

ACNP Summer Council Meeting Minutes
Saturday, July 15, 2023
11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. EST

Kerry Ressler, Presiding

Deanna Barch
Carrie Bearden
Linda Brady
Bill Carlezon
Cynthia Crawford
Ellen Leibenluft
Helen Mayberg
Colleen McClung
Marina Picciotto
David Rubinow
Rita Valentino
Carlos Zarate

Executive Director: Sarah Timm
Staff: Erin Shaw

Elect: Neill Epperson, Council-Elect (Elect have voice but no vote)
Yasmin Hurd, Council-Elect

Associate Members on Council: Nina Kraguljac (Have voice but no vote)
Angela Ozburn

Conflict of Interest Forms were reviewed prior to the start of the meeting by Kerry Ressler, President, Rita Valentino, Secretary, and Sarah Timm, Executive Director, per the Conflict of Interest Policy for Council.

****Nominating Committee 2024*** – K. Ressler reminded Council to complete the ballot by Wednesday, July 19th.

- 1. Program Committee Report*** – Victoria Risbrough, Program Committee chair, presented the Program Committee report to Council. She advised Council of the plenary and special sessions planned for the meeting. K. Ressler noted that this year's NPPR session is similar to the President's Plenary session in theme and presenters. K. Ressler will work with Lisa Monteggia, John Krystal, and Samantha Meltzer-Brody on presentations to make sure the presentations are not overlapping. It was suggested for the President to schedule a call with the NPPR Editors in the spring when discussing their sessions to avoid overlap. It was also noted for the committees to be aware of any overlap on themes. H. Mayberg requested for Council and the Program Committee chairs to think of session themes for next year that may be missing this year as she will be President in 2024. The committee reviewed and accepted 36 of the 112 (32%) panel submissions, 6 of the 22 (27%) mini-

panel submissions, and 16 of the 29 (55%) study group submissions. The overall acceptance rate was 58/163 (36%). The somewhat lower acceptance rate compared to last year was likely due to the increased number of submissions for the 2023 Annual Meeting. The committee received 144 submissions in 2022 compared to 163 submissions this year. The committee voted to accept 53 of the 55 slots for the program. The chairs chose to accept three additional proposals that had been discussed and voted on based on program balance and the voting percentages by the committee. 55 slots (58 total sessions) will be filled for the 2023 Annual Meeting program. V. Risbrough advised that the committee noted that the number of study groups has been increasing each year and questioned if there should be a limit on the number of study groups that are accepted each year in the program. It was noted that study group submissions tend to be easier to write and to review which might account for the increased acceptance. It was questioned if the chairs are seeing study groups acting as panel sessions during the meeting. V. Risbrough advised that the Program Committee asked that there be articulated questions and a limited number of slides to try and ensure that these sessions are truly presented as a study group. It was suggested for the Program Committee chairs to ensure these study groups are really using the study group format and not the panel format as well as request ACNP staff to pay attention to the format of the study groups when taking room counts during the meeting. V. Risbrough advised that of the 58 sessions accepted, 43 (74%) have a female chair and/or co-chair and 8 (14%) have a URM female chair and/or co-chair. There are 39% of women, gender fluid, or non-binary participants on accepted sessions and 42% URM participants. V. Risbrough noted that there are slightly more URM's representing as chairs or co-chairs this year; however, the committee did not receive as many URM's as participants this year. Next year's Program Committee will be vigilant of this. There are 100% of women, gender fluid, or non-binary participants on accepted sessions and 41% of sessions include URM's. V. Risbrough noted that submitted basic sessions tend to do better on acceptances vs. clinical and integrative; however, the committee receives fewer basic submissions. V. Risbrough advised that the committee received an increase in 'other' submissions as the primary category with most being almost completely multi-disciplinary. The committee might want to consider adding that as a primary category next year. 'Other' primary categories included training, ethics, and clinical practice. It was questioned where digital psychiatry/neuroscience sessions fit in to the primary categories. V. Risbrough advised that she does not remember seeing many digital submissions this year; however, received a lot of computational which is another potential category to add in the future. It was suggested to consider adding digital phenotyping as a new category in the future given the new journal, *NPP-Digital Psychiatry and Neuroscience* (DPN). V. Risbrough advised that there was more balance in the disease states and most categories are represented at least once. She noted that submissions including childhood and adolescence are getting accepted more than others and questioned if there is a movement in the field of interest or are they just writing better proposals. Submissions in the 'Other' disease state category also increased this year compared to 2022 and included methods and trans morbidity.

Council thanked V. Risbrough and the Program Committee for their hard work this year. It was questioned if the Program Committee noticed that the submissions went up with this year being in Tampa, Florida and still including women and URM's on the proposals.

V. Risbrough stated that this was not discussed with the Program Committee and the committee understands that we are contracted with Florida for this year; however, noted that younger people from her institution in California are concerned and are hesitant to come in-person to this year's meeting.

2. ***Treasurer's Report*** – D. Rubinow presented the Treasurer's Report to Council. K. Ressler reminded Council that the College's fiscal year runs April 1st through March 31st, so we are currently in FY2024. D. Rubinow advised that the FY2023 Audit Report should be completed in August and will be reviewed by the Audit/Finance Committee. The College's current investment accounts consist of Vanguard (managed by S. Timm and D. Rubinow), Wells Fargo and Olimpio Neu, and are all relatively conservative and stable in this market. The investments have remained the same over the past two years. The drop in the cash accounts occur when the College takes money from the cash accounts and places it into our investments. The increase of cash occurs from our investment's dividends and interest. He advised that the assets represent the cash, and the fixed assets include the office building in Brentwood, TN, software, computer equipment, furniture, etc. related to Parthenon Management Group (PMG). He advised that there was a 3% drop in total net assets in 2020 and an increase of 30% in 2021. The College has around \$21 Million in total assets. The last page of the Treasurer's Report shows the pie chart of the College's revenue in FY2023. The vast majority of revenue comes from PMG; however, the majority of expenses also come from PMG. He advised the net loss of \$90K on the May financial statements is largely due to the expenses from our use of funds initiatives. D. Rubinow suggested for Council to review the April financial statements for a review of the past fiscal year. When presenting the use of funds spreadsheet for FY2024, D. Rubinow pointed out that several of our initiatives support past travel awardees, URM past travel awardees, and the URM Near-Peer Mentorship Program. It was noted that the dividends and interest have been around the same over the past five years.

As PMG revenue continues to increase it was questioned whether there may be a situation (for example another pandemic) in which ACNP should consider placing money aside. S. Timm advised that during the pandemic, PMG thrived fiscally as we were able to shift our clients to virtual meetings and add new business. PMG is currently investing in our new association management system, Pillar. PMG has been able to invest in their future without having to borrow money from the College. S. Timm also advised that normally businesses place 1.5 years of cash into reserves and questioned if we should do that for PMG.

Council thanked D. Rubinow for his hard work on the College's financials.

3. ***Participating Corporation Applications*** – K. Ressler advised Council that in its strategic plan, the ACNP has committed itself to establish “effective, collaborative relationships with patient advocacy organizations, government, academia, and industry that help to advance the scientific goals of the College”, and to serve as “a catalyst for industry, government, and academia to work collaboratively to advance discovery and to disseminate scientific advances”. There are varying levels of support for our participating corporations ranging from \$4K to \$75K. Council reviewed the participating corporation

applications from Remalda Therapeutics, Alto Neuroscience, Cybin, and EMA Wellness. It was questioned under what circumstances would Council reject a participating corporation application. S. Timm advised that Council has rejected applications in the past when the organization was not closely aligned to our mission and field or if they were too early in their start-up. S. Timm also noted that the College previously required participating corporations to do original research; however, this changed to be able to include CROs to the meeting and to get their perspectives. K. Ressler advised that Council has never discussed if a cap number of memberships should be given to participating corporations. After discussion, there was a motion, a second, and all were in favor of accepting Remalda Therapeutics, Alto Neuroscience, Cybin, and EMA Wellness as participating corporations.

**K. Ressler and B. Carlezon were recused from voting on Alto Neuroscience as a participating corporation due to their conflict of interest.*

4. ***Policy for Shipping Hardcopies of NPP*** – K. Ressler advised that the NPP Editorial Office receives five hardcopies each month for all volumes of NPP. The Editorial Office occasionally receive requests from authors to send them hardcopies of the journal; however, requests from international authors are quite expensive to ship. The Editorial Office placed together the following policy that has been approved by the Principal Editors, Tony George and Lisa Monteggia.

The ACNP Editorial Office receives five (5) hardcopies each month for all volumes of *NPP* (12 issues of *NPP* and 1 issue of *NPPR*). When the Editorial Office receives a request for a hardcopy to be mailed, the following steps will be followed:

- 1.) One (1) hardcopy of each issue will be kept on file to be included in the College's collection of Journals.
- 2.) One (1) hardcopy will be sent to the family of any deceased ACNP member who's In Memoriam is published in the issue.
- 3.) Any extra hardcopies can be distributed to fulfill the request for hardcopies (i.e., authors who do not have a print subscription, cover image author, etc.)
- 4.) The Editorial Office will use USPS for shipment within the US and Fed Ex for international shipments.
- 5.) For shipping costs under \$50, the ACNP will pay for the postage.
- 6.) For shipping costs over \$50, the ACNP will pay for \$50 and request the remainder of the cost to be paid by the requestor. These funds can be wired to the ACNP since most of these will be international shipments.

There was a motion to accept the new policy for shipping hardcopies of NPP, a second, and all were in favor to approve.

5. ***Proposal to Combine the Constitution and Rules and Ethics Committee*** – As a reminder, Council approved the recommendation from the Constitution and Rules Committee to combine the Constitution and Rules Committee with the Ethics Committee and allow both Members and Fellows to participate on the committee. Council requested the Ethics Committee discuss if only a subcommittee of Fellows will review the ethics cases or a

subcommittee consisting of both Members and Fellows will review to keep the ethics cases as confidential as possible. The Ethics Committee discussed and recommended a subcommittee consisting of both Members and Fellows to review the ethics cases to maintain confidentiality while also ensuring there is sufficient content expertise to deal with any issues that arise. It was questioned if there would be any value added to allow at least one Associate Member on this committee. S. Timm advised that the Ethics Committee consisted of only Fellows as the senior and more long-term members of the College reviewed the confidential ethics cases. The Ethics Committee discussed at length and agreed to allow Members review ethics cases; however, not Associate Members as they are not yet full members of the College. M. Picciotto also advised that the Constitution and Rules Committee had an extensive discussion regarding this because of the delicacy of ethics issues. There was a motion to approve the Ethics Committee's recommendation to have a subcommittee consisting of both Members and Fellows review any ethics cases that may arise. There was a second and all of Council were in favor of approving. K. Ressler suggested the Constitution and Rules Committee have a future discussion regarding whether they should include an Associate Member on the committee to have a voice more broadly on the constitution and bylaws but not the ethics cases. This will be discussed again on a future meeting.

6. ***Proposal to Reinstate the Human Research Task Force or Work Group*** – The Constitution and Rules Committee recommended that Council consider reinstating a Human Research task force or workgroup to review policies such as privacy protection and confidentiality for participants as well as encouraging diversity in representation of participants for more inclusivity in clinical trials. This task force or work group would advocate for human research, identify potential obstacles for scientists and provide resources to address them. Issues with human research are frequently evolving and this could provide membership with guidance and a framework. The task force or work group would aim to explore human research needs and to discuss privacy, bias, and ethics as it relates to human research. S. Timm advised the previous Human Research Committee disbanded in 2010 as they were working more on policy issues that the current Liaison Committee addresses. It was questioned what the outcome of this task force or workgroup would be. Another idea was to include an ad hoc member on the Ethics Committee that has a particular interest in human research should an ethics issue arise. It was also suggested that this could be an opportunity for an article in the new journal, DPN, with a lived experience perspective as privacy concerns are evolving. It was also noted that inclusivity of clinical trials could also pair nicely with the inclusion of racial groups in clinical research. Research depends on brain banks which do not have a lot of diversity. Council agreed there is a need among the membership for a discussion; however, the role of ACNP to make recommendations or driving what the ethical need is unclear. It was suggested to create a study group on this topic as Council was unsure what the charge would be for this task force or workgroup. Council agreed the next step would be to identify people to discuss these issues and identify clear charges this task force or workgroup would work on to propose to Council. S. Timm noted that Cheryl Corcoran had an interest in this from the Constitution and Rules Committee. Other suggestions included Sabina Berretta who runs the Harvard Brain Bank, David Lewis who is the head of the Pittsburgh Brain Bank, and to consider including one of the NIMH staff who

oversees the NIH NeuroBioBank. It was also suggested for M. Picciotto and A. Ozburn to join the discussion on behalf of Council.

7. *Proposal for ACNP-AfCNP Sponsored Neuropsychopharmacology Schools in Africa* –

C. Zarate discussed the proposal for ACNP-AfCNP sponsored neuropsychopharmacology schools in Africa and the support of this proposal by the Global Outreach Task Force. C. Zarate advised that at first the Global Outreach Task Force was unclear of what the outcomes were for these schools in Africa. The task force requested Peter Kalivas and Lukoye Atwoli, president of the African College of Neuropsychopharmacology (AfCNP), to provide additional information on the outcomes of the students. It became apparent with this additional information that there was no systematic tracking approach, so the task force is requesting that a database be created by ACNP for monitoring outcomes of the schools. The proposal requests that the College consider an annual support for 1–2-week schools in Africa where only residents of Africa could apply and depending on the topic include senior graduate students, postdocs, clinical fellows, and/or junior faculty. The school agenda would involve anything from a lab that teaches a technical approach to more general education in neuropsychopharmacology. The request is for ACNP to cover the budget for the 1–2-week school which is \$63,935. C. Zarate advised that they are hoping to start the next class in the winter of 2024. Council agreed of the importance to do this outreach to countries that do not have this access. It was questioned if they could offer this course to more trainees virtually to increase the impact of this program and if PMG could assist in running this course for virtual attendees. Council agreed to make this recommendation to P. Kalivas and L. Atwoli for the lecture presentations; however, noting that it would not be valuable for the hands-on experience of the course. After discussion, there was a motion to support this school for one year only before deciding on future years. There was a second and all of Council were in favor of supporting for one year. S. Timm advised that this will be part of the College's use of funds initiative. There was a suggestion to have a future discussion on if other organizations such as NIDA and IBRO could be included to support the schools in the future and help with the cost.

8. *Career Development Committee Proposal* – L. Brady advised that the Career Development Committee is proposing an Early Career Faculty Annual Meeting Assistance Program. This proposal originated from Council's request in 2022 to investigate what types of discretionary funds early career faculty have for travel at their institution and if travel funding for meetings is becoming challenging to obtain for early career faculty. The 2022 Career Development Committee determined that travel funding for early career faculty was quite limited at institutions and that inability to cover meeting costs prevented individuals from attending. The committee is proposing to create a system by which early career investigators (based on the NIH definition) can apply for funding as a way of meeting financial need. A portion of the funds would be reserved for URM's. There would be a \$1,000 maximum allocation per person and this would go into effect for the 2024 Annual Meeting. L. Brady advised that the committee was unclear the number of individuals that could be supported each year based on funding. It was advised that these funds would be for early career faculty who no longer qualify for the College's travel award program and do not have an independent research support yet. There was concern that the College would want to be careful in making sure these early career faculty

understand that this is based on need and not merit. It was also noted that \$1,000 would not cover all the travel expenses to attend the meeting and recommended providing more funding to these early career faculty but only supporting around 10 people. It was also questioned if members would be eligible to receive this funding opportunity. L. Brady advised that the committee had not discussed if members should be included or not and that this proposal is still in the early stages of planning. Council agreed there is general enthusiasm about this proposal; however, requested for the comments and concerns to be taken back to the Career Development Committee for a more detailed proposal in the coming months. Council also requested for the committee to establish the appropriate level of funding needed to cover the travel expenses.

9. ***2024 & 2025 Annual Meetings and Future Meeting Locations*** – K. Ressler advised that the cancellation fee for the 2024 Annual Meeting at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa in Phoenix, Arizona is \$650K, and reminded Council that this is a rebook from the 2020 Annual Meeting due to COVID. The cancellation fee for the 2025 Annual Meeting at the Loews Royal Pacific Resort and Loews Sapphire Falls Resort in Orlando, Florida is \$195K. Council is working to showcase Tampa's progressive efforts for the 2023 Annual Meeting noting that if the College canceled this year's meeting it would have had to be a completely virtual meeting with this short notice. S. Timm advised that K. Ressler, B. Carlezon, and herself recently had a call with David Jentsch. D. Jentsch recognized that Council is in a difficult position. He advised that the LGBTQ+ community wants to hear that the leadership in the College knows that the laws in Florida do not align with our mission and statement on diversity. The community wants to hear more that leadership is sorry and have an open communication instead of only advising of how we are leaning in and what we are doing to work with Tampa and potentially Orlando. K. Ressler reminded Council that he also recently spoke with Jared Young and there is a listening session scheduled for August 3rd with the signers of the letter to Council from the LGBTQ community and allies. It was noted that some people feel that the College is not doing enough unless we cancel one of our upcoming meetings. It was agreed that Florida has more discriminatory laws and more conversation is regarding Florida than Arizona. S. Timm advised that she has had several calls with Universal Orlando recently and spoke earlier this week to their Chief Diversity Officer. Their Chief Diversity Officer advised of Universal's "Love is Universal" campaign where Universal is giving 100% of the merchandise sales to LGBTQ+ charities from the months of May through August. She also advised that Universal has signed on to the human rights campaign and are advising that Universal does not agree with the laws coming out of Florida and are also working with government advocacy. Universal is creating all gender restrooms in their parks, and the Loews hotels already have seven restrooms that are non-gender near the convention center. S. Timm was also advised that it is not illegal for people to be dressed in drag at the airport. Universal also connected S. Timm with the Out & Equal Annual Global Workplace whose summit has thousands of professionals convening to exchange best practices, network, inspire, and chart their collective path of progress toward LGBTQ+ workforce including and belonging. They are currently meeting in Orlando in September and again in 2024 with the decision to go to the eye of the storm. They also provided the Executive Office with some good suggestions for this year's meeting and potentially Orlando. They are hosting a pre-meeting security talk with a live presentation on what to

expect when arriving in Florida and the things the summit is doing to ensure security for their meeting and attendees as well as including information on restaurants and businesses that are LGBTQ+ friendly. They are also offering a shuttle from the airport to their meeting space. S. Timm suggested Council consider adding a shuttle from the airport in Tampa to the hotels for the LGBTQ+ community and adding additional security in the lobbies of both hotels to help with the feeling of safety for our attendees. It was questioned if Out & Equal discussed future meeting locations after 2024. S. Timm advised that they did not expand on that; however, noted that Orlando is where they need to be to help support that community and advertise that they do not agree with Florida laws. S. Timm advised that they have received pushback from their community; however, have provided talking points on why they are continuing to meet in Florida.

S. Timm also presented Council with our current options of relocation and future meeting locations. She advised that there are no other options known for the 2024 meeting location. She advised that Council could decide to cancel the 2025 meeting and move to the Gaylord Rockies in Denver as they do have our space for those dates; however, noting that disadvantages of this property include its location by the airport with limited options for restaurants outside of the hotel and the weather in Denver. She noted that there is discussion to build an area across the street including restaurants but that it will not be completed until next year so we are unsure of what this would look like. She also advised that Atlantis Bahamas no longer has our 2026 meeting dates due to a large two-week convention signing a 5-year contract; however, they are offering January dates in either 2026 or 2027. Therefore, another option would be to host the annual meeting in January 2026 at Atlantis if Council decides to cancel the December 2025 meeting. S. Timm noted that Atlantis is offering us \$200K to host the meeting at their property in January of 2026 or 2027. The Executive Office is also still working with LA Live, but they do not have space until 2027 currently. S. Timm advised that Gaylord Rockies does have seven onsite restaurants of varying options but that they are pricier. It was noted that holding the meeting in Denver could be attractive for those who enjoy skiing. Shuttles could be provided to ski resorts. It was noted that past conferences at the Diplomat in Hollywood, Florida, Fountain Bleu in Miami, Florida, and El Conquistador in Puerto Rico received negative comments from attendees because of the lack of outside restaurant options. It was questioned what the abortion laws are in the Bahamas. S. Timm advised that abortion is allowable if there is a medical crisis for the mother.

Y. Hurd raised that visibility is important and going to Florida is as visible as possible and work on reporting what we stand for. She suggested the College should be framing this year's meeting similar to the Out & Equal Summit and being visible in Florida to raise awareness. Another concern is that we do not want people to think we are running from Florida laws and instead being visible on what we stand for.

The potential date change to January was discussed and stated that this could be good for young families with the holidays. It was also noted that January weather could be a potential impact for attendees in the northeast.

Council agreed to first discuss the 2024 meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. There was a motion to stay in Arizona in 2024 as there are no alternative locations. This motion was seconded and all of Council were in approval. Council agreed the College can take what we are learning from our Tampa experience and apply the same things to Arizona. Council also approved the additional cost to add security in the hotels as well as adding a shuttle for attendees from the airport who feel unsafe. S. Timm will follow up with the Executive Committee on the additional expenses for these. Council also agreed to host a webinar for attendees to join that will be recorded on what to expect when traveling to Florida similar to a know-before-you-go to be planned in October. K. Ressler also agreed to write a blog expressing leadership's empathy and acknowledgement to the LGBTQ+ community as well as making a similar statement at the beginning of the President's Plenary. C. Crawford also mentioned that Council should consider this more globally as Florida has not been a welcoming place for URM's for a long time and to acknowledge more groups than just the LGBTQ+ community. C. Crawford volunteered to help draft the language on this with K. Ressler. It was questioned if there are other safety measures the College should be taking such as accommodations for pregnant women. S. Timm stated that she will work with our attorney on drafting a statement if an emergency comes up; however, noting that we need to be careful in our wording. S. Timm is still waiting to hear back from Planned Parenthood and hopes they will have resources on this which can be included in our communications.

Council agreed that it is hard to make a decision about the 2025 Annual Meeting until after the Annual Meeting Task Force listening session on July 18th and listening session with the LGBTQ+ community and allies in August. S. Timm encouraged all Council to attend the August 8th Executive Committee meeting to make a final decision on the 2025 meeting and 2026 meeting as there is pressure to make a decision quickly.

10. Annual Meeting Task Force – E. Leibenluft advised that the Annual Meeting Task Force listening session is scheduled for July 18th. E. Leibenluft also advised that the task force is made up of 34 committee chairs and co-chairs and Council members and suggested Council consider reconstituting this task force. She also suggested Council consider charging the task force with drafting a policy/procedure on contracting future annual meeting locations and discussing a survey to membership on annual meeting location and date priorities. E. Leibenluft reminded Council that they have already articulated to members that the College will not contract in states for future meetings that have discriminatory laws; however, there is a need to operationalize this. The survey could discuss priorities such as warm/cold locations, dates of the meeting, and meeting in a convention center, etc. as these are still priorities that Council needs to know from membership.

11. Carbon Off-Setting for future Annual Meeting – S. Timm provided an update on the following carbon off-setting options. As a reminder, Council agreed that the College will pay the additional fees to carbon-off set the meeting for each registered in-person attendee through the College's use of funds.

- a. **Charity Water** – This is a non-profit organization bringing clean and safe drinking water to people in developing countries.
- b. **Heifer International** – Giving an animal gift is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs, and more. S. Timm advised that Heifer International does take 3% to cover overhead for administrative costs.
- c. **One Tree Planted** – They restore forests, create habitats for biodiversity, and make a positive social impact around the world.

There was a motion to continue splitting between Charity Water and One Tree Planted as 100% of the donation goes toward the charity.

12. Diversity & Inclusion Symposium and Travel Award Symposium – During the May Executive Committee call, it was suggested to consider rotating the days of the Diversity & Inclusion Symposium and Travel Award Symposium at the annual meetings. This suggestion arose from the Diversity and Inclusion Committee requesting to move their symposium to Monday to allow for a longer session and more leaders to attend instead of it being on the last day of the meeting. There was a motion to create a policy for the Program Committee to rotate these two sessions on an annual basis. There was a second and all of Council were in favor.

13. NPP Digital Psychiatry – B. Carlezon provided an update to Council on *NPP-Digital Psychiatry and Neuroscience*. He advised that DPN has accomplished the following: senior editors and staff, editorial board, website, social media, and features. He stated that they are still waiting on the review platform (eJP) to be finalized which has been an arduous task to rebuild the system from NPP to DPN. Senior editors were able to select a small team to assist in assembling the editorial board. B. Carlezon also advised that social media is ready to go (Twitter name is dpn journal) when it is time to launch. The senior editors have been requested to submit papers as it may be hard to get submissions at first from early career scientists as it is a new journal and will not have an impact factor for a few years. B. Carlezon presented the website to Council which includes the artwork from Greg Dunn which is licensed for one year. He stated that there will be a new article type of didactics (“primers”) which are very brief and easy to read and are similar to lay summaries for specialists. B. Carlezon is hopeful that DPN can start inviting content by the end of July. Council congratulated B. Carlezon on his work on DPN and his persistence. It was suggested to ask the plenary speakers at the TIPS meeting to submit to DPN. B. Carlezon also questioned if Council would approve to have another sponsorship at the TIPS meeting for DPN so it would be highlighted on their website and at the TIPS meeting. S. Timm will research the sponsorship opportunities and place on a future call.

14. NPP Impact Factor – B. Carlezon provided an update to Council on the 2022 NPP Impact Factor of 7.6 as Lisa Monteggia was unable to attend the meeting. B. Carlezon reminded Council on how the impact factor is calculated. He advised that in 2020 the NPP impact factor was 7.9, 8.3 in 2021 and now 7.6 for 2022. NPP saw an influx of manuscripts during the pandemic as people were not working. As people have returned to work, the number of submissions has decreased. B. Carlezon also advised that they changed the rules of calculating the impact factor for 2022 by now calculating citations of the paper

when the paper is published online instead of the print version. He advised that this creates an issue for the NPPR issue as the papers are published online in the fall, but not printed until January. This means papers have less time to create citations. R. Valentino, Editor-in-Chief of *Neurobiology of Stress*, stated that Elsevier advised them to focus on the rank of the journal in the field instead of the impact factor. B. Carlezon advised that the rank of NPP is about the same as last year.

15. Senior Investigators and College Membership – C. Zarate requested for Council to consider if there is a separate path for senior investigators to become members of the College without going through the normal membership application process to help recruit top members to the College; however, noting that we would need to be careful and not dilute what we have accomplished for people becoming a member. It was advised that the benefits of doing this might not outweigh the grievances from our members who went through the normal membership process and could have potential negative ramifications. N. Epperson, chair of the Membership Committee, advised that the Membership Committee already struggles because they see how many times people apply and might miss the cut off by 1% due to the College only accepting so many new members a year according to our bylaws. It was suggested instead to have additional invitations to our annual meeting each year based on merit so these senior investigators could attend meetings and apply for membership through the standard process. It was also suggested to invite these esteemed individuals to participate in symposiums.

16. PMG Update – S. Timm presented the PMG Report to Council. She advised that PMG continues to grow and currently has 87 employees in 11 states compared to 63 employees in seven states at this time last year. To date, PMG is servicing 22 association management clients, 12 meetings only clients, and 4 grants management clients. S. Timm was proud to share that PMG won the inaugural Association Management Company Institute 2023 Culture Award. She advised that this was a huge honor for the team and directly reflects the efforts of our Director of Talent, Elizabeth Pulliam. PMG has created a Development Department and Marketing Department. With the addition of Pillar AMS, we are continuing to build our IT team. The current team is focused on the Pillar AMS build and successful transition of our clients. PMG did receive our first license with a trade association which is helping provide resources to develop Pillar. S. Timm advised that PMG is investing profits into Pillar. S. Timm worked with a consultant to apply for the Employee Tax Retention Credit and qualified for 2020 and the first two quarters of 2021. PMG will receive \$927K from the government for retaining our workforce during COVID which will go to our bottom line. Lastly, PMG is focusing on leadership training and will have a six-month program of developing great leaders. Council thanked S. Timm and PMG for all their hard work and accomplishments.

Information Items:

17. Committee & Task Force Reports – K. Ressler encouraged Council to review the committee updates as it is a reminder on how active our committees are.

18. Strategic Plan Update – Council was provided the strategic plan updates.

19. Final Sign-on Letter Coalition to Heal Invisible Wounds – Council approved to sign-on to the coalition letter asking for appropriations to determine whether psychedelic compounds are appropriate for clinical use by providing \$80 million to the Department of Veterans Affairs in Fiscal Year 2024 to fund multiple multi-site large-population PAT clinical research studies.

20. Congressional Neuroscience Caucus Briefing – Council was provided the recent Congressional Neuroscience Caucus Briefing: *The NIH BRAIN Initiative: Accelerating Discovery Towards Cures* summary.

The meeting concluded at 3:30pm Eastern.