

***Council Quarterly Call  
Tuesday, November 10, 2020  
2:00pm - 3:00pm Eastern***

***Participants:***

***Maria Oquendo  
Trevor Robbins  
Marina Wolf  
Victoria Arango  
David Kupfer  
Linda Brady  
Judith Ford***

***Diego Pizzagalli  
Carlos Zarate  
Joseph Coyle  
Steven Hyman  
Helen Mayberg  
Mary Phillips  
Carrie Bearden (elect)***

***Ellen Leibenluft (elect)  
Rita Valentino (elect)  
David Rubinow (elect)  
Sarah Timm, staff  
Erin Shaw, staff***

***Minutes:***

- 1. CenExel Clinical Research Participating Corporation Application*** – Council reviewed and approved the CenExel Clinical Research participating corporation application.
- 2. ACNP Participating Corporation Program*** – D. Rubinow suggested Council review the current Participating Corporation program to see if the College wants to continue receiving funds from corporate membership. Council discussed the need to attract researchers from industry to our meeting to present posters and interact with members of the College which is an important sector of our meeting. This will be discussed further during the December Council meeting.
- 3. Diversity & Inclusion Task Force Proposal*** – Council reviewed the Diversity & Inclusion Task Force’s proposal for a training on unconscious bias, diversity, equity and inclusion during the virtual Annual Meeting on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm Central. S. Timm stated the presentation will be given by Dorcas Lind and she is requiring an honorarium of \$2,500. S. Timm stated she will also be available for Q&A after the presentation with attendees. The Executive Office advised Council that D. Lind presented at one of the Diversity & Inclusion Task Force member’s institutions and that is how she was recommended. Council questioned if this training is needed as most universities/institutions are requiring this training and consistently communicating this with their faculty. R. Valentino stated the Women’s Session this year will also be on unconscious bias, but it will be focused on “cultivating your voice, how unconscious bias affects STEMM communications” so this session would be different. It was stated that attendees who do not work in universities may not have this required training and could benefit from attending during our meeting. It was also stated the kickoff to the virtual meeting is on inclusion and diversity efforts within large scientific organizations, and this would follow well to that opening session. It was also noted that some universities do better than others with communication and training on bias. S. Timm advised Council that the task force has spoken with D. Lind and the proposal is tailored to our meeting attendees. It was stated that she has presented on the NY Times podcast and was an experienced, compelling presenter. There was a motion to accept, then a second and all in Council were in favor to approve. There was a suggestion to research how underlying science is advancing in cognitive neuroscience and the controversies surrounding the implicit bias attitude test. The research would show the interaction between cognitive control and implicit bias, and how effective the training is.

4. ***FBR Request*** – Council reviewed the Foundation for Biomedical Research (FBR)’s donation request for \$6,000 to allow them to continue their programs to educate the public about the necessity of animals in research. S. Timm advised Council that this is a project that the College has sponsored in the past, “*Love Animals? Support Animal Research*”, through the College’s use of funds. It was stated that there are several other donors who also assist with the media blitz. It was noted that this is a good use of funds to continue to support animal research. There was a motion, a second and all were in favor of approving.
5. ***Virtual Meeting Request: Gathertown*** – S. Timm provided a brief overview of an example of the virtual meeting platform. She was able to show the virtual lobby that will look similar to ACNP’s virtual meeting lobby, how to enter session rooms, how to view the agenda (annual meeting schedule) that will also have links to enter the session rooms or will provide the link to the recorded session once it is available for viewing, the poster gallery, how to view the attendees list, and which attendees are currently live on the platform. S. Timm stated the video recordings will be available to meeting attendees 30 days after the meeting. S. Timm also stated there will be a Wellness Center on the virtual platform with a Pilates and stretch video for attendees to view during the breaks. S. Timm advised that the Annual Meeting Schedule Task Force discussed the [Gathertown](#) platform on their last call that allows users to create a virtual space with avatars that roams the space using the arrow keys on their keyboard. When their avatar comes in close proximity with other avatars, they can then join in the conversation. This concept captures the element of spontaneity of walking around the conference center during the in-person meetings and meeting with people to network. The group discussed this could be an alternative platform than another Zoom room for the informal networking and continued discussions from the scientific sessions (“meet me in the lobby”) as well as used during the Travel Award reception and informal networking after the opening reception for attendees to network. The link would be embedded into our virtual meeting platform for a seamless entry for attendees. The formal networking sessions planned in between the scientific sessions will be hosted through the Zoom meeting rooms. The Executive Office is researching the platform and the cost estimate would be a maximum of \$10,000. It was stated that the College is saving money this year by having the virtual meeting and this would be a value added for attendees. There was concern raised that this program could be difficult for attendees to learn; however, E. Leibenluft informed the group that the Annual Meeting Schedule Task Force tested this and everyone learned how to move the avatar and work the program pretty quickly. It was stated that this program would allow attendees to enter a different “location” for receptions and networking. Council approved to move forward with utilizing Gathertown for the virtual meeting. S. Timm stated the Annual Meeting Schedule Task Force has been great to work with and there are some exciting components for the virtual meeting.
6. ***ACNP Statement of Principles on the Ethical Care of Animals*** – Council reviewed the ACNP Statement of Principles on the Ethical Care of Animals for Research, Testing and Education in Neuropsychopharmacology. Currently, this statement is placed behind the members log-in on the ACNP website. The Animal Research Committee are requesting this statement be available to the public on the updated animal research pages on the ACNP website. M. Oquendo stated that the Executive Committee reviewed this on a recent call, and all agreed to make the statement available to the public, but her. She stated her concern

was that it could attract negative comments from animal rights groups. It was stated that a percentage of our membership does animal research, and it is important to acknowledge all the research tied to fundamental research in animals. An advantage to our members would be to show the College is transparent that we believe in conducting research in an ethical manner and this could protect our members. It was questioned how many non-members peruse our website looking for information, and S. Timm stated that the Executive Office does not typically receive emails or feedback from internet trolls in the general mailbox and that mostly the journal is targeted. There was a motion to make this statement public facing and a second and all were in favor of approving. There were three Council members who abstained the vote.

### **Information Items:**

- 7. *Audit Committee Report*** – Council reviewed the Audit Committee report.
- 8. *Updated 2021 Budget*** – Council reviewed the FY21 updated budget due to the summer and annual meetings moving to virtual.
- 9. *Quarterly Financial Calls*** – The next quarterly financial calls scheduled in November will discuss ESG funds and the Executive Office will report back to Council in December.
- 10. *Plan S Update*** – Council reviewed the Plan S update from Springer Nature.
- 11. *2020 Virtual Travel Award Reception*** – The virtual 2020 Travel Awardee Reception is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2020 at 6:30pm-8:00pm Central. Council is encouraged to attend.
- 12. *STAR Letters*** – The Executive Committee recently agreed to sign-on to the STAR letter to Senate LHHS and the STAR letter to the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare.
- 13. *2021 Summer Council Meeting SAVE THE DATE*** – The 2021 summer Council meeting will be scheduled virtually on Saturday, July 17, 2021 from 10:00am – 2:00pm Eastern.
- 14. *2021 Summer Program Committee Meeting SAVE THE DATE*** – The 2021 summer Program Committee meeting will be scheduled virtually on Saturday, July 10, 2021.