

International Neuropsychological Society
Board of Governors Meeting
January 31, 2006
Boston, Massachusetts, USA

Members Present: Erin Bigler, Jason Brandt, H. Branch Coslett, Adele Diamond, Igor Grant, Robert Heaton, Ann Marcotte, Morris Moscovitch, Feggy Ostrosky-Solis, H. Gerry Taylor, Daniel Tranel, Eli Vakil, Faraneh Vargha-Khadem, Barbara A. Wilson, Robert Bornstein (ex officio)

Members Absent: Jenni Ogden

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Heaton at 9:32 am. President Heaton thanked Daniel Tranel, Faraneh Varga-Kahadem, and Branch Coslett, Members at Large, Jason Brandt, Past-President, and Ann Marcotte, Secretary, who will be rotating off the Board at the end of the Boston meeting for their contributions. He presented each with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Society.

2. Minutes Approved

The minutes of the Board Meeting and the Business Meeting held in July 2005 in Dublin, Ireland were reviewed, with minor corrections noted. Both sets of minutes were unanimously approved with the revisions (motion-Taylor, second-Grant).

3. Treasurer's Report

Erin Bigler, Treasurer of INS, reviewed the current finances of the Society. With the increase in membership dues implemented for 2006 in response to deficits incurred in 2003 and 2004, the Society is now in strong financial status. For fiscal year 2005, the Society's total income was \$958,468.58, incurred expenses of \$846,736.53, yielding a net income for the year of \$111,732.05. At this time, the Society's assets are invested in 7 certificates of deposits of \$100,000.00 each, with about \$100,000.00 maintained in cash reserves.

At the Board of Governors meeting held in July 2005, the Board reviewed the management and funding of Society awards. The Board approved a proposed plan to shift to having one centralized INS Awards Account, in which the funds collected for all current and future awards would be maintained, pending Bigler's reviewing of legal and practical issues pertaining to such a shift. Bigler reported to the Board that this proposal can be implemented, and the Board directed Bigler to do so at this time.

Bigler then reviewed the proposed 2006 budget for the Society, which was reviewed by the

Board with several modifications recommended. A motion was made (motion-Brandt, second-Vakil) to approve the proposed budgets with noted modifications; the motion carried. Bigler thanked his assistant, Susan Wheatley, for her continued efforts and support of the Treasurer's office.

4. Executive Secretary's Report

A. Membership

As of December 31, 2005, the Society has 4,742 active members. A net total of 469 new members were added in 2005. Membership continues to have a net growth rate much greater than prior to 2002, with the Society averaging 7 - 7½ % gains annually in new members.

B. Dues Payment

As of January 4, 2006, 61% of active current members had paid their 2006 dues, which is consistent with recent years (range 59-75%). For 2005, 80% of members had paid their dues as of January 4, 2005.

5. Committee Reports

A. Program Committee – Boston, Massachusetts

Desiree White, Chair of the Program Committee, provided the Board with the following report on the Boston meeting. Submissions were received from 22 countries. A total of 1134 abstracts were submitted with an acceptance rate of 91%. The Scientific Program includes 13 poster sessions, 6 paper sessions, 18 symposia, 4 invited plenary sessions, and two invited symposia. A new feature this year is three poster symposia, which were selected from regular symposium submissions.

B. Program Committee – Zurich, Switzerland

Bornstein reviewed highlights of a committee report prepared by the organizers of the Zurich mid-year meeting, which will be held in July 2006. The program theme is "From neural plasticity to neuropsychological rehabilitation." The conference will include 5 speakers, in addition to posters, papers, and symposia. Nine CE workshops will also be offered. The committee also presented information on the meeting's current budget.

C. International Liaison Committee

Bernice Marcopulos presented the following report. The ILC has focused on several activities in the past 6 months. The project to establish a Cross Cultural Referral Database is nearing completion, and will soon be posted on the ILC website, <http://www.ilc-inc.org>. This webpage is now also accessible in Spanish, and possible translation into other languages was discussed. The

cross cultural neuropsychology e-mail discussion list has been very active in the past 6 months. Archival access to past discussions has been developed and will soon be available. The regional representatives for the ILC convened for their first meeting during the Dublin mid-year meeting in July 2005.

David Shum the editor of *INSNET* resigned his position and a new editor is actively being sought. John Woodward has taken over as the ILC coordinator of the Research and Editing Consultation Program (formerly known as the Support Consultation Program). Finally, Marcopulos reviewed a proposal to establish a teleconferencing program; the Board requested that she obtain more specific information about the logistics of such a program as well as to develop a more detailed budget for the proposed project, which she will report back to the Board to via e-mail discussion.

D. Continuing Education (CE)

Neil Pliskin, CE Director, provided the following report to the Board. The Boston CE program will provide 29 total courses. Pliskin reported that accreditation status for INS CE courses is secure for APA and ASHA. Pliskin thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the Society as CE Director for the past 6 years, and also thanked his CE Committee members. President Heaton thanked Pliskin for his efforts on behalf of the Society and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Jennifer Manly, incoming CE Director, then presented information about the CE program for Zurich. Nine CE courses will be offered, including 7 full courses and two 1 ½ hour courses. She is actively working on the CE program for the February 2007 meeting for Portland.

The Board discussed whether INS should explore CE provider status for non-North American countries, and charged Manly with exploring this option, and to report back to the Board in July 2006.

E. Publications Committee

Bornstein reviewed the report prepared by Kathy Haaland, Editor of *JINS* on the state of the journal. Manuscript submissions in 2005 were dramatically higher than in 2004 (68% increase). The type of submission, however, has not notably changed across the past 3 years, with 75% comprised of regular research submissions. Acceptance/rejection rates for 2005 were comparable to those recorded in 2004 (about 60%). The mean editorial lag time from manuscript submission to the editor's first decision was 4.9 weeks in 2005, which is substantially faster than in 2004 (10.1 weeks). There also has been a reduction on the publication lag from 6.7 months in 2004 to 3.8 months in 2005.

Bornstein noted to the Board that with Jack Fletcher's election as President-Elect of INS, he will need to resign from his position as Chair of the Publications Committee. The Board will consult with Fletcher regarding possible candidates, and will work to appoint a new chair in the coming weeks.

F. Awards Committee

Bornstein reported on behalf of Don Stuss, chair of the Awards Committee, who also prepared a written report. At the July 2005 Board meeting, the Awards Committee was charged with developing criteria for the application and review process for Society Awards. The Society now has 5 awards: INS Award for Early Career Research (within 10 years of post terminal degree); INS/Benton Award for Mid-Career Research (10-24 years post terminal degree); INS Award for Lifetime Achievement – Research (≥ 25 years post terminal degree); INS Award for Lifetime Achievement – Education; and, INS Award for Service to the Society. Only one Research Award will be presented at each Society Meeting, with the Educational and Service to the Society awards granted at each meeting. The Board reviewed the criteria delineated in the report, and with several modifications, voted to adopt the proposal as policy (motion-Marcotte, second-Heaton).

G. Summer Institute

Andrew Papanicolaou, Director of the Vivian Smith Summer Institute Program provided a brief written report to the Board which was reviewed. The Board requested that Papanicolaou provide the Board with a more detailed report of the Institute's activities in the future. He also requested that the Board write a letter to be sent to the Vivian Smith Foundation outlining the impact of the summer program as well as how the use of the foundation's funds helps to promote its aims through the institute. Incoming President, Barbara Wilson, who has served on the faculty of the institute, reviewed her own experiences with the program, and other Board members who had trainees participate in the program reported upon their experiences. The Board unanimously agreed to provide the letter as requested (motion-Wilson, second-Moscovitch).

H. Elections

Bornstein reported the following results of the recently completed INS elections. Jack Fletcher will be the President-Elect and Catherine Mateer will serve as Secretary. Newly elected Members at Large are Andrew Saykin, George Prigatano, and Agnes Chen.

I. Site Selection

Bornstein reported that future meeting sites are as follows: Zurich, Switzerland, July 26-29, 2006; Portland, Oregon, February 7-10, 2007; Bilbao, Spain, July 2007; Hawaii, February 6-9, 2008; and, Atlanta, February 11-14, 2009. Plans for a meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina to be held in July 2008 continue to be developed, and sites for the meeting are being reviewed. The Board previously had agreed in principle to hold the 2009 mid-year meeting in Finland, and directed Bornstein to pursue a more formal proposal from the Finnish Neuropsychological Society. Possible future North American meeting sites were also discussed, and the Board directed Bornstein to explore the feasibility of a meeting in Acapulco, Mexico.

6. New Business

A. Research Institute

Bornstein reviewed for the Board a recent proposal received by INS as well as subsequent discussions to collaborate on a research institute being developed by an Australian parent, Daniel Williams, whose child had a brain tumor. The Board expressed tentative interest in the proposal, recommending that it may possibly be developed along the same lines as was the Vivian Smith INS Summer Institute. Bornstein was charged by the Board to try to arrange for a meeting with Williams and Shelly Hyman, a neuropsychologist, who will coordinate the program, to be held in conjunction with the Zurich meetings to further explore the proposal.

B. Support for Nordic Meeting

The Society has received a request to co-sponsor the 2007 Nordic Neuropsychology meeting, as well as an inquiry as to whether financial support for the meeting would be available. The Board reviewed past such requests, and recognized that a policy about such requests has not been developed. The Board appointed a small committee (Grant, Vakil, Bigler, Diamond, and Bornstein) to develop a policy with regard to co-sponsorship and financial support of other meetings, which the Board will review and act upon prior to the end of the Boston meeting.

C. Links on the INS webpage

The Board discussed recent requests for links on the INS websites to be established. The Board reviewed the range of requests received, and agreed to continue to only provide links to other scientific meetings.

7. Meeting Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm by President Heaton.

(Pending Approval)