

International Neuropsychological Society
Board of Governors Meeting
July 25, 2006
Zurich, Switzerland

Members Present: Erin Bigler, Agnes Chan, Jack Fletcher, Igor Grant, Robert Heaton, Jenni Ogden, Feggy Ostrosky-Solis, George Prigatano, H. Gerry Taylor, Barbara A. Wilson, Robert Bornstein (ex officio)

Members Absent: Adele Diamond, Catherine Mateer, Andrew Saykin, Morris Moskovitch, Eli Vakil

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Wilson at 1:00 PM. President Wilson welcomed Jack Fletcher and Agnes Chan as newly elected members of the Board of Governors.

2. Minutes Approved

The minutes of the Board Meeting and the Business Meeting held in January/February 2006 in Boston, Massachusetts were reviewed and approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Erin Bigler, reviewed the current finances of the Society. With the increase in membership dues implemented for 2006, and the success of the Boston meeting, the financial base of the Society continues to improve. At this point in the fiscal year the Society has a balance of total income was \$883,874. This is a relatively low period in terms of cash flow because dues collection has not yet begun. In addition the revenues and expenses for the Zurich meeting are being managed by an outside company. 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. Dr. Bigler reported that he expected an increase in the investments toward the end of the year.

Dr. Bigler reported that because of personal circumstances, he does not plan to run for an additional term as treasurer. He made numerous suggestions including providing for a transitional period for the treasurer and assistant. Dr. Bigler suggested that because of the electronic base of the Society's records, it would be reasonable to consider having a permanent bookkeeper. After discussion it was decided that the choice of bookkeeper would be decided by the new treasurer. The Board approved a motion to fund a transition period to the new treasurer.

4. Executive Secretary's Report

A. Membership

Dr. Bornstein reported that as of June 23, 2006 the Society has 4,646 active members, compared to 4,478 at a comparable time in 2005. A total of 183 new members have joined since January 1, 2006. 29.5% of the new members are from outside North America.

B. Dues Payment

As of June 23, 2006, 78% of active current members (3,484) had paid their 2006 dues, which is slightly lower than at a comparable time in previous years.

5. Committee Reports

A. Publications Committee

Dr. Fletcher reported on the process for appointment of the new chair of the Committee. Dr. Fletcher's election as president-elect requires appointment of a new chair. Dr. Fletcher presented the recommendation that Dr. Suryya Dikmen be appointed as the next chair of the Committee. A motion was made and seconded (Grant/Ostrosky-Solis) to appoint Dr. Dikmen as the new chair. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a renewed discussion about developing web-based continuing education programs. It was suggested that Dr. Dikmen work with her committee to explore possibilities, and to coordinate efforts with the Continuing Education committee.

There was a discussion about the issue of open access to scientific information as it relates to JINS. It was suggested that the Publications Committee develop a policy on open access. Since the Society owns the copyright of information published in JINS, it was determined that this should be the decision of the Society. A motion was made and seconded (Grant/Prigatano) to support open access for JINS. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Fletcher presented a review of the issues related to availability of meeting abstracts prior to the meeting, and publication of the abstracts in JINS after the meeting. He clarified that the electronic publication of the abstracts were paginated.

B. Awards Committee

Dr. Bornstein reported on behalf of Dr. Stuss. The committee has begun to receive applications and nominations, and will review the materials in the fall.

C. Nominations Committee

Dr. Heaton reported that nominations slate to be submitted to the members includes Michael Corbalis and Michael Kopelman for president-elect, Desiree White, Jill Rich, Meryl Butters, Paul Massman, Skye McDonald, and Robin Morris for member-at-large.

D. Site Selection

Dr. Bornstein reviewed the current sites as well as potential sites for the annual and mid-year meeting. The 2008 and 2009 meetings have been set for Buenos Aires and Helsinki, but final dates and details have not been concluded. Bornstein reported that those details would be finalized in the next few months. Bornstein reviewed the cost proposals from several cities in California and Arizona. The costs are outside the normal cost parameters, and it was decided to not pursue those sites. Dr. Prigatano offered to seek additional information about possible sites in Phoenix. Future sites for the annual (February) meeting to be explored include Acapulco, Denver, Houston, and Tampa. Possible mid-year locations include Edinburgh, Krakow, South Africa, and Hong Kong. Dr. Wilson reported on her visit to Edinburgh, and Dr. Chan presented information about Hong Kong.

E. Program Committee – Zurich

Dr. Lutz Janke reported that there were approximate 600 registrants at the time of the meeting, and that there were approximately 500 abstracts submitted. Approximately 10 abstracts had been withdrawn.

Program Committee – Bilbao

Dr. Mariana Cherner presented an update on the Bilbao meeting which will be held February 4-7, 2007.

F. Continuing Education

Dr. Jennifer Manly presented a review of the program for the Zurich meeting. The Portland meeting is coming together and will have a wide range of topics and speakers. The Boston data has been analyzed, and the feedback is being used to help shape the Portland meeting. Dr. Manly also discussed her contacts with other societies regarding web-based dissemination of continuing education programs.

G. International Liaison Committee

Dr. Bernice Marcopulos presented a review of the ILC activities. Dr. Marcopulos indicated an interest in working on making web-based CE activities available to individuals in developing countries. She also described her proposal for collaborating on educational videoconferences, and discussed the potential for broadening the audience of these conferences.

6. New Business

Dr. Wilson presented a proposal from a group in Australia for support of a computerized

database of non-pharmacological studies of treatment for brain injury. The group is seeking annual support. Dr. Wilson proposed establishing a subcommittee to consider the issues related to support of this and similar proposals. The committee will consist of Fletcher (chair), Grant, Prigatano, and Taylor.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.