Hollywood, Florida**

*Steven Hyman, Presiding*

Anissa Abi-Dargham  
Victoria Arango  
Antonello Bonci  
Joseph Coyle  
Judith Ford  
Alan Frazer  
Steven Hyman  
David Kupfer  
Bita Moghaddam  
Maria Oquendo  
Kerry Ressler  
Rita Valentino  
Marina Wolf

Executive Director: Sarah Timm  
Staff: Erin Shaw

Council-Elect: Helen Mayberg (Council-Elect have voice but no vote)  
Trevor Robbins

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

- 1. Animal Research Committee Report*** – David Jentsch and Karen Parker reported to Council the success of the Animal Research Committee over the past two years. The committee has placed emphasis on coalition building. The College is a member of the Supporting Truth about Animal Research (STAR) coalition which includes organizations with an allied interest in brain and behavior. The chairs thanked Council for their continued support and quick response time with signing on to STAR letters in support of targeted researchers or policy related issues. A collective voice is louder than an individual voice. STAR has hosted their fourth congressional briefing on Capitol Hill and have begun planning the 2019 briefing. The topic has yet to be determined.

The first ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellow is Stephanie Maddox. Council agreed to support the fellowship partnering with Americans for Medical Progress (AMP) for three years. Biomedical Research Awareness Day (BRAD) was founded by Logan France and is

held annually in April. S. Maddox has been expanding the reach of BRAD to neuroscience. ACNP is the first to sponsor a fellowship like this in the field.

The committee researched the scope of animal research content within this year's annual meeting. This originated from a concern that animal research was diminishing from last year's meeting. D. Jentsch communicated the concern to the Program Committee chairs and added a question to this year's submissions to self-identify abstracts for mini-panels, panels, and posters. The results showed the annual meeting is very balanced for panels and mini-panels with almost half animal and half human. The poster submissions were not as balanced with 1/3 animal and 2/3 human. There were discussions to add the type of animal research to future submissions. The committee plans to continue aggregating and collecting the data to see trends in the future.

2. **Minority Task Force Report** – Yasmin Hurd and Juan Gallego reported to Council that the goal of minority membership in the College was 5%. The chairs were happy to report the College has met this target with currently 5-6% minorities in membership. The task force discussed the goal and agreed it should be increased to 9-10% over time, however, the task force would like to research the percentage for SfN and NIH for a realistic percentage and timeline to reach that target. R. Valentino stated she would provide the extramural contact for the list of minority names to encourage to apply for travel awards or invite to the meeting. The chairs stated the task force would like to work on URM specific content for the ACNP website next year to show the minority representation in the College. The chairs reported the Minority Luncheon was extremely successful and that the attendees did not want the conversation to end.
3. **Education and Training Committee Update**– A. Bonci updated Council on the Education and Training Committee meeting. There was a suggestion from the committee to provide online training for the annual meeting mentors. S. Timm stated all mentors and mentees are provided with the mentorship guidelines before the annual meeting. S. Timm also stated all travel awardees can choose their mentor. All other mentees/mentors are selected by an algorithm. Council agreed to charge the Education and Training Committee with researching how these guidelines can be distributed more efficiently to mentors.
4. **Economically Disadvantaged Scientists** – Council will discuss further during their Thursday meeting on how to quantify economically disadvantaged scientists. It was suggested to reach people who are not yet members such as travel award applicants.
5. **Publications Committee Report** – Scott Rauch reported to Council on behalf of the Publications Committee. The committee had discussions during their Saturday meeting on the article processing charge (APC) for open access articles in NPP. The publisher, Springer Nature, is requesting NPP increase their open access fee by 37% (\$3200 to \$4360). The committee did not think it was their place to negotiate with the publisher but suggested providing a discount to members. A survey was conducted to membership last year and the results showed the members were not concerned with a

pricing increase. The committee agreed they would not want to look at the market price blindly and are interested in how it would affect our journal. Authors compare impact factors and pricing when choosing journals to submit. Council agreed a slight increase would be suitable, but not an increase this high. S. Timm stated she would negotiate with the publisher to meet somewhere in the middle and propose a graduated increase over several years. It was suggested to start with \$3,500 which is a \$500 increase for open access and look at this year by year to what makes sense. S. Timm will report back with updates and will inquire about member discounts. Council asked if the Publications Committee discussed the implications of Plan S. S. Rauch reported this was not a focus of their discussion. Council will charge the committee to start discussions/researching for next year, so the College is prepared.

**6. Annual Meeting Feedback** – It was suggested to rethink the awards process as it took 40 minutes this year before the President’s Plenary, which in turn caused the presenters to lose time. There was a suggestion to announce some awards before each of the general sessions/plenaries, and to shorten the awards presentations by not reading the whole description of the award and awardee. There was also a suggestion to announce the awards via the app with the app launch. There was a question on who nominates/selects the Media Award. S. Timm explained the Public Information Committee selects a nominee to submit to the Awards Committee, however any member can nominate someone for the award. The Awards Committee then reviews all nominations and makes a final decision on the awardee. Council suggested charging the Public Information Committee with reviewing all nominees for the Media Award and make a ranked recommendation to the Awards Committee moving forward.

**7. Membership Committee Report** – Lisa Monteggia and Susan Sesack joined Council to report on the deliberations of the Membership Committee on Saturday, December 8. The committee received 54 new Member applications, 64 new Associate Member applications, and 17 promotion applications for review. The committee received 23 Member applications from female applicants, and 33 from female applicants for Associate Member. There was 1 application from underrepresented minorities for Member and 5 for Associate Member. Below are the statistics for full Member:

- Member Acceptance Rate - 72% (39/54)
- Females Applied - 23 (43%)
- Females Accepted into Membership - 18 (78%) (18/23)
- Females Rejected – 5 (22%) (5/23)
- Males Applied - 31 (57%)
- Males Accepted into Membership - 21 (68%) (21/31)
- Males Rejected - 10 (32%) (10/31)
- URM Applied - 1 (2%)
- URM Accepted into Membership - 1 (100%) (1/1)
- URM Rejected - 0 (0%) (0/1)

Below are the statistics for Associate Members:

- Associate Member Acceptance Rate - 55% (35/64)

- Females Applied - 33 (52%)
- Females Accepted into Membership - 20 (61%) (20/33)
- Females Rejected - 13 (39%) (13/33)
- Males Applied - 31 (48%)
- Males Accepted into Membership - 15 (48%) (15/31)
- Males Rejected - 16 (52%) (17/31)
- URM Applied - 5 (8%)
- URM Accepted into Membership - 5 (100%) (5/5)
- URM Rejected - 0 (0%) (5/5)

The Membership Committee chairs reported that the H-Indices Task Force was established this year to brainstorm ideas for a more efficient and accurate way to obtain the *h*-indices for our membership applicants. The H-Indices Task Force agreed to continue to use Web of Science in 2018 but to place more ownership on the applicants when they are completing their application. They proposed to have the applicant enter their ResearcherID and *h*-index score from the ResearcherID metrics. The Executive Office had Web of Science pull the *h*-indices scores; however, did not share the scores with the applicants. Jay Giedd volunteered to review the 16 applications that either did not receive an *h*-index, received a 0, or the *h*-index received from Clarivate (Web of Science) was not close to the *h*-index provided by the applicant. Both the candidate's *h*-index and the one received from Clarivate were included on their nomination for review by the committee this year. A couple of people had challenges this year associating their publications to their ResearcherID, however it was an improvement to last year.

There was an additional question added to this year's application for international applicants to discuss funding in the context of their country. The chairs also reviewed how many international applicants applied and were accepted into membership. There were 11 international applicants for Associate Member with 6 being from Canada. The committee accepted 3 international applicants, and all were from Canada. There were 11 international applicants for Member with 6 being from Canada. 5 out of the 7 accepted applications for Member from international were from Canada.

The committee did not receive any applications from outside the traditional pharmaceutical companies.

There is a small task force consisting of Linda Brady and Steven Grant, who are looking to update the optional documents for government applicants to enhance their application for next year. There was one applicant from government for Associate Member and s/he was not accepted. There were 3 applicants for Member with 2 being accepted.

The Membership Committee discussed all URM applicants first, regardless of application type, during this year's meeting. The committee discussed all minority and industry applicants that scored in the bottom third of nominees. The chairs kept the vote percentages in case the chairs needed to rank the percentages at the end if the committee accepted more than was allotted.

Council approved the following new Associate Members, Members and promotions to Fellow:

**The accepted Associate Members are:**

Stephanie Ameis	George Foussias	Matthew Mosconi
Ana Andreatza	Flavio Frohlich	Angela Ozburn
Lisa Briand	Britta Hahn	Rebecca Price
Ricardo Caceda	Johanna Jarcho	James Prisciandaro
Erin Calipari	Shafali Jeste	Alfred Robison
Gregory Carr	Stephan Lammel	Jesse Schank
Jennifer Coughlin	Stephen Mahler	Daniela Schiller
Alecia Dager	Pamela Mahon	Marisa Spann
Christine DeLorenzo	Brian Mathur	Sade Spencer
Andre Der-Avakian	Ian Maze	Eva Velthorst
Zoe Donaldson	Michael McCarthy	Kate Wassum
Michael Drew	Anna Victoria Molofsky	

**The accepted Members are:**

Anindya Bhattacharya	Ebrahim Haroon	Ryan LaLumiere
Jennifer Blackford	David Heal	Stephen Maren
Maura Boldrini	Matthew Hill	Samantha Meltzer-Brody
Maja Bucan	Cecilia Hillard	Eric Morrow
Frances Champagne	Mi Hillefors	Sachin Patel
Joseph Cheer	Jacob Hooker	Jonathan Posner
Janet Clark	Rene Hurlemann	Konasale Prasad
Patricia Conrod	Dawn Ionescu	Sheila Rauch
Kevin Eggan	Rima Kaddurah Daouk	Michael Stevens
Stephen Faraone	Katherine Karlsgodt	Aristotle Voineskos
Susan Ferguson	Christoph Kellendonk	Consuelo Walss-Bass
Gabriella Gobbi	Brigitte Kieffer	Thomas Weickert
Tiffany Greenwood	Hartmuth Kolb	Daniel Wolf

**The accepted Members to Fellow are:**

Ursula Bailer	Noboru Hiroi	Gene-Jack Wang
Deanna Barch	Beth Hoffman	Lei Wang
Ruth Benca	Sheena Josselyn	Mark Weiser
Zubin Bhagwagar	Deanna Kelly	
Carlos Blanco	Terence Ketter	
Kelly Cosgrove	Thomas Kilduff	
Zafiris Daskalakis	Stefano Marengo	
Michael De Bellis	Guo-li Ming	
Pedro Delgado	Jose Pardo	
Katharina Domschke	Mikhail Pletnikov	
Deepak D'Souza	Christopher Ross	
Annette Fleckenstein	Martin Sarter	
Rita Fuchs	Barbara Stanley	
Wayne Goodman	Philip Szeszko	

Council thanked the Membership Committee and chairs for their hard work this year. New members and promotions will be announced at the Business Meeting on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

8. ***Latin American Researchers Task Force*** – A. Frazer updated Council on the Latin American Advisory Group meeting on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Council agreed the task force membership should be narrowed to include approximately 5 ACNP members and a representative from each Latin America country. There are three members from Chile (Pablo Moya, Katia Gysling and Maria Estela Andres); so, Council suggested having them pick one or two representatives from that country. A. Frazer stated that Carlos Zarate and Cheryl Corcoran both were involved and enthusiastic about this initiative from membership. A. Frazer will chair the task force and will work with K. Gysling on her directive of Latin American members of the advisory group that have been involved to add to the task force. M. Wolf will also be on the task force as President. A. Frazer will follow up with Council on the task force names on a future Executive Committee call. The terms will be two years for task force members that can be renewed.
  
9. ***ACNP Name Change*** – Council discussed in their Saturday meeting that the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology name can be a deterrent to potential members / annual meeting attendees as they think the College is focused solely on pharmacology. There is a branding issue within the College and its journal. There was a suggestion to keep the ACNP acronym, however, to change the name to the American College of Neuroscience and Psychiatry. Council suggested sending a memo to membership for their comments on a name change of the College. The memo was briefly reviewed by Council. The Executive Office will recirculate the draft memo to Council and request for edits/additions in tracked changes. There should also be a conversation with Bill Carlezon on changing the name of the journal to the *American College of Neuroscience and Psychiatry Journal* as this change would cause the journal to have to register with ISI and not have an impact factor for several years. S. Timm will speak with the lawyer as the College might have to dissolve the organization and reestablish under a new name. Council also agreed the logo will need to be updated if the College changes the name. This will be discussed further on an Executive Committee call in January.
  
10. ***2019 Annual Meeting Schedule Discussion*** – As a reminder, the annual meeting schedule is shortened next year to end at 5:00pm on Wednesday. Council questioned if we still need the Distinguished Lecturer as this would free up time for other new sessions like the special opioid session at this year's meeting. Another suggestion was to move the Minority Task Force luncheon, so it is not at the same time as the Data Blitz. The Executive Office will propose schedule suggestions to Council on a future Executive Committee call. This will be a working document and any additional space with removing sessions will be listed as OPEN for new sessions. Council also requested moving the Thursday Council meeting to Wednesday evening.
  
11. ***Finalize Business Meeting Agenda*** – The Business Meeting agenda was approved.

*12. Council thanked the Council Members Rotating Off – Alan Frazer, Antonello Bonci and Rita Valentino*

**Information Item:**

*13. Submitted Committee Reports* – Council reviewed the submitted committee reports.

The meeting ended at 9:45 p.m.