2019 Business Meeting Minutes
ACNP Annual Meeting
Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Orlando, Florida
Wednesday, December 11, 2019
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Marina Wolf, Presiding

1. Call to order. President Marina Wolf called the 58th Annual Business Meeting of the ACNP to order. She 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. 2018 Minutes. The minutes of last year’s Business Meeting in Hollywood, Florida were emailed to the members and posted in the Members’ Only section of the website. Dr. Wolf 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 2020 – The following were announced:

   Linda Brady--President-Elect
   Mary Phillips--Council
   Carlos Zarate--Council

4. Dr. Wolf thanked outgoing Council members, Bita Moghaddam and Kerry Ressler, and Past-President, Anissa Abi-Dargham.

5. Thanks to all 2019 Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs. Dr. Wolf thanked the 2019 committee chairs and co-chairs for their hard work and dedication to the College throughout the year.

6. 2019 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 67 travel awardees and fellowships this year. Fifty-eight (58) of these awards were sponsored by the ACNP. For these awards, we received 314 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. Wolf also recognized and thanked the many members who volunteered to serve as mentors to the selected travel award recipients during the meeting. Each awardee’s annual meeting experience was enhanced by their opportunity to meet with and interact with a mentor.
7. **ACNP Staff.** Dr. Wolf introduced the ACNP staff members and thanked each staff member for their hard work and support.

8. **ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellowship.** Dr. Wolf reminded members that ACNP has partnered with the Americans for Medical Progress (AMP), a national non-profit in support of biomedical research, to accept applications for the ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellowship for 2020. Named for Biomedical Research Awareness Day (BRAD), a celebration of science held annually in April, this fellowship aims to raise awareness of essential animal research in neuropsychopharmacology and other related careers in the field. The fellowship is open to early career scientists in the field of neuroscience, psychology, or pharmacology, especially those focusing in the areas of mental illness and addiction. Applicants must support humane, essential animal research and have a passion for scientific communication and advocacy. Dr. Wolf encouraged members to forward this opportunity on to early career scientists that you think would be interested.

Dr. Wolf also reminded members that if your institution is not already hosting an event for Biomedical Research Awareness Day in 2020, please help organize and support this day at your institution. For more information, please visit their website [www.bradglobal.org](http://www.bradglobal.org/).

9. **Executive Director’s Report** – Dr. Wolf called on Sarah Timm to give the Executive Director’s Report.

Sarah Timm gave an update on registration numbers with the 2019 annual meeting with 1,932 attendees compared to the record high attendance of 1,941 in 2018. She informed the members that Council is considering the annual meeting size in the coming year. S. Timm requested the members complete the annual meeting evaluation and provide feedback on the shortened annual meetings schedule. She informed the members that the College is spending approximately $1M on food and beverage alone for the annual meeting. Lastly, she discussed the new 2020 Strategic Plan and thanked the Strategic Plan Task Force and Council on the significant amount of time that was put into this updated plan. She informed members that the 2020 Strategic Plan will be placed on the ACNP website.

10. **Parthenon Management Group Report.** Dr. Wolf 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. She informed members that when she and Ronnie Wilkins started PMG eleven years ago, there were only seven employees and one client. She said PMG now manages seventeen organizations and seven meetings management only clients. She stated PMG currently has 44 employees. PMG is open for business and also available for any guidance or assistance with other organizations.
11. **Secretary Report.** Dr. Wolf called on Dr. Joseph Coyle to give the Secretary’s Report.

Dr. Coyle reminded membership of the College’s Code of Conduct Policy. 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. He stated that the Women’s Luncheon speaker stated that the College is strong in our Code of Conduct Policy. Dr. Coyle also reminded membership of the College’s social media accounts for Facebook and Twitter. He stated that it is important that annual meeting attendees adhere to the College’s Annual Meeting Photography Policy of not photographing slides at the lecture or posters. He noted that when the College was founded over fifty years ago, the annual meeting was a special place where scientists could get together to share/discuss research without concern that the shared information would become public.

12. **Treasurer’s Report.** Dr. Wolf called on Dr. David Kupfer to give the Treasurer’s Report.

Dr. Kupfer reported the College is fiscally well. He stated the College’s fiscal year ends in March, and that all slides presented represent our numbers from October. He stated the College’s investments continue to do well with three groups contributing, which are Vanguard, Olimpio Neu, and Wells Fargo. He informed members that the College moved a third of the funds from USB to Wells Fargo earlier this year. Dr. Kupfer stated the College has around $1M to $2M in cash most of the year. He stated the College is fortunate enough to be able to invest its cash. He also stated the College is able to establish programs and can provide funding to support the mission of the College. Dr. Kupfer described the breakdown of income sources for the College with 50% coming from Parthenon Management Group thanks to Sarah and team. He stated that 16% were from annual meeting registration, 10% from corporate fees, 4% from membership dues, 1% from educational grants, 1% from contributions, .7% from rental income and .3% from other income sources. He also stated that 17% comes from publications; however, that the new strategic plan is addressing the potential loss through Plan S and open access.

13. **Editor’s Report.** Dr. Wolf called on Dr. William Carlezon, Editor-in-Chief, to give the journal report.
Dr. Carlezon reported that the Journal accomplished all of their goals set in 2019: being more selective (fewer papers) with a 15% acceptance rate, planning the next two NPPR issues, continuing to update the Editorial Board member roster, continuing to strengthen social media visibility, special projects completed by the Editorial Intern, and creating the new journal award, the Neurepsychopharmacology Editors’ Early Career Award (NEECA). Dr. Carlezon stated the impact factor continues to rise and that more ACNP members are using the journal. He informed membership that Kerry Ressler and Leanne Williams are co-editors for the 2021 NPPR issue on Big Data, and that Suzanne Haber and Trevor Robbins are the editors of the 2022 NPPR issue on Prefrontal Cortex. Chloe Jordan, Editorial Intern, worked on gender balance in journal function as a special project. She found that the journal Editorial Board is right at the balance of women in our field at 40%. Dr. Carlezon stated there are two editorials on this topic in the journal. Dr. Carlezon reviewed the special project on altmetrics within the journal. This project found that there was no relationship between press releases and citations; however, there was with Twitter and citations. Dr. Carlezon stated that Dr. Gretchen Neigh, Social Media Editor for the journal, started with zero followers in 2017 and is currently at 3,379 followers. Dr. Carlezon reported on the history of the NEATOR, NEAR and NEECA awards, and how none were given to ACNP members at the time the award was presented. Dr. Carlezon announced the top reviewers in 2019 with Dr. Noboru Hiroi leading again with 23 reviews. Dr. Carlezon informed members that the primary goal for 2020 was to rebrand the journal as NPP and presented two draft cover options. Lastly, Dr. Carlezon thanked the Editors, staff, reviewers and authors for the journal.

14. Minority Task Force Report. Dr. Wolf called on Dr. Juan Gallego, Minority Task Force Chair.

Dr. Gallego reminded membership of the new URM Resources page on the ACNP Website as well as the new URM Diversity Events page on the website. The URM Resources page features URM content such as grant opportunities, training opportunities, and other educational resources aimed at post docs. The URM Diversity Events page focuses on increasing the visibility of URM-related events that are being held during the ACNP Annual Meeting. Dr. Gallego thanked the ad hoc members and Todd Lencz, Website Editor, for their hard work on finding the materials and creating these pages.

15. Membership Committee Report. Dr. Wolf called on Dr. Susan Sesack, Membership Committee chair, to announce the 2020 new members and promotions. Dr. Sesack stated that this was a record number of underrepresented minorities accepted. Dr. Sesack thanked the committee members for their hard work and diligence.
A. New Associate Members (42)

Christoph Anacker
Rosemary Bagot
Elizabeth Ballard
Anna Beyeler
James Bjork
Shuken Boku
Chad Bousman
Samuel Chamberlain
Nikolaos Daskalakis
Breno Diniz
Joseph Dunsmoor
Bjørn Ebdrup
Fabio Ferrarelli
Ariadna Forray
Carolina Haass-Koffler
Margaret Hahn
Elizabeth Heller
Ellen Hoffman
Xiaoqi Huang
Sabra Inslicht
Suma Jacob

George James
Drew Kiraly
Katharina Kircanski
Nathan Kolla
Nina Kraguljac
Tiffany Love
Matthew MacDonald
Evan Macosko
Catherine Marcinkiewcz
Vasiliki Michopoulos
Shinichiro Nakajima
Krystal Parker
Marta Pecina
Jovita Randall-Thompson
Ramiro Salas
Rebecca Shansky
Jennifer Stevens
Irina Strigo
Anne Wheeler
Ke Xu
Sarah Yip

B. New Members (40)

Ryan Bachtell
Dewleen Baker
Debra Bangasser
Kristen Brennand
Jennifer Britton
Vincenzo De Luca
Adriana Di Martino
Faith Dickerson
Emmeline Edwards
Francesca Filbey
Shelly Flagel
Susan George
Nicholas Gilpin
Samer Hattar
Laura Holsen
Bill Horan
Kimberly Huber
Hilleke Hulshoff Pol
Lori Knackstedt
Rebecca Knickmeyer

Fernanda Laezza
Carlos Lopez-Jaramillo
Antigona Martinez
Shawn McClintock
Catherine Monk
Christopher Monk
Betsy Murray
M. Mercedes Perez-Rodriguez
Tracey Petryshen
Anilkumar Pillai
Lara Ray
Amar Sahay
Srijan Sen
Manpreet Singh
Alicia Smith
Marjorie Solomon
Shelley Su
Scott Thompson
David Weinshenker
Natalie Zahr
C. Members to Fellows (29)

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16. **Old Business / New Business.** Dr. Wolf made a call for old business and new business. There were no old or new business items brought forward for discussion.

17. **The President’s Year in Retrospective.** Dr. Wolf gave a brief update of the 2019 initiatives. During the past year, she focused on the following initiatives:

- Developed a new strategic plan that affirms the College’s continued commitment to increasing diversity and inclusion in our membership and meeting.
- Prepared the College and NPP for the implementation of Plan S (initiative for open access publishing). The Plan S task force continues to look watch developments from cOAition S.
- Resolved the decade-long debate about whether the College should have a new name, which was to keep its historic name.
- Dealt with complaints against members alleged to have violated our Code of Conduct (in partnership with Ethics Committee and Legal Counsel).
- Discussed and responded to policies or proposed legislation affecting our members and the protection of animal research.
- Implemented initiatives to update the composition and policies of the College to match the changing scientific landscape.
- Responded to initiatives proposed by our members, including making the 2021 the summer Program Committee meeting an e-meeting.
18. **Passing of the Reins.** Dr. Wolf expressed the major responsibility of the ACNP President is to articulate the vision of our College, and to speak on behalf of the College. She passed a set of symbolic reins and a tiara to 2020 President, Dr. Maria Oquendo, and wished her well in the coming year.

19. **President’s Plaque.** Dr. Oquendo thanked Dr. Wolf for her service, leadership, and initiatives, and presented her with the 2019 President’s gavel plaque. Dr. Oquendo acknowledged the volume and quality of work that happened under Dr. Wolf’s leadership, and how she was always thorough and thoughtful in the decisions. Dr. Oquendo briefly presented her goals for the coming year. Develop strategies for recruitment of the next generation of outstanding scientists conducting cutting edge research with continued focus on diversity defined in the broadest sense.

- Leverage our assets to promote the mission of the College.
- Strengthen our partnerships with societies with similar missions to increase our reach to policy makers to ensure protection/expansion of research funding and support for animal research.
- Work with AAMC and other organizations to expand the time spent in SOM/Neuroscience curricula on psychiatric and substance use disorders.

20. Dr. Oquendo adjourns meeting.