

**International Neuropsychological Society
Business Meeting
February 13, 2009
Mariott Marquis, Atlanta, Georgia
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1. Call to Order

President Jack Fletcher called the meeting or order at 6:40 pm.

2. Treasurer Report

Dr. Gordon Chelune, INS Treasurer, reported that the organization is on solid financial footing, but that it is important to be mindful of highly unstable global economic factors which have undergone a major downturn. This will be particularly important moving into 2010. As of December 31, 2008, the society has \$1,227,000, with \$700,000 of that in an investment account. However, Dr. Chelune cautioned that in the coming year, expenses will increase while investment income will decrease due to lower rates of return on investment. The society is in a good financial position, but will need to monitor funds closely in the next few years given instability in the global economy.

The transition of the Treasurer's office from Dr. Bigler's office has continued to progress extremely well, and he acknowledged the support of Susan Wheatley, the bookkeeper for INS, as well as Ave Sovranko and Sue O'Brien the INS office. The Treasurer's office underwent a successful audit last fall, with no problems identified. A policy and procedures manual is being developed to provide support in the future for infrastructure and financial management.

President Fletcher thanked Dr. Chelune and Susan Wheatley for their contributions on behalf of the society.

3. Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Bob Bornstein, Executive Secretary, reported that the membership of INS remains at about 5000. While memberships did increase this year, the rate of growth was slower than in recent years, with new membership

growth down by about 20%. About 70% of members have paid their 2009 dues, which is on pace with previous years.

Dr. Bornstein announced that there will be a transition with respect to the journal, in that an electronic, on-line version of JINS will become the basic member benefit. A paper version will still be available but at an additional cost. Moving to an electronic version of JIN was felt by the board to be a more sustainable, eco-friendly choice, and there will be anticipated savings of approximately \$50,000 per year to the society. In addition, a decision was made at the board meeting in Atlanta to move away from paper based mail-out communication with the membership to on-line web-based communications. This will be implemented over the coming year. This is anticipated to result in additional saving of \$40,000 in printing and postage, as well as to be a more sustainable course of action. Overall, moving to web-based support of communications and JINS will result in approximately \$90,000 in savings per year.

Meeting sites have now been determined through 2013 and are as follows:

July 2009	Helsinki, Finland with a day in Tallinn, Estonia
February 2010	Acapulco, Mexico
July 2010	Krakow, Poland
February 2011	Boston, Massachusetts
July 2011	Auckland, New Zealand
February 2012	Montreal, Quebec
July 2012	Oslo, Norway
February 2013	Hawaii
July 2013	Thessalonika, Greece

President Fletcher indicated that this is Dr. Bornstein's 16th year as Executive Secretary and thanked him for his continuing service. He also announced that a committee, chaired by Dr. Leslie Gonzalez-Rothi, which will identify a replacement prior to Dr. Bornstein's retirement in four years.

Committee Reports

4. Program Committee

Atlanta, February 2009: Dr. Paul Cirino, Program Chair, indicated that the Program Committee increased the number of invited symposia and plenary

speakers. The theme for the meeting was *Lifespan Neuropsychology: Transdisciplinary Issues and New Horizons*. Topical and special interests included the role of white matter, communication disorders, and learning disabilities. The program included 14 paper sessions, 12 symposia, and 3 invited symposia, including a debate symposia.

The conference program is noticeably thinner, as for the first time all abstracts were available on-line rather in print. The printed program did include abstracts of all of the main presentations. The merit poster program, whereby one poster in each session is singled out for particular merit, was continued. The number of submission categories was reduced to streamline the program. Dr. Cirino thanked the 54 individuals who reviewed submissions, the INS office, and Tom Marcotte and Jill Rich, previous program chairs, who provided support and input to the development of the Atlanta program.

Serana Chester received the Phillip M. Rennick Award (Graduate Student award); Lisa Delano-Wood received the Nelson Butters Award (Postdoctoral award); and Elizabeth Mitchell received the Laird S. Cermak Award (Memory research).

President Fletcher thanked Dr. Cirino on behalf of the society for a very high quality program.

Helsinki, Finland, July 2009: Dr. Hokkanen is the Program Committee Chair for the Helsinki meeting. Abstract submissions are open until the end of February 2009.

5. Continuing Education

Dr. Jennifer Manly, CE Director, reported that 26 CE courses were delivered in Atlanta, including workshops on genetics, statistics, aging and childhood disorders, and that the program was well subscribed. She indicated that she took advantage of local expertise, and also arranged to have several of the invited speakers provide CE workshops. Dr. Jennifer Manly, CE Director, thanked those who attended CE offerings in Atlanta, and encouraged members to send her ideas for CE courses.

There will be 5 CE courses in Helsinki, all on the Saturday. Dr. Manley also announced that there will be two changes to the CE program. First,

beginning with the Acapulco meeting, there will be web-based entry of course evaluations. Second, arrangements are being made to develop a mechanism for receiving CE credits for reading JINS articles, and Dr. Manly thanked Dr. Kathy Haaland for facilitating the process. Dr. Manly also invited any members who are interested in participating in the CE Committee to contact her.

President Fletcher acknowledged the significant effort that goes into running the society's CE program and expressed his appreciation to Dr. Manly and her committee for their hard work.

6. International Liaison Committee

Bernice Marcopulos, Chair of the International Liaison Committee, announced that she had completed her term as Chair and thanked the society for the opportunity to serve in that capacity. She announced that Dr. Mariana Cherner will serve as the new Chair of the ILC. Dr. Patricia Klaus will take over from Dr. Helen Haanes as the Editor of INSNET. Dr. Marcopulos expressed thanks to Dr. Haanes for her excellent service as the INSNET editor.

Dr. Marcopulos reported on a very successful activity funded by the Charles Matthews Support fund. Five INS members, including Dr. Marcopulos, collaborated with Peter Kulistak in the Czech Republic to put on a 4-day workshop on the basics of neuropsychology. The funding was matched by a \$5K grant from the Medical College of Wisconsin. Only about 20-30 participants were anticipated, but well over 75 showed up, from the Czech Republic as well as neighboring countries. Dr. Marcopulos felt it was extremely successful and an excellent use of the Matthews Support funds. The group of individuals who delivered the program would be prepared to offer it again in another location, and would be open to offers to do so from a local organizer.

President Fletcher congratulated and thanked Dr. Marcopulos for eight years of service and strong leadership as Chair of the ILC, during which time she moved its origins to its current well integrated and vibrant status.

7. Awards Committee

Six Distinguished Career Awards were honored at the Atlanta meeting (Gerald Goldstein, Martha Denckla, Alexandre Castro-Caldas, Kenneth Heilman, Allan Mirsky, and Sara Sparrow). Elizabeth Warrington and Dirk Bakker, who were unable to attend the Hawaii meeting to receive their awards last year, were invited to join the Atlanta group.

Dr. Bob Heaton, Chair of the Award Committee, invited nominations from the membership for Distinguished Career Awards. The award honors exceptional contributions to both the field of neuropsychology and the International Neuropsychological Society.

8. Publications Committee

Dr. Kathy Haaland, Editor of JINS, indicated that the journal will be moving to an all electronic versus paper distribution. She indicated that an advantage to the electronic format is that an email notification can be sent out with a link to articles, as soon as they are prepared. Dr. Haaland thanked the many individuals who serve as editors and department editors, as well as consulting and ad hoc reviewers.

Dr. Fletcher remarked that Dr. Haaland is about to start her second term as Editor and thanked her for her excellent record of service.

9. Elections

Dr. Bornstein announced that the Rus Bauer is President-Elect. Bernice Marcopulos was elected Secretary. Members-at-large include Andreas Monsch, Doug Ris, and Monro Cullum.

Dr. Fletcher welcomed the new members of the board. He also thanked outgoing members, Agnes Chan, Catherine Mateer, George Prigatano, and Andrew Saykin.

10. Adjournment

Dr. Fletcher again thanked Dr. Cirino and the many individuals who contributed to planning, organizing, and conducting the very successful meeting in Atlanta, including members of the INS office staff.

Dr. Fletcher then introduced Dr. Michael Corballis, incoming President of INS. Dr. Corballis thanked Dr. Fletcher for his leadership, two fine presidential addresses, and for his record of innovation, and then presented him with a gift from the society.

President Corballis adjourned the business meeting at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted and pending approval
Catherine Mateer, Board Secretary