

**International Neuropsychological Society
Business Meeting
February 5, 2010
Acapulco Fairmont Princess Hotel**

1. Call to Order

President Michael Corballis called the meeting to order and welcomed the participants at 5:50 pm.

2. Treasurer's Report

Dr. Gordon Chelune reported that while this has not been the best year financially, INS has done fairly well. We have not quite broken even, but we have a stable adjusted income with no significant dips in the reserve. Administrative costs have gone down. The website took a little longer to get up, and dues were paid later than usual, which accounts for lower than expected revenue reported. The overall organization has done well. We need to continue to monitor cash flow.

3. Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Robert Bornstein reported that the membership has remained stable for the past four years at about 5,000. Three thousand members have paid their dues. Due payments have been slow due to transition to the new website. Dues collection is currently at 56% versus typically at 72%. Dr. Bornstein urged members to pay their dues. Members are retained for two years after their dues are in arrears. Hopefully, they will pay their dues and return. There are 275 new members, which is a little lower than previous years. Of the new members, 21% are from outside North America, which is a larger percentage compared with previous years. The net gain of non-North American new members is better than the net gain of North American new members. The Board is taking initiative to enhance new membership.

4. Program Committee

Dr. Ostrosky-Solis reported that the Acapulco meeting was a great success with 1202 registrants. She said that two Latin American Societies participated in the meeting—ALAN and SLAN. There are 50 Program Committee members who chose to award papers with the highest ratings.

The Rennick Award was given to Chad Johnson; the Butters Award to Caron Clark; the Laird Cermak Award to Nathan Hantke. Dr. Ostrosky-Solis was presented with a bouquet from the INS Board as a token of their appreciation for preparing such a successful meeting.

Dr. Peter Arnett reported on the Krakow meeting, which is June 30 through July 3 at Jagiellonian University. Dr. Anna Grobowska is working with Dr. Arnett on the program. Dr. Arnett showed several slides of beautiful architecture and also indicated that there are several very interesting side trips that attendees can visit. Dr. Steven Rao and Dr. Grobowska chose several plenary lecturers, including Drs. Merzenich, Gabrieli, Rao, Kossut, Hynd, and Monsch. There will be a translational symposium on cognitive neuroscience and clinical neuropsychology with speakers Drs. Giacomo Rizzolatti and Carlos Semenza. The Luria Konorski Symposium will host the following speakers: Drs. Dreher, Gross, Akhutina, and Goldberg. The submission deadline was extended to February 19, 2010.

5. Continuing Education

Dr. Jennifer Manly thanked the nine workshop leaders and the 50 members of the Continuing Education Committee. CE's are now available for selected JINS articles. One credit is \$10 per member; \$15 per non-member. If you get 75% or better correct on the quiz, you get the CE credit. There are four CE's already set for the Krakow meeting. Those are Drs. Hynd and Merzenich, Monsch, and Gabrieli. There are several CE programs lined up for Boston. Yana Suchy is going to do a workshop on executive functions. Saks, Stern, Cantu, Moss, Farrar, Budson, Waber, and Rey-Casserly are other speakers.

6. Publications Committee

Dr. Sureyya Dikmen relayed the good news about JINS. The monthly submissions are 23. There is an excellent turnaround time of five weeks from submission to decision and four months to publication. The impact factor is 2.6, which is better than the prior three years. We now have website access to JINS. Dr. Dikmen urged authors to send their best articles to JINS. There are 6 to 8 thousand downloads per month and about 20,000 abstract downloads per month. They are currently trying to improve the time for electronic first view.

7. Elections

First, Dr. Bornstein thanked the outgoing Board Members: Drs. Meryl Butters, Robin Morris, David Loring, and Michael Corballis. He announced the results of the elections: Dr. Sandra Weintraub is President Elect; Drs. Skye McDonald, Paula Shear, and Mark Bondi are Board Members.

8. Future Meetings

The 2010 mid-year meeting will be in Krakow, Poland. The February 2011 meeting will be in Boston. The mid-year meeting in 2011 will be in New Zealand. The February 2012 meeting will be in Montreal and the mid-year meeting will be in Oslo, Norway. In 2013, INS is going back to Hawaii in February and to Greece for the mid-year meeting. In 2014, the February meeting will be in Seattle. Please let Dr. Bornstein know if you have any proposals for future meeting sites.

New Business

9. Student Initiatives

Dr. Russ Bauer announced the creation of a student organization which was developed to stimulate the development of the next cadre of leaders for INS. An impromptu meeting for students was convened on Thursday, and it was well attended. The students provided numerous ideas about forming a student organization, including web tools for networking and informal dialog, and mentorship programs to develop research skills. The students will get together to exchange ideas. The students were very enthusiastic. They are currently coming up with a name for their organization. Several suggestions have been “SINS” and “SING”.

10. Welcome New President

Michael Corballis presented gifts to Drs. Bob Bornstein and Jennifer Manly for all their hard work during his year as President. He welcomed new President Dr. Steve Rao.

Dr. Bornstein acknowledged all the hard work and dedication of the recent President, Michael Corballis. He told him that a gift would be arriving in the mail shortly.

11. Adjournment

President Rao adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Bernice Marcopulos, Board Secretary