

International Neuropsychological Society
Membership Business Meeting
Brisbane, Australia
July 9, 2004

1. Introduction

President Brandt called the meeting to order at 4:48 pm.

2. Secretary's Report

The reading of the minutes from the last business meeting of the Society held in February 2004 in Baltimore, Maryland was waived.

3. Treasurer's Report

Erin Bigler, Treasurer of the Society, reviewed the Society's financial status for the membership. For 2003, the Society's cash statements revealed total revenues of \$645,894.99 and expenses of \$591,483.41, with a net income earned of \$54,411.58. It costs about \$600,000.00 annually to operate the Society. Total assets at the end of 2003 were \$1,236,157.70, with assets distributed in 8 Certificates of Deposit, checking and money market accounts. Bigler highlighted that the funds for several awards are low, and donations will be solicited in an upcoming mailing to the membership. Bigler opened the discussion of the Society's finances to the audience; there were no comments or questions.

4. Executive Secretary's Report

Robert Bornstein, Executive Secretary of INS, provided the following report. As of June 9, 2004, the Society has 4,170 active members. Bornstein reported that 16% of the membership is from outside of North America. Of new members to the Society, 44.8% are student affiliates and 25.4% are from outside North America.

5. Committee Reports

A. Program Committee - Brisbane

Dr. Skye McDonald, Chair of the Program Committee, presented the following report. Registration for the meeting has been very strong to date, and has exceeded the organizers' predictions, with some 500 participants from diverse locations. Attendance at the pre- and post-meeting satellite conferences is also anticipated to be high. For this meeting, 383 abstracts from 22 countries were submitted for review for the meeting's scientific program, with 304 accepted for presentation. These presentations were organized into 111 posters in 5 sessions, 100 symposium papers in 15 symposia and 3 clinical forums, and 92 free standing papers delivered in 16 paper sessions. Three keynote addresses were scheduled, including the INS Presidential

Address (Jason Brandt), the ASSBI Presidential Address (Skye McDonald), and the INS Birch Lectureship (Bryan Kolb). Six student awards will be announced at the end of the conference.

On behalf of the membership of the Society, President Brandt thanked Dr. McDonald and her committee members for their hard work.

B. Program Committees – St. Louis, Missouri and Dublin, Ireland

President Brandt reported that Jill Rich has been selected to serve as Program Chair of the meeting, and plans are well underway, with several invited plenary speakers and symposia already selected. Dr. Robin Morris, Program Chair for the Dublin meeting, was introduced and provided the membership with some preliminary information about the upcoming meeting.

C. International Liaison Committee

Bernice Marcopulos reported on the many activities undertaken by the ILC. The next edition of *INSNET* will be published in September 2004. The Consultation Support Program has received increased requests for assistance in manuscript preparation. Any member wishing to volunteer to this program is encouraged to contact Dr. Marcopulos. The ILC website, www.ilc-ins.osu.edu, has undergone expansion in the past few months and now offers more information. Members were encouraged to view the offerings. Marcopulos thanked the members of the ILC for their work.

D. Publications Committee

Jack Fletcher, Chair of the Publications Committee, reported on the recent activities of this committee. Fletcher reported that the transition of the Editor of *JINS* to Kathy Haaland is progressing smoothly. Progress continues to be made towards establishing electronic submissions and reviews to *JINS*. The use of electronic submissions is expected to streamline the review process, lagtime to publication, and costs associated with the journal.

E. Nominations

Bornstein reported that a slate of nominees has been assembled and the membership will receive election ballots in September 2004. They will be electing members to fill the following positions: President-Elect, Treasurer, and three members of the Board of Governors.

F. Site Selection

Bornstein reported that future meeting sites are as follows: St. Louis, Missouri February 2-6, 2005; Dublin, Ireland July 6-9, 2005; Boston, Massachusetts February 1-5, 2006; Portland, Oregon, February 7-10, 2007. The 2006 mid-year meeting site has been changed from Geneva to Zurich, Switzerland, with the final dates of the meeting to be determined in the near future. The Board has approved holding the 2008 North American meeting at a location in Hawaii with the site and dates to be determined. Several proposals for future mid-year meetings sites have been

received, including from Spain, Buenos Aires, Argentina and Helsinki, Finland. Bornstein and Brandt will travel to Spain in the fall to meet with several local neuropsychology groups interested in hosting the meeting.

6. Presidential Comments

President Brandt updated the membership on recent activities to expand organizational links between INS and other neuropsychological organizations. He also reviewed the Society's strong desire to continue to provide co-sponsorship of meetings with other organizations, noting that the Board is working to develop guidelines for future financial support of such meetings.

7. New Business

President Brandt opened the meeting to the membership for new business items. No new business was raised by the membership.

10. Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business, President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 5:07 pm.