

EEG and Clinical Neuroscience Council Meeting, September 2006.

Date of the meeting: September 13, 2006
Location: Hotel Hilton Boston Back Bay, Boston, MA, USA
Present: David Cantor (President, [DC]),
Ivan Bodis-Wollner (President Elect/Vice President [IBW])
Silvana Galderisi (Secretary, [SG]),
Nash Boutros (Treasurer and Past President, [NB])
Norman Moore (Chief Editor of the ECNS Journal, [NM])
Kemal Arikan (Councilor at large [KA])
Gerard Bruder (Councilor at large [GB])
Ronald Herning (Councilor at large [RH])
Oliver Pogarell (Councilor at large [OP])
Dean Salisbury (Councilor at large [DS])
Robert Thatcher (Councilor at large [RT])

Agenda

- I. Old Business
 - A. Greetings and review of current council members, committees and committee chairs
 - B. Review and acceptance of minutes from 2005
 - C. *Confirmation that AMEEGA papers are to be scanned on CD disks and need to decide where disks will be archived.*
 - II. New Business
 - A. Treasurer's Report
 - B. Clinical EEG – Journal Report – issues – Norman Moore
 - C. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership Committee
 - b. Publication Committee
 - c. Program Committee
 - i. Current Program
 - ii. Programs for 2007- 08
 - d. Bylaws Committee
 - i. Changes to Bylaws?
 - e. Examination Committee
 - f. ECNS Chapters – Germany/Turkey
 - g. Clinical Practice Committee
 - i. Resolution on position paper – Norman Moore
 - D. Federation Concept – 2008?
 - III. Misc
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Minutes

I. Old Business

- A. The President welcomes those present. The list of current council members is reviewed: David Cantor (President), Ivan Bodis-Wollner (President Elect/Vice President), Nash Boutros (Treasurer and Past President), Silvana Galderisi (Secretary), Norman Moore (Chief Editor Clinical EEG & Neuroscience) and the following Councilors at large: Kemal Arikan, Gerard Bruder, Benjamin Greenberg, Ronald Herning, Matcheri Keshavan, Lukasz Konopka, Oliver Pogarell, Leslie Pritchep, Dean Salisbury, Robert Thatcher, Robert Weinmann. Emily Stevens is now the chair of the membership committee instead of Marianna Spanaki who resigned. **SG [01]** will forward the minutes to Peter Forgacs for corrections to the relevant webpage.

- B. The minutes of the 2005 meeting in Munich are read by **SG** and approved. The following modifications are discussed and approved:
- i. Speakers invited by the meeting local organizers will not pay the registration fee.
 - ii. \$20 of the registration fee will automatically go to the Journal to cover the expenses of abstract publication.
 - iii. Members of the Journal Editorial Board are appointed for a three year term and can be reappointed. They should be active (for instance, they should submit papers to the journal, attend the meetings or review at least one paper/year). The final decision about Editorial Board members is up to the Chief Editor.
- D. AMEEGA papers will be scanned on CDs and archived in the website **[NB 02]**. They will not be accessible to the public.

III. New Business

- A. **NB** presents a brief ECNS financial report indicating a balance of \$ 66962.66 plus about 10000 from meeting registrations. He also reports that the present account involves \$20000 interest sparing. The possibility of higher rates will be investigated **[NB 03]**. The treasurer's report is approved.
- B. **NM** reads and reviews an email from Klugh Kennedy, former ECNS Journal treasurer. Dr. Kennedy proposes to reduce the number of special issues to one per year or to have a guest edited section in each issue, to limit the number of pages to 64 always and to minimize the number of color plates. The journal is always facing financial difficulties. The possibility to change publisher is being explored. Norman had contacts with the Haworth Press, Inc.. Norman will explore more with other big publishers and will report about those contacts by February 07 **[NM 04]**. The Council approves the transfer of \$14588.93 from the ECNS account to the Journal account **[NB 05]** and approves the proposal of appointing Andrew Papingass as new Treasurer of Clinical EEG & Neuroscience.

C. Committee Reports

- a. Membership Committee. The President reads the report of the present chair of the Committee, Emily Stevens. Current Membership is 186, Full 184, Junior 2, Foreign 29. New members 11 (4 foreign); deceased 2; currently unpaid 39. To increase membership the committee recommends that members be encouraged to approach all potential new members; a 1 page sheet should be made available for download which can be provided to others at relevant meetings that host potential new members. To this aim a summary of important reasons for joining the society should be added at the website **[IBW 06]**. **RT** proposes that \$ 185 fee cover two years for new members. The Council approves. **OP** proposes to include in the summary of reasons to join the society a list of the members of the society. **RT** proposes to modify the ECNS Bylaws to include a new membership category, "Corporate, Faculty, or Department Membership." The proposal is accepted by the Council. It is also agreed that the publication committee will provide a list of items representing members benefits (e.g. electronic newsletter) **[Peter Forgacs 07]**
- b. Publication Committee. No report
- c. Program Committee. Dean reports that preregistered participants amount to 97. \$ 19000 were contributed by exhibitors. Dean also reports that he updated the list of ECNS members and **SG** asked him to forward the list to her **[DS 08]**. The Council thanks and congratulates Dean for the organization of the meeting and acknowledges that such a job always requires a lot of time and energy. Nash raises the possibility that the association in charge of CME credits also manage the organization of the next meeting; this would cost about \$ 9000 more with respect to the credits only. The Council decides that the local organizers will decide on this matter. **DC [09]** will provide JB and RH with a list of organizations which can provide this service. **RH** confirms that the next meeting will be held in Montreal and the main topic will be "Drug Abuse, Anxiety and Personality Disorders". The dates for the 2007 conference are September 13-16, at the Hyatt Montreal Center-Ville. The council discusses the possibility that the 2008 meeting be hosted by Monte Buchsbaum at Mount Sinai (NY) and that the 2009 meeting be organized

as a combined meeting with the International Society for Neuroregulation [action responsible to be defined **10**]. Taking into account the need of Council Members to meet the day before the opening of the annual meeting, the Council approves Nash Boutros' proposal to cover for them 1 night of hotel stay.

- d. Bylaws Committee. The Council discusses the following changes to the bylaws of the Society, to be submitted to the General Assembly:
- i. Article II will be amended to include one more membership category, i. e. Corporate, Facility or Department Membership.
"Section XX. Corporate, Facility or Department Member. All Companies, Institutions or Societies active in the field of Electroencephalography and Clinical Neuroscience are eligible for membership. Admission to membership shall be by simple majority vote of the Membership Committee. The fee for this membership will be no less than \$ 500 per year.
 - ii. Article VI will be amended as follows:
Section 2. Election and Term. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the annual membership meeting by simple majority vote of members present and voting. All Officers shall hold office for two (2) consecutive years. The Secretary and Treasurer may serve no more than two (2) consecutive two year terms
 - iii. Article VII will be amended as follows:
Section 2. President-Elect. The President-Elect, upon the expiration of the President's term, shall assume the office of President for the ensuing two years....
Section 5. Removal of Officers. Failure to attend two consecutive board meetings shall result in discontinuation of the term as Council Member unless otherwise unanimously decided by the Council. The motivation for the exception must be provided in the minutes of the Council meeting. **[Peter Forgacs will update the bylaws reported on the website 11]**
- e. Examination Committee. The possibility to create a new certification board for "Behavioral Electrophysiology is discussed". **RT [12]** will explore the possibility of online examination. The committee will discuss this possibility and report to the next Council meeting.
- f. **OP, SG and KA** together with **DC** will **[13]**. explore the possibility to create national sections of ECNS in Germany, Italy and Turkey and will form a committee to define aims and rules of those eventual sections
- g. Clinical Practice Committee. **NM** proposes to devote a special issue of the journal to the topic originally meant for a Position Paper, i.e. Clinical Applications of EEG in Psychiatry. **IBW** proposes to broaden the focus "Clinical Neurophysiology in differential diagnosis of behavioral disorders". **NM** will prepare an outline of the issue and invite relevant contributions **[14]**.
- D. Federation Concept. The Council discusses the possibility of creating a Federation of Societies pursuing common goals, such as ISNR, IPEG, ISBET and ISNIP, under a common umbrella. The name might be International Society of Brain and Behavioral Science (ISBBS). No action is defined by now.

Overview Action Items

Action Number	Responsible Person(s)	Action to be taken
[01]	Galderisi	To send minutes to Peter Forgacs
[02]	Boutros	To archive AMEEGA papers
[03]	Boutros	To explore possibility to increase bank interest rate
[04]	Moore	To explore with other big publishers condition for ECNS journal
[05]	Boutros	To transfer \$14588.93 from ECNS account to Journal account.
[06]	Bodis-Wollner	To prepare a summary of reasons for joining the society
[07]	Forgacs	To provide IBW with a list of items representing members benefits
[08]	Salisbury	To send SG the updated list of ECNS members
[09]	Cantor	To provide JB and RH with a list of organizations which organize meetings.
[10]	?Bruder	To contact Buchsbaum for 2008 meeting and ISNR for combined 2009 meeting
[11]	Forgacs	To update the bylaws according to the changes reported in the minutes
[12]	Thatcher	To explore the possibility of online examination
[13]	Pogarell, Galderisi, Arikan, Cantor	To form a committee to define aims and rules of eventual national sections
[14]	Moore	To prepare an outline of the special issue on "Clinical Neurophysiology in differential diagnosis of behavioral disorders" and invite relevant contributions