

**International Neuropsychological Society
Membership Business Meeting
Boston, Massachusetts, USA
February 3, 2006**

1. Introduction

Dr. Heaton called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

2. Secretary's Report

The reading of the minutes from the last business meeting of the Society held in July 2005 in Dublin, Ireland was waived.

3. Treasurer's Report

Erin Bigler, Treasurer of INS, reviewed the current finances of the Society. The Society is now in strong financial status. For fiscal year 2005, the Society's total income was \$958,468.58, incurred expenses of \$846,736.53, yielding a net income for the year of \$111,732.05. At this time, the Society's assets are invested in 7 certificates of deposits of \$100,000.00 each, with about \$100,000.00 maintained in cash reserves.

4. Executive Secretary's Report

As of December 31, 2005, the Society has 4,742 active members. The Society has made 7 - 7½ % gains annually in new members for each of the past three years. Approximately 18% of the Society are from non-North American countries.

B. Dues Payment

As of January 4, 2006, 61% of active current members had paid their 2006 dues, which is consistent with recent years (range 59-75%).

5. Committee Reports

A. Program Committee – Boston

Desiree White, Chair of the Boston Program Committee, made the following report. There are currently 1,994 registrants for the conference, and it is anticipated that this total will increase prior to the time of the meeting's conclusion, making it the largest attendance in history for a Society meeting. Submissions for the Boston conference were received from 22 countries. A total of 1134 abstracts were submitted with an acceptance rate of 91%. The Scientific Program includes 13 poster sessions, 6 paper sessions, 18 symposia, 4 invited plenary sessions, and two invited symposia. A new feature this year is three poster symposia, which were selected from

regular symposium submissions. Dr. Heaton thanked Dr. Whites and her committee members on behalf of the Society for their hard work and a successful meeting.

B. Continuing Education

Jennifer Manly, incoming CE Director, reported that the CE program for the Zurich meeting is complete. She is currently assembling a CE Committee, and plans are actively underway for the CE Programs for 2007 meetings to be held in Portland, Oregon and Bilbao, Spain. She encouraged members with ideas for CE courses to contact her.

C. Elections

President Heaton thanked Daniel Tranel, Faraneh Varga-Kahadem, and Branch Coslett, Members at Large, Jason Brandt, Past-President, and Ann Marcotte, Secretary, who will be rotating off the Board at the end of the Boston meeting for their contributions.

Bornstein next reported the following results of the recently completed INS elections. Jack Fletcher will be the President-Elect and Catherine Mateer will serve as Secretary. Newly elected Members at Large are Andrew Saykin, George Prigatano, and Agnes Chen.

D. Sites Committee

Dr. Bornstein reviewed the plans for future meeting sites, which are as follows: Zurich, Switzerland, July 26-29, 2006; Portland, Oregon, February 7-10, 2007; Bilbao, Spain, July 2007; Hawaii, February 6-9, 2008; and, Atlanta, February 11-14, 2009. Plans for a meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina to be held in July 2008 and for a meeting in Helsinki, Finland in 2009 are being developed.

6. New Business

The meeting was opened to the membership for discussion of new business. Concerns about the shift in printing meeting abstracts in a Program Book distributed at the meeting in lieu of the past practice of publishing abstracts in *JINS* with the journal arriving to members prior to the meeting was raised. A motion was made (motion-Heilman, second-Wilson) to move to having abstracts available to members prior to the meeting for review, to have abstracts published in a manner for archival review and citation within two months of the meeting, and to have proposals to implement such changes developed by the Publications Committee and sent to the membership for approval; the motion did not carry. A second motion was then made (motion-Gonzalez-Rothi, second-Rich) to direct the Publications Committee to review the current situation, and to review possible methods by which abstracts can be accessible to the membership prior to the meeting as well as moved to an archival library; the motion carried.

Bernice Marcopulos, Chair of the International Liaison Committee, reported that ILC website is now available in Spanish. She also noted that the Editor of *INSNET*, David Shum, has resigned, and a search will be undertaken to appoint a new Editor.

Jill Rich, a former Program Chair, also raised issues pertaining to the position of Program Chair, as well as a need for more communication and sharing of knowledge between former Program Chairs and the incoming Program Chair.

Meeting Adjournment

Dr. Heaton then turned the meeting over Barbara A. Wilson, Incoming President of INS. Dr. Wilson thanked Dr. Heaton on behalf of the membership for his leadership this past year, and presented him with an inscribed bowl honoring his Presidency. There being no further business, President Wilson adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.