

2023 Business Meeting Minutes
ACNP Hybrid Annual Meeting
Wednesday, December 6, 2023
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Eastern Time
Grand Ballroom A-D, Tampa Marriott Water Street

Kerry J. Ressler, Presiding

1. Call to order. President Kerry Ressler called the 62nd Annual Business Meeting of the ACNP to order. He advised 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. 2022 Minutes. The minutes of last year's Business Meeting were emailed to the members and were posted in the Members' Only section of the website. Dr. Ressler 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 2023 – The following were announced:
 - Bill Carlezon--President-Elect
 - Cynthia Crawford--Diversity & Inclusion Officer
 - Neill Epperson--Council
 - Yasmin Hurd--Council
4. Dr. Ressler thanked outgoing Council members, Carrie Bearden and Ellen Leibenluft, and Past-President Linda Brady for their service on Council.
5. Dr. Ressler thanked the Associate Members on Council, Nina Kraguljac and Angela Ozburn.
6. Thanks to all 2023 Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs. Dr. Ressler thanked the 2023 committee chairs and co-chairs for their hard work and dedication to the College throughout the year. Dr. Ressler thanked the Program Committee chairs, Dr. Victoria Risbrough and Dr. Tracy Bale, for an amazing annual meeting program.
7. 2023 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 the support of 10 travel awardees in 1980 to 102 travel awardees and fellowships this current year. Sixty-four (64) of these awards were sponsored by the ACNP. For these awards, we received 323 applications. The Education & Training Committee has done a superior job with recruiting young talent.

Dr. Ressler 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.

8. ACNP URM Near-Peer Mentorship Program. The ACNP URM Near-Peer Mentorship Program is the College's newest initiative to promote and sustain diversity in the ACNP pipeline; this program is designed to provide year-long one-on-one mentorship support from ACNP members to underrepresented minorities who plan to enter or are early career scientists in research fields in and adjacent to neuropsychopharmacology. This is an intensive multi-year program that includes monthly virtual mentoring, monthly training workshops, and an annual in-person half-day mentorship program just prior to the ACNP Annual Meeting. The program is managed by the ACNP URM Mentoring Task Force and the College, utilizing materials from the Center for the Improvement for Mentored Experiences in Research (CIMER). The goal of the program is to optimize mentoring relationships by providing mentors and mentees with an intellectual framework for effective mentoring relationships, an opportunity to experiment with various methods, and a forum in which to solve mentor/mentee dilemmas with the help of their peers. Dr. Ressler thanked the 2022, 2023, and 2024 members who volunteered to serve as a mentor for this program. Dr. Ressler also thanked Vaishali Bakshi for her hard work and dedication chairing this program and the URM Mentoring Task Force.
9. ACNP Staff. Dr. Ressler introduced the ACNP staff members and thanked each staff member for their hard work and support.
10. Executive Director and Parthenon Management Group CEO Report. Dr. Ressler called on Sarah Timm to give the Executive Director's Report and Parthenon Management Group update.

Sarah Timm reported that the annual meeting has seen another year of record attendance with 2,182 registered (12% virtually). Last year's hybrid meeting in Phoenix, Arizona had 2,142 registered attendees and 15% attended virtually. The College's efforts to invite trainees to the annual meetings are continuing to grow with 542 trainees in attendance this year. S. Timm encouraged members to read her Director's Notes from the November Bulletin to see the results of the recent Annual Meeting Survey and members vs. non-members annual meeting location priorities. She encouraged all annual meeting attendees to complete the annual meeting evaluation of their meeting experience and provide feedback on ways the Executive Office and Program Committee can improve future meetings. The 2024 Annual Meeting will be held in December in Phoenix, Arizona. The January 2026 Annual Meeting will be held in the Atlantis Bahamas. The January 2027 Annual Meeting will be held in San Diego, California.

Sarah Timm reminded members that Parthenon Management Group (PMG) is a for-profit organization, wholly owned by the ACNP. PMG reports to the PMG Board of Directors which includes, David Kupfer, chair, Kenneth Davis, Neill Epperson, Guy Goodwin, Kerry Ressler, Carol Tamminga, Sarah Timm, and Ronnie Wilkins. She advised that when PMG was started in 2008 there was one client. Today, PMG manages 24 professional societies, 14 meetings only societies, and 5 grant management clients. She advised that PMG has developed Pillar Association Management Software as a new technology for PMG clients.

Most PMG clients will be transitioned to Pillar in 2024. Lastly, PMG will be developing a new Strategic Plan in 2025.

11. Treasurer's Report. Dr. Ressler called on Dr. David Rubinow to give the Treasurer's Report.

Dr. Rubinow advised that 90% of the College's assets comes from stock and cash. The fixed assets include largely PMG and the ACNP office building. He reminded membership that the College runs on a fiscal year of April 1 – March 31. The College works with three investment companies, Wells Fargo, Olimpio Neu, and Vanguard. He stated that the College runs at a slight loss operationally. Dr. Rubinow stated that PMG, publications, and the annual meeting provide the most revenue; however, PMG incurs the greatest expense. He stated that around \$400K of the College's dividends and interests from investments were used to fund special projects in education, diversity, equity and inclusion, and animal research rights.

12. NPP Co-Principal Editor's Report. Dr. Ressler called on Dr. Tony George and Dr. Lisa Monteggia to give the Co-Principal Editor's Report for NPP.

Dr. Tony George and Dr. Lisa Monteggia thanked Dr. Bill Carlezon for leaving NPP in excellent condition in his role as Principal Editor. Dr. George and Dr. Monteggia also thanked the NPP staff Lori Kunath as well as Jen Mahar and Terri Bowen from Origin. The 2023 goals were to make NPP a desirable venue for publishing the best psychiatric neuroscience research, continue to strengthen NPPR, recruit highly engaged and knowledgeable scientists to Associate Editor and Editorial Board positions, promote Early Career Commentaries (ECC's) focused on topics proposed by early career neuroscientists, develop a new feature "This Week/Month in NPP" providing online weekly summaries of AOP publications and in monthly print issues, and continue to recruit clinical research articles building on our Clinical Trials Project. The new Senior Editors in 2023 include Patricia Conrod, Matt Hill, Ziva Cooper, and Leah Mayo (Social Media Editor). The Impact Factor this year was 7.6 which is a small decrease from the 2022 Impact Factor of 8.304. NPP is ranked #20 of 155 psychiatry journals. The 2024 NPPR issue is titled, *Rapid Treatments in Psychiatry*, with Carolyn Rodriguez and Charles Zorumski as Volume Co-Editors. John Neumaier, NPPR Deputy Editor, is rotating off at the end of 2023 and both C. Rodriguez and C. Zorumski agreed to be the new Co-Deputy Editors for NPPR starting in 2024. The 2025 NPPR issue will be focused on neuroimaging with Deanna Barch and Conor Liston as the Volume Co-Editors. T. George and L. Monteggia sent letters to the Senior Editors and Editorial Board Members when they started as Co-Principal Editors to survey whether they wanted to stay on or rotate off in their current role. The editors presented the top reviewers as of November 30th with six of the top reviewers being on the Editorial Board. The 2023 NPP Award winners include Friederike Holze and Matthias Lietchti (NEATOR), Diego Pizzagalli and Angela Roberts (NEAR), and Anna Konova (NEECA).

13. DPN Principal Editor's Report. Dr. Ressler called on Dr. Bill Carlezon to give the Principal Editor's Report for DPN.

Dr. Carlezon advised that *NPP-Digital Psychiatry and Neuroscience* (DPN) officially launched in August 2023. DPN is an online-only, open access journal. The Senior Editors of DPN represent specialty areas in the field. Dr. Carlezon thanked DPN staff, Lori Kunath and Rebecca Shannon, as well as Jen Mahar from Origin for their assistance in co-founding the journal. Dr. Carlezon advised that one paper has been published in DPN. This is the Editorial co-authored by Dr. Carlezon and Sarah Timm. He advised that other papers are under review or awaiting revisions. The goals of DPN include facilitating alignment between Psychiatry and Neuroscience and emphasizing translationally relevant endpoints especially those derived from devices, continuous data (by analogy moving from snapshots to film), objective and reproducible inter-rater reliability. The journal will also include a special feature article type, “Didactics”, which are very brief papers designed to educate psychiatrists and neuroscientists. Dr. Carlezon expressed his gratitude to Dr. George and Dr. Monteggia for sharing NPP resources with DPN.

14. Membership Committee Report. Dr. Ressler called on Dr. Neill Epperson, Membership Committee chair, to announce the 2024 new members and promotions. Dr. Epperson thanked co-chair Dr. Charles Nemeroff, the Membership Committee members, and staff member Tori Swinehart for their hard work and diligence. Dr. Epperson also thanked the Membership Committee members who are rotating off at the end of this year for all their service to the committee. She advised that each application was reviewed by five committee members.

New Associate Members (26)

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| Aaron Alexander-Bloch | Nathaniel Harnett | Muhammad Parvaz |
| Frederick Barrett | Ishrat Husain | Candace Raio |
| Laura Berner | Takashi Kitamura | Deepak Sarpal |
| Giordano de Guglielmo | Daisuke Koshiyama | Cody Siciliano |
| Dani Dumitriu | Talia Lerner | Benjamin Suarez- |
| Mehdi Farokhnia | Elizabeth Lippard | Jimenez |
| Elizabeth Glover | Hilary Marusak | Benjamin Wade |
| David Goldsmith | Kristen Maynard | Evan White |
| Jordan Hamm | Alexander McGirr | Anna Zilverstand |

New Members (31)

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| Chadi Abdallah | Benjamin Goldstein | Daniela Schiller |
| Erin Calipari | Ryan Herringa | Rebecca Shansky |
| Gregory Collins | Stephan Lammel | Joanna Steinglass |
| Jennifer Coughlin | Brady Maher | Jeffrey Strawn |
| Nikolaos Daskalakis | Stephen Mahler | Michael Treadway |
| Jeremy Day | Michelle Mazei-Robison | Nolan Williams |
| Michael Drew | Jonathan Morrow | Scott Woods |
| Adriana Feder | Minae Niwa | Michael Yassa |
| Fabio Ferrarelli | Angela Ozburn | Larry Zweifel |
| Zachary Freyberg | Marta Pecina | |
| Flavio Frohlich | Julia Sacher | |

Members to Fellow (23)

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| Jennifer Blackford | Gabriella Gobbi | Sheila Rauch |
| Maura Boldrini | Ebrahim Haroon | Michael Stevens |
| Pascal Bonaventure | Dawn Ionescu | Dardo Tomasi |
| Joseph Cheer | Ryan LaLumiere | Consuelo Walss-Bass |
| Janet Clark | Chitra Mandyam | Thomas Weickert |
| Susan Ferguson | Paul Newhouse | Daniel Wolf |
| Cecilia Flores | Sachin Patel | Eric Youngstrom |
| Jay Gingrich | Konasale Prasad | |

15. Old Business/New Business. Dr. Ressler made a call for old business and new business.

ACNP Fellow Emeritus, J. John Mann, advised that he was impressed with the sensitivity that the ACNP took in regard to the annual meeting being located in Florida this year. However, he expressed concern that Jewish members of the College and community have been harassed and questioned what ACNP has to say as there have not been any statements released. Dr. Ressler advised that he hopes the ACNP will continue to be a force of good for its members and the field.

16. The President's Year in Retrospective. Dr. Ressler gave a brief update of the 2023 initiatives. During the past year, Council and Dr. Ressler focused on the following initiatives:

- Completion of second year of the Under-represented Minority Near-Peer Mentorship Program with 12 mentors and mentees.
- Donated \$20K to One Tree Planted and \$20K to Charity:Water to carbon offset the 2022 Annual Meeting. Council has also agreed to carbon offset the 2023 Annual Meeting.
- *NPP-Digital Psychiatry & Neuroscience* (open access journal) officially accepting submissions.
- Council decided to no longer contract with properties in states that have discriminatory laws targeting members of our community at the time of contract signing.
- Canceled the 2025 Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida and booked our first January meeting in 2026 in Atlantis, Bahamas.
- Established the Annual Meeting Task Force who have identified principles and guidelines for Council in selecting future annual meeting locations. The Annual Meeting Task Force also surveyed membership, past travel awardees, and previous meeting attendees on annual meeting location and date priorities.
- Established the Global Outreach Task Force which engages with the Presidents of the African College of Neuropsychopharmacology, Asian College of Neuropsychopharmacology, International College of Neuropsychopharmacology, and European College of Neuropsychopharmacology.
- Successfully added an Associate Member(s) seat to the ACNP Council to give Associate Members a seat in leadership and allow them to learn how decisions are made.

- Applied again for our first NIH Grant, NIH Maximizing Opportunities for Scientific and Academic Independent Careers (MOSAIC) Grant.
- Convened first in series of Academic/NIH/FNIH/Industry/FDA Stakeholder meetings to discuss how ACNP can be a catalyst for bridging translation to treatment in Psychiatry.

17. Passing of the Presidency. Dr. Ressler expressed the major responsibility of the ACNP President is to articulate the vision of our College, and to speak on behalf of the College. He passed the presidency over to 2024 President, Dr. Helen Mayberg, and wished her well in the coming year.

18. Dr. Mayberg thanked Dr. Ressler for his service, leadership, and initiative during a challenging year and presented him with the 2023 President's gavel plaque. Dr. Mayberg briefly presented her thoughts and goals for the coming year.

- Stay the Course:
 - Continue active programs such as the Travel Award, URM Near-Peer Mentorship Program, education, early career development, global initiatives, specific interest groups, and public communication, and develop metrics for success to guide expansion and refinement.
 - Engage new volunteers for committee activities
 - Evaluate macro-/micro impact of meeting location decisions and new priorities
 - Stay focused on the primary mission of the College which is to share, discuss and debate our latest findings and newest ideas
- New – Expanded Initiatives:
 - Mid-Career Development Program linked to a world-wide senior mentoring network
 - Pilot “Ask Me Anything” sessions with the Society for Neuroscience sessions as a model to complement existing programs
 - Strengthen advocacy activities and maximize the impact of ACNP's discoveries (information) via a more symbiotic relationship with the American Brain Coalition (advocacy)
 - Widen the net of stakeholders for new treatment R&D and explore novel partnerships beyond pharma such as devices, digital, electroceuticals, combinations, patients, families, payers, FDA, and government

19. Dr. Mayberg adjourned the meeting.