

2026 Business Meeting Minutes
ACNP Annual Meeting
Thursday, January 15, 2026
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Eastern Time
Imperial Ballroom A, Atlantis Paradise Island Bahamas

William A. Carlezon, Jr., Ph.D., Presiding

1. Call to order. President Bill Carlezon called the 64th 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. 2024 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. B. Carlezon asked if there were any changes to the minutes. No changes or corrections were made and the motion for acceptance was passed.
3. The following newly Elected Officers and Council Members for 2026 –were announced:

Victoria Arango--President-Elect
Rita Valentino--Secretary
David Rubinow--Treasurer
Tracy Bale--Council-Elect
Paul Kenny--Council-Elect
4. B. Carlezon thanked outgoing Council members, Rita Goldstein and Colleen McClung, and Past-President Kerry Ressler for their service on Council.
5. B. Carlezon thanked the Associate Members on Council, Alexander Harris and Millie Rincón-Cortés, for their past year of service.
6. The following newly elected Associate Members on Council for 2026 were announced:

Andrea Goldstein-Piekarski, Ph.D.
Hilary Marusak, Ph.D.
7. Thanks to all 2025 Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs. B. Carlezon thanked the 2025 committee chairs and co-chairs for their hard work and dedication to the College throughout the year. B. Carlezon thanked the Program Committee chairs, Staci Bilbo and Tallie Z. Baram, for an amazing annual meeting program.

8. Travel Awards. The ACNP Travel Award program is a fundamental aspect of the College's efforts to foster the professional growth of young scientists.

The dual ACNP Travel Award and Fellowship Programs have grown from the support of 10 travel awardees in 1980 to 88 travel awardees and fellowships this year. Sixty (60) of these awards were sponsored by the ACNP. For these awards, we received 393 applications. The Education & Training Committee has done a superior job with recruiting young talent.

B. Carlezon also recognized and thanked those 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.

9. ACNP Near-Peer Mentorship Program. The ACNP Near-Peer Mentorship Program is designed to provide mentorship from ACNP member mentors to scientists who identify from disadvantaged backgrounds or geographically underserved areas who plan to enter or are early career scientists in research fields in or adjacent to neuropsychopharmacology. 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. 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 Near-Peer Mentoring Task Force and the College, utilizing materials from the Center for the Improvement for Mentored Experiences in Research (CIMER). Many members have volunteered to serve as mentors for this program since 2022 as well as volunteering for the Near-Peer Mentoring Task Force. B. Carlezon thanked Emmeline Edwards, Janet Clark, and the Near-Peer Mentoring Task Force for their dedication to overseeing this program.
10. ACNP Staff. B. Carlezon introduced the ACNP staff members and thanked each staff member for their hard work and support.
11. Executive Director and Parthenon Management Group CEO for Report. B. Carlezon called on Sarah Timm to give the Executive Office and Parthenon Management Group update.

S. Timm advised there were more virtual attendees this year compared to the last few years as government employees were not approved to travel to the meeting. There are 1,812 attendees registered for in-person attendance and 254 registered for recordings only. She reminded members that the College has an updated Strategic Plan for 2025-2028 focusing on excellence in College membership, the annual meeting, publications, collaborative relationships that elevate the field, and financial stability and use of reserves. S. Timm advised that there will be changes to the 2027 Annual Meeting with a gradual increase in the registration fee of \$35 per year for the next four meetings. Associate Members will no longer have access to the invitation banks, but can invite

people to present on proposed panels, mini-panels, and study groups. The member invited guest cap of 400 will continue. Invited guests must be at least 21 years of age and at least a 2nd year post-doctoral fellow (both MDs and PhDs), 3rd or 4th year resident on a research track, faculty at an instructor level (or similar) or above, scientist in a federal government position (e.g., NIH, NSF, FDA, ARPA-H, VA, DoD) considered to be equivalent to the above criteria, or if industry, demonstrate a level of leadership and/or responsibility. Trainees are considered individuals who are in their 2nd year post-doctoral fellowship (both MDs and PhDs) or 3rd or 4th year residents on a research track. The General Invitation Bank has been reduced to 50 invitations with only one invitation from a member until the cap is met. Guests must meet the requirements of the Invited Guest definition to qualify for this bank. The Special Invitation Bank has been reduced to 150 invitations with two invitations by members until this cap is met. The same qualifications for this bank will continue to apply. Lastly, Associate Members must register for the January 2027 Annual Meeting by September 22, 2026. The January 2027 Annual Meeting will be in San Diego.

S. Timm reminded members that Parthenon Management Group (PMG) is a for-profit organization, wholly owned by the ACNP. The PMG Board of Directors include David Kupfer, chair, Bill Carlezon, Kenneth Davis, Neill Epperson, Guy Goodwin, Carol Tamminga, Sarah Timm and Ronnie Wilkins. PMG now has 140 employees in 22 states compared to 119 employees in 21 states in 2024. There are now 32 full-service clients, 11 meetings-only clients, 4 grants clients, and 4 consulting clients. New clients as of 2025 were the American Glaucoma Society (AGS) and American Glaucoma Foundation (AGF), Society of Clinical Research Associates (SOCRA), National Curriculum for Reproductive Psychiatry (NCRP), Institute of Coaching (IOC), March of North America (MONA), and the World Federation of Psychotherapy (WFP). Lastly, S. Timm introduced the Athena app to members. Athena is a new app working with AI to provide real-time summaries and key takeaways from annual meeting sessions using the abstracts, slides, and transcripts from the audio from the session. A few members are currently testing Athena during the ACNP Annual Meeting and providing feedback for enhancements. PMG will continue testing Athena at future PMG client meetings. This app will allow attendees to receive updates on sessions that are occurring at the same time.

12. Treasurer's Report – B. Carlezon called on David Rubinow to give the Treasurer's report.

D. Rubinow reminded members that the major sources of income for the College are the annual meeting, dues, publications, interest and dividends, and PMG. The biggest assets for the College are PMG and our investment accounts. The current investments are \$22M working with Olimpio Neu, Wells Fargo, and Vanguard, and mirror the stock market over the last two years. In 2022 when the market declined between 22-30%, the value of the College's investments remained preserved. When you combine total cash and investments it brings the amount to \$26M. As of March 2025, our total assets are closer to \$28M which includes fixed assets such as the building and land the College owns. PMG has grown their business by 20% each year. However, due to inflation and the costs of the annual meetings, the College will have its first loss of operating income this year

(around \$500K) from a gain last year of \$67K. Food and beverage at the Atlantis Paradise Island Bahamas are around \$1M. This is approximately a 50% increase compared to the 2024 meeting in Phoenix and the cost is expected to rise by an additional \$500K with next year's meeting in California. The overall cost of the meeting has risen from \$1.6M to around \$2.5M this year, and around \$3M next year. The College also provides funding to special projects each year that largely reflects advocacy and education. The College will need to be cautious in future years to avoid a negative cash balance. In addition, the ACNP policy requires the College to have five years' worth of operating expenses saved.

13. NPP Co-Principal Editors for Report – B. Carlezon called on Lisa Monteggia and Tony George to give the NPP Co-Principal Editors report.

The editors reviewed the 2025 accomplishments which consisted of the NPPR 2026 issue which had two parts, Part 1 – *Trajectories of Mental Health and Illness Across Child and Adolescent Development* and Part 2 – *Trajectories of Mental Health and Illness Across the Later Years of Life*. The impact factor for NPP increased from 6.6 to 7.1. The total submissions were 1,408 representing an increase of 12.2% above 2024. NPP published three Early Career Commentaries and presented "This Week in NPP", which is a weekly online summary of AOP publications. Monthly NPP podcasts, led by Cynthia Graber and Taylor Custis (BrainPod), were in the top 10% of scientific podcasts in terms of views. Leah Mayo led a strong social media presence. NPP is ranked #15 of psychiatry journals, #23 of 352 pharmacology and pharmacy journals, and #27 of 314 neuroscience journals. The editors highlighted the Senior Editors. The 2027 NPPR issue, *Artificial Intelligence in Psychiatry*, will be led by Martin Paulus and Sahib Khalsa. The Special Projects Manager is Briana Chen, the 2025 Editorial Intern was Friederike Holze, and the 2026 Editorial Intern is Brianna George. The 2025 NPP Award winners include Dhvani Mehta (NEATOR), John Krystal (NEAR) and Max Joffe (NEECA). The editors highlighted a new article type, NPP: Brief Reports. Brief Reports will be short reports with 1,500 words, 1 figure or table, and 15 references. They will be either accepted versus rejected with no major revisions. The APC for Brief Reports is 40% discounted at \$2,574. The editors requested any ideas for the 2028 NPPR topic to be sent to them.

14. DPN Principal Editor for Report – B. Carlezon gave the DPN Editors report. B. Carlezon highlighted the DPN Scientific Team. He advised that DPN officially launched on August 15, 2023, with an APC of \$2,190. There are several unique article types: Primers, Registered Reports, and Consensus Articles. DPN is now listed in PMC/Pub Med as of December 8, 2025. In June 2025, DPN reached the criteria (30 papers) enabling application for indexing in Web of Science and a Journal Impact Factor through Clarivate. The application is currently pending. In July 2025, DPN renewed appointments for all senior editors and editorial board members. Also in July 2025, DPN launched AI-generated podcasts called the DPN Deep Dive. In August 2025, DPN launched a presence on Reddit. In September 2025, DPN established an annual Top Reviewer Award with the 2025 winner being Robyn Ellis. In December 2025, DPN reached the criteria (50 papers) for listing in Scopus and that application is in progress. B. Carlezon presented on DPN at the Technology in Psychiatry Summit in December. The goals for year three are

to continue to attract the top manuscripts in this domain, publish three Primers, offer two to four new investigator waiver awards, use 30 of the 45 available waivers (currently at 21), reduce acceptance rate to less than 50%, organize Collections once reaching 50 published papers, generate an AI podcast on each DPN paper while maintaining a “human touch” with an introduction by an editor, continue to refine social media strategies by developing and implementing methods to reach the lay public/voters, phase in a Top 5 Reviewer Recognition Award, and establish a Top Paper Award. DPN does not currently have a Top Paper Award; however, if they did, *Opportunities and risks of large language models in psychiatry*, would have won with 19K accesses, 59 citations, and 34 Altmetric. B. Carlezon thanked the DPN editorial team.

15. Membership Committee Report – B. Carlezon called on Olusola Ajilore to give the Membership Committee report.

O. Ajilore thanked the 2025 Membership Committee for their hard work reviewing the applications for new members and promotions and thanked the committee members who are rotating off for their service to the committee. O. Ajilore introduced the 2026 new Associate Members, Members, and Fellows.

New Associate Members (45):

Mahavir Agarwal	Hollis Karoly
Anita Autry	Alfred Kaye
Venkat Bhat	Mark Kvarata
Jessica Bomyea	Hao Li
Evan Bordt	Caitlin Martin
Sarah Canetta	Philipp Mews
Hengyi Cao	Jones Parker
Daniel Castro	Giulio Pergola
Wei-li Chang	Kathryn Ridout
Youngsun Cho	Joshua Rosenblat
Lora Cope	Jose Rubio
Alessandro De Nadai	Shan Siddiqi
James Fajemiroye	Lucas Sjulson
Megan Fox	Sarah Sperry
Kirsten Gilbert	Sarah Stern
Felipe Gomes	Sunny Tang
Peter Hamilton	Wan-Ling Tseng
Sophie Holmes	Krishna C. Vadodaria
Orna Issler	Daphne Voineskos
Maria Jalbrzikowski	Georgios Voloudakis
Paule Joseph	Yunyu Xiao
Vijay Mohan K Namboodiri	Nicole Zurcher
Helmet Karim	

New Members (38):

Aaron Alexander-Bloch
Justin Baker
David Beversdorf
Chad Bousman
Andre Brunoni
Joseph Dunsmoor
Daniel Eisenberg
Sarah Feldstein Ewing
Tamar Gur
Margaret Hahn
Elizabeth Heller
Drew Kiraly
Anna Konova
Alex Kwan
Ellen Lee
Kristina Legget
Matthew MacDonald
Catherine Marcinkiewicz
Leah Mayo

Michael Meaney
Caroline Menard
Mike Michaelides
Gemma Modinos
Shinichiro Nakajima
Ana Pocivavsek
Abigail Powers
Arynah Pradhan
Millie Rincón-Cortés
Jesse Schank
Marianne Seney
Morgan Sheng
Irina Strigo
Chad Sylvester
Lucina Uddin
Gayle Wittenberg
Yihong Yang
Sarah Yip
Kymberly Young

New Fellow (32):

Nika Adham
Randy Auerbach
Debra Bangasser
Matthew Banks
Camron Bryant
Camilo de la Fuente-Sandoval
Christine Ann Denny
Faith Dickerson
Christie Fowler
Olivier George
Colleen Hanlon
Cecilia Hillard
Sergio Iniguez
Amy Janes
Hadine Joffe
Thomas Kash

Christoph Kellendonk
Lori Knackstedt
Fang Liu
Mary Kay Lobo
John Mantsch
Antigona Martinez
Nadine Melhem
Mohammed Milad
Tsuyoshi Miyakawa
Hirofumi Morishita
Gretchen Neigh
Noah Philip
Tarek Rajji
Brian Trainor
Rudolf Uher
Natalie Zahr

16. Old Business / New Business – B. Carlezon 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. B. Carlezon stated it was an honor and a privilege to serve as ACNP President. He presented a chart that showed the growth of the Annual Meeting since his first meeting in 1996 indicating a 105%

increase in total attendance and 93% increase in member attendance. During the past year, Council and B. Carlezon successfully achieved the following:

- Formalized policy to keep College reserves equal to 5 years of operating expenses in investments (Goal 1).
- Continued advocacy efforts for the NIH, and partnered with Research!America on their Cures not Cuts Campaign (Goal 2).
- Established the Membership Additions Task Force that addressed the growing size of the Annual Meeting and provided recommendations (which were approved by Council) starting with the January 2027 Annual Meeting (Goal 3).
- Worked with the SLAC Committee sent a survey to all Fellow and Emeritus members to understand the factors that motivate established investigators to attend the annual meeting (Goal 4).
- Established the inaugural Career-Spanning Mentorship Award, overseen by the SLAC Committee (Goal 5) which received 47 applications.
- The Scientific Communications Committee drafted a statement that identified the target audiences for ACNP outreach activities and provided operational definitions for the audiences that improve upon the “professional/public” dichotomy and identified strategies and modes that can be used to reach these audiences. In addition, Teaching Day was used to exemplify strategies for community outreach and increasing participation (Goal 6).
- Used the Distinguished Lecture to highlight the emerging importance of digital approaches and translationally-relevant endpoints (Goal 7).
- Explored the feasibility of an ACNP “Grand Challenge Award” (Goal 8).
- NPP-Digital Psychiatry & Neuroscience was officially indexed in Pub Med Central.
- The Precompetitive Stakeholders Task Force is developing a White Paper entitled “Toward Regulatory-Ready Biomarkers in Psychiatry: A Precompetitive Roadmap for Precision Trials”.
- Donated \$13K to One Tree Planted and \$13K to Charity:Water to carbon offset the 2024 Annual Meeting. Council has also agreed to carbon offset the 2026 Annual Meeting.

18. Passing of the Presidency. B. Carlezon 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 2026 President, Deanna Barch, and wished her well in the coming year.

19. D. Barch thanked B. Carlezon for his amazing leadership through what has been a challenging year for everyone. D. Barch presented B. Carlzon with the 2025 President’s gavel plaque. D. Barch briefly presented on her goals for 2026:

- Ensure that ACNP uses its voice to support the future of biomedical research.
- Ensure that ACNP does all that it can to support early-career researchers in challenging times.

- Ensure that ACNP maintains its commitment to inclusive excellence.
- Strengthen partnerships among academia, industry, and government.
- Include program elements that focus on the developmental origins of diseases of the central nervous system.

20. D. Barch adjourned the meeting.