

International Neuropsychological Society
Membership Business Meeting
St. Louis, Missouri, USA
February 5, 2005

1. Introduction

Dr. Brandt called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Dr. Brandt commented that the scheduling of the business meeting at a time other than the typical Friday evening spot was necessitated by the scheduling of other program components.

2. Secretary's Report

The reading of the minutes from the last business meeting of the Society held in July 2004 in Brisbane, Australia was waived.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report by Dr. Bigler was presented by Dr. Bornstein. The society's finances continue to be strong and secure, but recent decisions to decrease revenue streams and increase the range and caliber of services provided to the membership have resulted in an erosion of the investment base of the Society. The Board has discussed these issues and has decided to increase dues. This is the first change in dues in 10 years. The last change in dues was a dues decrease. The new dues, effective for the 2006 membership year will be \$120 for members and \$60 for Associate and Emeritus members.

4. Executive Secretary's Report

Dr. Bornstein, Executive Secretary of INS, provided the following report. The Society now has over 4,400 members. Over 1,000 new members have joined in the past two years. Approximately 70% of the members have paid their 2005 dues by the beginning of the calendar year.

Dr. Bornstein also reviewed the plans for future meeting sites. The 2005 mid-year meeting will be in Dublin in conjunction with the British Neuropsychological Society and the Division of Neuropsychology of the British Psychological Association. Future North American Meetings include Boston in 2006, Portland in 2007, and Hawaii in 2008. Possible future North American meeting sites include Atlanta, New Orleans, and Chicago. Future non-north American sites were also reviewed. The 2006 meeting will be in Zurich in conjunction with the German and Swiss neuropsychological societies. The Board approved the 2007 meeting in Bilbao, Spain, and agreed in principle to pursuing a meeting in 2008 in Buenos Aires. The Board also approved moving forward in considering a meeting in 2009 in Helsinki.

5. Committee Reports

A. Program Committee – St. Louis

Dr. Jill Rich, program chair for the St. Louis meeting presented an overview of the meeting. 1,440 people attended the meeting. Several program innovations were incorporated in this meeting including new presentation formats (debates), longer presentation times for individuals in platform sessions, and fewer abstracts in each poster session. In addition, the program included a session to honor the contributions of Louis Costa. This was well received, and similar honorific symposia may be included in future meetings. Dr. Brandt thanked Dr. Rich for her efforts.

B. Continuing Education Committee

The Continuing Education report by Dr. Neil Pliskin was presented by Dr. Bornstein. The program for this year was better attended than in previous years. The plans for future meetings are progressing, and Dr. Manly will begin planning her first meeting in the near future.

C. Elections

Dr. Bornstein announced the results of the election. Dr. Igor Grant is the new President-Elect, Dr. Erin Bigler was re-elected as Treasurer, and the new members of the Board of Governors are Dr. Jenni Ogden from New Zealand, Dr. Feggy Ostrosky-Solis from Mexico, and Dr. Adele Diamond from Vancouver.

D. International Liaison Committee

The report for the International Liaison Committee by Dr. Marcopolous was presented by Dr. Bornstein. Dr. Brandt announced that Dr. Marcopolous was reappointed for another term. He thanked her for her efforts and the work of the committee.

E. *JINS*

Dr. Haaland, the new editor of *JINS*, reviewed her efforts with the journal. No new directions are being contemplated. Online manuscript submission and review has been implemented, and Dr. Haaland requested feedback about the new features. She also introduced the new associate editors.

F. Rita G. Rudel Award

Dr. Brandt announced that Jennifer Crawford has been approved as recipient of the Rita G. Rudel award.

6. New Business

An issue was raised under new business. It was noted that during the meeting, someone was observed taking pictures of all the slides from several platform presentations. It was questioned whether the Society had a policy regarding this issue, and it was requested that this issue be brought to the Board for consideration.

7. Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business, Dr. Brandt introduced (in absentia) Dr. Robert Heaton as the next president of INS and on behalf of Dr. Heaton the meeting was adjourned.

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