2021 Business Meeting Minutes  
ACNP Hybrid Annual Meeting  
Wednesday, December 8, 2021  
7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Atlantic Standard Time  
104 – Puerto Rico Convention Center

Linda S. Brady, Presiding

1. **Call to order.** President Linda Brady called the 60th 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 the Business Meeting.

2. **2020 Minutes.** The minutes of last year's virtual Business Meeting were emailed to the members and posted in the Members’ Only section of the website. Dr. Brady 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 2022 –** The following were announced:

   - Kerry Ressler--President-Elect
   - William Carlezon--Council
   - Marina Picciotto--Council

4. **Dr. Brady thanked outgoing Council members,** Helen Mayberg and Trevor Robbins, and Past-President Marina Wolf.

5. **Thanks to all 2021 Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs.** Dr. Brady thanked the 2021 committee chairs and co-chairs for their hard work and dedication to the College throughout the year.

6. **2021 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 dual ACNP Travel Award and Fellowship Programs have grown from supporting 10 travel awardees in 1980 to supporting 87 travel awardees and fellowships this current year. Sixty-two (62) of these awards were sponsored by the ACNP. For these awards, we received 296 applications. The Education & Training Committee has done a superior job of recruiting young talent.

   The 2020 Travel Awardees were also invited to attend this year’s annual meeting in-person as last year was a virtual meeting.

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

8. **Executive Director’s Report.** Dr. Brady called on Sarah Timm to give the Executive Director’s Report.

Sarah Timm reported that it has been another great year for the Executive Office. The Executive Office has been very busy planning the hybrid meeting this year and enhancing our technology platform. She advised that the annual meeting has seen record attendance with 2,075 registered (43% virtually). Our last in-person meeting was in 2019 with 1,932 in attendance. ACNP’s efforts to invite trainees to the annual meetings are continuing to grow with 500 trainees in attendance this year. S. Timm encouraged all attendees to complete the annual meeting evaluation of their hybrid meeting experience and provide feedback on ways the Executive Office and Program Committee can improve the annual meetings. Council is considering continuing the hybrid meeting format so that the meeting can be accessible to all members and their invited guests.

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

Sarah Timm reported that Parthenon Management Group (PMG) continues to grow. She advised that when PMG was started in 2008 there was one client and seven employees. Today PMG manages 18 professional societies and 67 employees. This year two members were added to the Parthenon Board of Directors, C. Neill Epperson and Guy Goodwin. As a reminder, the Parthenon Board of Directors is distinct from ACNP Council. S. Timm provided an overview of the clients that PMG manages with many in neuroscience, but also including dentistry, otolaryngology, oncology, and the Case Management Society of America, which has over 8,000 members. In addition to association management clients, PMG also has six meetings-only clients. PMG is open for business and available for any guidance or assistance with other organizations.

10. **Dr. Brady provided a special thanks to David Kupfer for his role as Treasurer from 2011 to 2020. He had stayed on Council for an additional year as an ad hoc member in order to ensure a smooth transition of Treasurer duties to Dr. David Rubinow.**

11. **Membership Committee Report.** Dr. Brady called on Dr. Anne Andrews, Membership Committee chair, to announce the 2022 new members and promotions. Dr. Andrews thanked co-chair, Dr. Paul Kenny, and the committee members for their hard work and diligence.

**A. New Associate Members (39)**

- Maithe Arruda-Carvalho
- L. Cinnamon Bidwell
- Clifford Cassidy
- Uraina Clark
- Vincent Costa
- Meaghan Creed
- Brenda Curtis
- Anna Docherty
Jennifer Dwyer
Tory Eisenlohr-Moul
Neir Eshel
Negar Fani
Gregory Fonzo
Jay Fournier
Zachary Freyberg
Michael Gandal
Ronald Garcia
Andrea Goldstein-Piekarski
Tamar Green
Stephanie Groman
Tiffany Ho
Sahib Khalsa
Stefan Kloiber
Alan Lewis

B. New Members (32)

Albert Arias
Heather Brenhouse
Samuel Chamberlain
Joshua Cisler
Kathryn Cullen
Michael Davis
Kristina Deligiannidis
Christine DeLorenzo
David Dietz
Sophie Erhardt
Craig Erickson
Tomoyuki Furuyashiki
Cassandra Gipson
Georgia Hodes
Guillermo Horga
Stephen J Kanes

Joshua Kantrowitz
Cecile Ladouceur
Pamela Mahon
Scott Moeller
Tara Niendam
Atsumi Nitta
Sara Nixon
Gahan Pandina
Melissa Perreault
Kathryn Reissner
Jonathan Savitz
Marisa Spann
Michael Taffe
Moriah Thomason
James Waltz
Robert Yolken

C. Members to Fellows (29)

Olusola Ajilore
Tanya Alim
Robert Asarnow
Staci Bilbo
Doo-Sup Choi
Joao de Quevedo
Kim Q. Do

Vicki Ellingrod
Robert Findling
Guy Griebel
Yasmin Hurd
Evelyn Lambe
Scott Langenecker
Lorenzo Leggio
12. **Old Business / New Business.** Dr. Brady made a call for old business and new business. There were no old or new business items brought forward for discussion.

13. **The President’s Year in Retrospective.** Dr. Brady gave a brief update of the 2021 initiatives. During the past year, she focused on the following initiatives:

   - Council and some committee chairs hosted three URM Mini Retreats. URM members in the College and field were invited to offer ways to make the College more inclusive. These mini retreats were held in the Spring and Summer. The NIH Institute Directors were also invited to the first Mini Retreat.
   - The URM Mentoring Task Force was established and developed the inaugural URM Near Peer Mentorship Program with 10 mentors and 10 mentees in its pilot year.
   - The URM Near Peer Mentorship Program, in partnership with the Center for the Improvement for Mentored Experiences in Research (CIMER), inaugural program started in November of 2021 and will end with a half day workshop at the 2022 ACNP Annual Meeting in Arizona. This program will provide mentorship support from ACNP member mentors to underrepresented minority scientists who plan to engage in a research career in neuropsychopharmacology.
   - The NPP EIC Search Committee, chaired by Marina Wolf, worked hard this year interviewing candidates for the next NPP Editor-in-Chief. The new EIC will be announced in early 2022. Bill Carlezon will remain as NPP Editor-in-Chief until December 31, 2022.
   - The Annual Meeting Task Force, chaired by Judy Ford, strategized ways to incorporate the virtual portion of the meeting into the in-person meeting making this the ACNP’s first time to host a hybrid annual meeting.

14. **Passing of the Reins and Tiara.** Dr. Brady 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 2022 President, Dr. Carlos Zarate, and wished him well in the coming year.
15. President’s Plaque. Dr. Zarate thanked Dr. Brady for her service, leadership and initiatives, and presented her with the 2021 President’s gavel plaque. Dr. Zarate briefly presented his thoughts and goals for the coming year.

- The future of ACNP Annual Meetings in a new hybrid ‘meeting’ world
- Attract further clinical translational research to the College and Annual Meeting through outreach to key clinical research societies
- Further develop the 2021/2022 URM Near Peer Mentorship Program
- Expand global outreach and engagement of international societies

16. Dr. Zarate adjourned meeting.

*The Treasurer’s Report, presented by Dr. David Rubinow, ACNP Treasurer, and NPP Report, presented by Dr. William Carlezon, NPP Editor-in-Chief, was pre-recorded and made available to members with the minutes and posted on the ACNP Website in the Member’s Only section.*