

**International Neuropsychological Society
Annual Business Meeting
Waikoloa, Hawaii
February 7, 2008**

1. Call to Order

President Igor Grant called the meeting or order at 4:25 pm.

2. Treasurer Report

Dr. Erin Bigler, the outgoing Treasurer, provided his last report. Dr. Gordon Chelune, newly elected Treasurer, will be taking over the Treasurer's office at the end of the Hawaii meeting. Dr. Bigler reported that the finances of the INS are in excellent shape and the economic outlook is relatively stable. The balance at the end of December 2007 was \$1,219,095.27. Annual income was \$993,090.20; annual expenses were \$841,166.86 for a net income in 2007 of \$151,923.34. A detailed income and expense sheet will be published in JINS.

3. Executive Secretary Report

Membership Update: Dr. Bob Bornstein, Executive Secretary, reported that the membership of INS continues to grow and the society currently has approximately 4950 members. The rate of growth has slowed somewhat overall from rates of about 7% over the last two years. Approximately 60% of new members are Associate Members and 18% of new members are from outside of North America. The rate of growth of members from outside North America continues to be slightly higher than from within North America. Dues payments have been received at about at the same level as last year, and are currently at approximately 75%.

4. INS Executive Secretary and Office Review

Under the direction of President Grant, the office of the Executive Secretary underwent a review in 2007. The review committee included Dr. Leslie Gonzales-Rothi (Chair), Dr. Donald Stuss, Dr. Desiree White, and Dr. Jack Fletcher, with Dr. Igor Grant, INS President, as ex Officio member. The

review included a survey of INS leaders, a self-study report by Dr. Bornstein, and a site visit to the offices of the Executive Secretary in August 13, 2007. The Committee provided a detailed report of their findings and recommendations to the members of the Board. They reported that Dr. Bornstein has performed in an outstanding manner and recommended that he be offered another 5-year term as Executive Secretary. The Board has accepted that recommendation and Dr. Bornstein has graciously accepted to serve for another term. The President noted that the society owes Dr. Bornstein a debt of gratitude for his exceptional service to the society over many years. Dr. Bornstein was applauded and thanked by the membership.

Committee Reports

5. Program Committee

Waikaloa 2008: Dr. Tom Marcotte, Chair of the Hawaii Program Committee, thanked the assistance of 53 Program Committee members. There were 1125 submissions, from 30 different countries, the great majority of which were accepted. The program includes 5 plenary sessions, 2 invited symposia, 55 papers, 975 posters, and 82 symposia submissions. The theme of the meeting is neuropsychology's contributions to transdisciplinary research. Dr. Marcotte also introduced and described two new program features. In each poster session, a 'Citation Poster' will be cited for particular merit and identified for special interest. Three posters in each session were also identified as 'Featured Posters.' These will be physically set aside and there will be an opportunity for both a short presentation on the poster and the opportunity for small group discussion.

Three awards will be presented: Dr. Peter Molfese received the Rennick Award; Jan Glascher received the Butters Award, and Michael Seidenberg received the Cermak Award.

Registrations numbered 1460. This represents a 20% increase over the last meeting held in Hawaii, which had a 20% increase over the meeting held in Hawaii prior to that.

The president thanked Dr. Marcotte and his committee for their work on a strong program and congratulated him on developing and piloting the new and innovative formats.

Buenos Aires, July 2008: Dr. Fletcher provided an update on plans for the mid-year meeting in Buenos Aires. Marina Drake and Robin Morris are serving as the Program Committee and Dr. Drake also as the Local Arrangements Chair. The deadline for abstract submissions has been extended to the end of February. Buenos Aires is a world-class venue and a slide show will be going up on the INS website shortly.

Atlanta February 2009: Dr. Paul Cirino will serve as the Program Chair. The theme is brain and behavior across the lifespan. Dr. Maureen Dennis is scheduled to give the Birch Lecture.

Helsinki, Finland, July 2009: Dr. Laura Hokkanen will serve as the Program Chair. This will be a joint meeting with the Nordic Neuropsychological Society. Transportation is being planned so that attendees can attend the meetings on Saturday, which will be held in Tallinn, a medieval town in Estonia.

6. Continuing Education

Jennifer Manley, CE Director, reported that CE sessions in Hawaii were streamlined to 16 sessions and were well subscribed. Four CE programs have been planned for the Buenos Aires meeting, and invitations to potential CE presenters in Helsinki have already been sent. The Atlanta program is completely open at this time, and she will be seeking presenters for CE sessions that fit with the lifespan theme of the conference.

The President acknowledged the outstanding work that Dr. Manley is doing in her role as CE Director, and thanked her for her continuing commitment and success.

7. International Liaison Committee

Bernice Marcopulos, Chair of the International Liaison Committee, reminded the membership that she will be ending her second term as Chair of the Committee, and that she would work with the Board to begin looking for and cultivating someone who might assume this role when her term is over, and to provide some overlap.

8. Awards

Bob Heaton, Chair of the Awards Committee, reported that in collaboration with the Board of Governors, the committee development of guidelines for a new Distinguished Career Award. This award is intended for individuals who are at or near the end of their career and who have made a sustained and substantial commitment both to the field of neuropsychology and to the INS. Dr. Heaton reported that eleven individuals from six countries had been selected for receipt of this award. Eight of them attended the Hawaii meeting and were presented with the INS Distinguished Career Award at an awards ceremony on Wednesday evening, at which colleagues described their tremendous contributions and they accepted the awards. The eleven individuals selected to receive the award include Dr. Dirk Bakker, Dr. Anne-Lise Christensen, Dr. Louis Costa, Dr. Edith Kaplan, Dr. Halgrim Klove, Dr. Muriel Lezak, Dr. Byron Rourke, Dr. Paul Satz, Dr. Otfried Spreen, Dr. Harry Vander Vlugt, and Dr. Elizabeth Warrington.

Both Dr. Grant and Dr. Heaton identified the importance of recognizing the sustained and important contributions of distinguished individuals to the field of neuropsychology and the society.

9. Publications

Sureyya Dikmen, Chair of the Publications Committee, reported that JINS continues to run very smoothly under the editorship of Dr. Kathy Haaland. The journal receives an average 23 submissions per month. Review times remain very good, with just 5 weeks from submission to the first letter, and just 5 months to publication following acceptance. New formats under consideration include short critical reviews and the devotion of portions of issues to special topics.

The subscription rate has increased slightly from \$47 to \$48 per year. Abstracts for meetings have consistently been posted on the website prior to the meetings and on the Cambridge website shortly after the meetings. Mr. John Hutchinson has replaced _____ as Senior Journal Editor for _____

10. Upcoming Meetings

In 2009, the winter meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, on February, 11-14, 2009. The mid-year meeting will be held in Helsinki, Finland (in

conjunction with the Nordic Neuropsychological Society) July 29-August 1, 2009.

The 2010 winter meeting will be held at the Fairmont Princess in Acapulco, Mexico, from February 3-6, 2010, in partnership with the Association of Latin American Neuropsychologists. Possible sites for the mid-year meeting include China and Krakow.

In 2011, the winter meeting is scheduled to be held in Boston, Massachusetts at the Marriot Copley Square, February 1-5, 2011. Possible sites for the mid-year meeting include Krakow or China, depending on the venue in 2010.

The mid-year meeting in 2012 will be held in Oslo, Norway.

11. Elections

Dr. Stephen Rao is the President-Elect. Dr. Gordon Chelune is the new Treasurer and he will begin his term of office at the end of the meeting. Newly elected members to the Board are Dr. Anna Basso, Dr. Chris Filley, and Dr. Grant Iverson.

The President thanked outgoing Board members Dr. Adele Diamond, Dr. Jenni Ogden, and Dr. Feggy Ostrosky-Solis for the contributions to the society.

The President gave particular recognition and thanks to Dr. Erin Bigler for his invaluable contribution to the society as its Treasurer since 2002.

The President also thanked Ave Sofranko, Susan O'Brien, and Susan Wheatley of the Office of the Executive Secretary for their assistance in making the meeting arrangements run so smoothly.

The President then turned over the meeting to the new President, Dr. Jack Fletcher. Dr. Fletcher thanked Dr. Grant on behalf of the society for his many significant contributions. The society has benefited from his record of service as a member of the Board, as Chair of the Publications Committee during the development of the society's own journal, as inaugural Editor of JINS, and most recently as President. The society owes Dr. Grant a huge debt of gratitude, and he was applauded and thanked by the membership.

12. Adjournment

Dr. Fletcher, the incoming President, adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Catherine Mateer, Board Secretary