

International Neuropsychological Society Business Meeting February 14th, 2024 New York, USA

Call to Order

Jonathan Evans explained the goals of the business meeting and introduced the speakers. He asked if the audience had any additions to the agenda. There were no additions. He introduced the Co-Chairs of the meeting, Cady Block and Rune Nielsen.

New York Program Co-Chairs

There are 2,300 attendees at the current meeting. This is the second or third largest attended meeting. There are 7 invited plenaries, 5 invited symposia, 15 submitted symposia, 132 paper presentations, and 1,200 poster presentations. They invited the present to the presidential talk, awards ceremony, and reception.

President Report

Jonathan Evans noted that there are 7 standing committees and other subcommittees. He acknowledged the Financial Task Force for their work helping INS with the finances. They provided four reports and suggested initiatives such as increasing dues, establishing a personnel committee, and following the council of non-profit organizations among others.

He also explained the initiatives to increase revenues. He mentioned the bylaws changes regarding the nomination process and two additional changes still in progress. He encouraged the membership to vote. These changes are proposed to solve some inconsistencies on how to replace some BOD members. Currently, INS has around 3,000 members. The first meeting in East Asia in Taipei in July was successful.

He highlighted the Global Neuropsychology Congress next July in Porto, Portugal, and the meeting in New Orleans next year.

He described the harmonization of the terms of the Secretary and Treasurer. Alberto Fernandez's term was extended to that end. There was a review of the current Executive Director. Performance indicators were defined. Marc Norman's performance was reviewed by Michael Kopelman and Jennie Ponsford. His term was renewed by the BOD.

The Minnesota update conference. Glenn Smith and Ingram Wright participated as representatives of INS. Jonathan Evans expressed the gratitude of INS for their contribution.

A task force for the writing of the Policies & Procedures has been created. He thanked the members working on this task force.

Treasurer Report

Ozioma Okonkwo thanked the members of the financial committee. Debora Scheffel, Bruce Hermann and Olivier Piguet.

He described the financial fluctuations in the market, but finances have improved. As of November 30th, 2023, the total amount in all INS accounts was \$1,724,614. This is made up of \$350,603 of operations and \$1,374,011 of reserves. The monies are distributed into three accounts.

The Taipei meeting did not produce revenue, and there were \$29,000 in expenses associated with this conference.

There is a review of some of the operating vendors. He thanked the Financial Task Force for their work.

Kathy Haaland asked about the number of operational funds. Marc Norman said that there is \$700,000 in cash from both accounts.

Executive Director Report

Marc Norman noted that there is an increase in the membership. There are changes with the technology, but the system has been improved with a better track of the numbers of the organization. He described the growth of the society with the SIGs and the webinars and challenges associated with it.

He described the Global Neuropsychology Congress and highlighted the work of Sara Cavaco, Vicki Anderson, and Edward de Haan. This initiative is a work in collaboration with FESN, SLAN, and ASSBI. The congress will have the presence of the Director of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Department of the WHO and a Nobel laureate.

He also invited the membership to participate in the New Orleans meeting. The 2025 mid-year venue for the meeting was approved and will be held in Brisbane, Australia. The 2026 annual meeting will be held in Philadelphia.

Committees/Subcommittees

Science Committee

Lena Dobson announced the four conference awards. These awards will be split into two for the mid-year meeting and two for the annual conference. This committee is trying to create an interactive map of the research labs in the world. This will be available for INS members on the website. This is to identify training opportunities and research colleagues. INS Connect second part is a survey. The survey needs to be translated into other languages. The survey will run continuously in the next years. It contains demographic information and information on the measures used.

She thanked all the members of the committee.

Publications Committee

Sallie Baxendale noted that they focused their work on the JINS. She thanked Stephen Rao for his work as former Editor-in-Chief. She also thanked Gerry Taylor for his work on the search for a new editor. John Woodard was appointed as the new Editor-in-Chief. Regarding the renegotiation of the contract with Cambridge University Press, she noted that the costs will be decreased, and profit is expected for this year.

Global Engagement Committee

Natalia Ojeda noted that there are 40 representatives in the committee, 11 more than three years ago. The Charles Matthews Fund was extended to fund training programs. Members from Kenya, Colombia, the Philippines, and Cameroon were granted in the last call. She encouraged the membership to apply for these funds. The website of the GEC has three international resources for training including a collection of training videos. Melissa Lamar created a collection of videos of colleagues who describe their experiences of becoming neuropsychologists. Natalia Ojeda described the Research Editing and Consulting program.

A six-month extension of the term will be proposed to the chair of the Justice and Equity Subcommittee. Melissa Lamar will be the next chair of the GNC.

Member Engagement Committee

Christine Mullen noted that the number of members is increasing. There is a 90% retention in comparison to last year. There is a growth in non-USA members. She described the Try INS initiative to attract new members. After this initiative was implemented, there were 100 applicants, 60 in training status, and 40 as professionals. It was open only for a month and a half. It will be re-opened this year. The majority of applicants were members from outside the USA. The newsletter is a success. The social media committee offered great help with this newsletter.

The MEC will run surveys to members to explore what they value the most from INS. For those who renew their membership, they will receive access to 2-3 CEs for free. She thanked Marc Norman as well as Emma Rhodes and Anna Egbert from the Social Media committee.

Kathy Haaland asked about the exact number of members. Christine Mullen answered that there are 2,968 dues-paid members of which 75% are from North America.

Special Interests Groups Committee

Ruchika Prakash mentioned that there are 13 SIGs. There are five SIG-sponsored symposia in the current meeting. There were 12 webinars offered throughout the year. Some posters and presentations will be highlighted by the SIGs committee. The SIG committee will have a trainee leader position.

Education Committee

Sarah McPherson described the video archive project. All previous presidents have been interviewed. The next project might involve the awards committee and distinguished career winners. Anthony Stringer and Deborah Koltai led the survey on training in Africa, and that survey will be run in Asia soon.

Benjamin Hampstead, who is the chair of the CE subcommittee, highlighted the collaboration with the SIGs committee during the last year.

Student Liaison Committee (SLC)

Joshua Fox-Fuller said that Monica Rivera Mindt will give a talk for the SLC. He mentioned the social meeting and the panel organized by this committee for this meeting.

His term is finishing. Aishani Desai is the co-chair, and Kendra Pizzonia will be the next North American co-chair of the committee.

Awards Committee

Christian Salas thanked the members of the committee. He asked for more nominations at upcoming meetings. He noted that there are difficulties in getting nominations from outside the USA. He also noted that re-submissions are allowed. During the last year, there was an award task force that produced a report with 14 recommendations. Some initiatives were approved in the last BOD meeting. Others will be discussed in the future.

Mentoring Subcommittee

Robin Green and Shawn McClintock described the work of this subcommittee. Their goal is to join mentors with junior members and trainees. They developed an in-person mentorship event and a hybrid program around the world.

Farewells/Transitions

Ida Sue Baron is stepping down from the BOD. She will chair the nominations committee. Shawn McClintock, Fiona Kumfor, and Sallie Baxendale will step down from the BOD as members-at-large. David Loring (incoming president) and Natalia Ojeda (president-elect) were welcomed as well as Sanne Franzen, Maiko Sakamoto, and Kendra Anderson (members-at-large).

The meeting was adjourned at 01:04.