

**International Neuropsychological Society
Membership Business Meeting
Berlin, Germany
July 17, 2003**

1. Introduction

President Warrington called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

2. Secretary's Report

The reading of the minutes from the last business meeting of the Society held in February 2003 in Honolulu, Hawaii was waived.

3. Treasurer's Report

Erin Bigler, Treasurer of the Society, reviewed the results of the financial audit for fiscal year 2002, noting that the Society is in sound fiscal shape. A detailed report of the Society's monies will be published in *JINS* for members' review. An ad hoc committee will be formed to help Bigler develop a future strategic financial plan for INS. 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 30, 2003, INS has 3, 858 members. Over the past 6 months, the Society has moved to providing greater electronic services to members that have been facilitated by changes in the INS web page. At present, the membership directory is available on-line to members, and submissions to the scientific meeting can now be sent electronically. These changes have saved the Society money previously associated with costly printing and mailings.

5. Committee Reports

A. Program Committee - Berlin

Siegfried Gauggel, Chair of the Program Committee, and Hendrik Niemann, Chair of the Berlin Organizing Committee, presented the following report. Some 380 submissions were received for review, and are being presented, along with several invited addresses over the three-day scientific program. To date, 850 participants have registered for the meeting. They noted that this is the largest meeting to date for the German Neuropsychological Society (GNP).

On behalf of the membership of the Society, President Warrington thanked for Gauggel, Niemann, and their committee members for their hard work, commending them on their excellent organizational skills that greatly contributed to the success of this meeting.

B. Continuing Education Committee

Neil Pliskin, Director of CE, thanked the members of the GNP who played a very significant role in arranging the CE courses offered during the current meeting. Pliskin reported that the CE program for the February 2004 meeting in Baltimore is complete, and will include a wide diversity of course offerings. The CE program for July 2004 in Brisbane is also now set and will feature 6 course offerings. Pliskin reported that INS continues to be able to provide CE hours through the APA and ASHA. A renewal application for APA sponsorship of CE will be filed in August 2003. Finally, Pliskin reminded members that his term as CE Director will be ending soon, and that a call for nominations for his replacement will need to be made.

C. International Liaison Committee

Bernice Marcopulos reported on the many activities undertaken by the ILC. The book and journal depository program is now almost phased out, and is being replaced by a core library of seminal texts in neuropsychology for distribution to programs. William Seidel has been appointed by the Board to serve as the Coordinator of this program. David Shum has been appointed the new editor of *INSNET*. The ILC also sponsors a list serve on cross-cultural issues in neuropsychology. Marcopulos encouraged members to visit the ILC website, www.ilc-ins.osu.edu to for a summary of the many activities of the ILC.

D. Nominations Committee

Bornstein reported that the Nominations Committee is in the process of finalizing the Nominations Ballot for elected officers and Board members to be distributed to INS members in September 2003. This marks the first election cycle for which the new term structure for the President of INS (changed to President-elect, Incoming President, and President from the former structure of President-Elect, President, and Past-President) will be implemented. To phase in this new structure, members of the Society will elect one Incoming President (who will also serve the last Past-President position in the Society) and one President-Elect for 2004 (who will be the first to serve the new three year term structure).

E. Site Selection

Bornstein reported that the following sites have been selected for future meetings: Baltimore, Maryland, February 4-7, 2004 at the Marriott Waterfront; Brisbane, Australia July 7-10, 2004 at the Sheraton Brisbane; St. Louis, Missouri February 2-6, 2005 at the Adams Mark Hotel; Dublin, Ireland, July 6-9, 2005 at the Burlington Hotel; and, in February 2006 in Boston, Massachusetts at the Marriot Copley Plaza.

F. Publications Committee

President Warrington reported that the Board undertook a lengthy discussion at their meeting held earlier in the week regarding the selection of the next Editor of *JINS*. The term of the current Editor, Igor Grant, expired in December 2004. The Board has reached a decision but a formal announcement was deferred at this time in order to notify all candidates of the decision.

This appointment will be made known to members in the next Society's mailing. [Note: shortly after the conclusion of the Berlin meeting, it was announced that Kathy Haaland would serve as the next Editor of *JINS*.]

6. New Business

President Warrington opened the meeting to the membership for new business items. Frank LeFever offered commentary on several topics. He thanked the ILC on behalf of a recent travel grant recipient for the travel award granted. LeFever raised some questions about recent changes in the travel grant program, and offered that perhaps a waiver of meeting registration fees might also serve a purpose to some members with limited funds to attend the meetings. LeFever also offered a favorable comment regarding information made available to registrants for the Berlin meeting about alternative housing and hotels. He encouraged the Society to make similar information available for future meetings. Jason Brandt, in comment to LeFever, noted that the Board is exploring ways to offer educational courses on-line to members, and that this may prove very useful for members who may not be able to travel to attend future meetings.

10. Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business, President Warrington adjourned the meeting at 6:38 pm.

(Approved February 3, 2004)