

Minutes of ECNS Board meeting, Tuesday Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, Saloon Asia room, Hilton Hotel, Istanbul, Turkey\*

Present: Ivan Bodis-Wollner (IBW), Silvana Galderisi (SG), Norman Moore (NM), Nash Boutros (NB) (left after presentation of the Membership Committee report), Armida Mucci (AM), Oliver Pogarell (OP), Eric Sellers (ES), Kemal Arikan (KA), Bernd Saletu (BS), Dean Salisbury (via teleconference; DS)

Minutes of 2009 were accepted.

SG brought up the issue of people at Journal and Society Board meetings who are unknown. NM mentioned that meetings were traditionally open for members if invited by one of the Council members. DS suggested that in future we require name badges to be worn and inquire as necessary.

As part of the Secretary's report, Councilors at large that needed to be re-appointed were addressed. None needed to rotate off the council. Four (4) Councilors were reappointed for 3 year terms (Pierre Flor-Henry (first term 2007), BS (first term 2007), Antonio Strafella (first term 2007), Andrei B. Vedeniapin (first term 2007)<sup>†</sup>. It was decided that NB and Emily Stevens would continue to serve as nonvoting Co-Chairs of the membership Committee rather than as Councilors-at-large. Four new people were nominated to serve as Councilors-at-large: 1) Andrea Antal; 2) KA; 3) Nevzat Tarhan; 4) ES. Thus, the councilors-at-large are:

1. Pierre Flor-Henry, M.D. (second term 2010)
2. Lukasz Konopka, Ph.D. (first term 2009)
3. Armida Mucci, M.D., Ph.D. (first term 2009)
4. Oliver Pogarell, M.D. (second term 2009)
5. Silvana Riggio, M.D. (first term 2009)
6. Bernd Saletu, M.D. (second term 2010)
7. Antonio Strafella, M.D., Ph.D. (second term 2010)
8. Andrei B. Vedeniapin, M.D. (second term 2010)
9. Kemal Arikan (first term 2010)
10. Nevzat Tarhan (first term 2010)
11. Andrea Antal (first term 2010)
12. Eric Sellers (first term 2010)

IBW proposed that Chairpersons of the standing committees be members of the Board. NM countered that it would be better to have them attend, but no voting rights, which was supported by the Board majority.

NB presented the Membership Committee report. Current membership committee members include: Emily Stevens (Co-Chair), NB (Co-Chair), IBW, William J. Bosl, Dominick Ciraulo, Derek Fisher, Cecilia Alailima, & Geoff May. Main focus was ways to increase membership. Several ideas were discussed, whether we could get membership lists from other groups, an active drive to review journals and invite authors to join with special deals (free years). Emphasis was placed on a personal approach. Website needs to be ready to accept "code" for recruited membership deal. The proposal for this special offer was approved by Board.

NB proposed having booth at other meetings for recruitment. The Board's decision was to accept the proposal as long costs were not over \$500 or so.

There was some discussion of who will manage the membership list. Should be Atlanta where offices were moved in 2008. However, there have been some problems with communication with the Atlanta offices, and it was resolved that alternatives need to be developed, including whether a new publishers might take over membership management duties.

There was a motion from SG to formally name an Executive Board to include the past President, President elect, President, Secretary, and Treasurer, with ad hoc members as consultants as necessary. NM proposed that the Executive Board should discuss any issue, and once they reach a solution, make a presentation to the full board. This was approved by the Board, bylaws to be amended.

NM presented the Editor's report. The biggest issue is financial, and NM is actively seeking a deal with a major publisher. Presentations to the Journal Board were made by Sage (#5) and Elsevier (#1), who were asked for specific proposals. Financial plus, online submissions, increased membership. Blackwell rejected proposal to take us. Once proposals are in Executive Board will appraise it, and make a recommendation to the whole council. Time limit for proposals for end of year.

NM presented the Treasurer's report. There is ~\$14k on hand, but we will be close to broke at the end of the year after the final journal issue. It was difficult to get information from the Atlanta office. ES noted for other costs that the accountant was most of the costs (~\$10,000), and office fees \$4675. Accountant has not been providing Norman (Treasurer) information, claiming lack of information from Atlanta office. It was resolved to continue with Mr. Swicegood at least until tax issues are straightened. NM & DS will follow-up with Mr. Swicegood re: tax situation. We need to close the books with delinquent tax. NM will also look into journal management & DS will open talks with Rees group for Society management.

NM proposed the position of Assistant treasurer, to be nominated by Treasurer and approved by Board. This motion was approved by the Board. The position of assistant treasurer has to be included in the bylaws.

NM proposed raising journal fees for non-members. Approved by the Board.

KA reported that the main attraction for younger scientists for this meeting was an Award. NM pointed out that the Society longer had a Chair for the Awards Committee. KA accepted nomination to do so. BS suggested we present awards at beginning of meeting.

IBW and the Board formally recognized NM and AK's efforts to get the meeting abstracts prepared.

IBW talked a bit about the conference planning for Heidelberg 2011, to be hosted by Thomas Dierks & Johannes Schroeder. SG will invite ISBET to Heidelberg. BS will look into inviting the International Pharmacology-EEG Society. Hawaii 2012. VA and military involvement to support the meeting was approved by the Board, as long as no restrictions were placed on content or involvement. Silvana Riggio will host in NY if Hawaii falls through.

IBW proposes that BS Co-Chair the Pharmacology- EEG committee with Lukasz Konopka, which is approved.

SG presents website report. In terms of revamping the site, more support is needed. David Cantor did add some automated membership/fee pages. SG objected to advertisements for services. After some discussion, it was decided that SG, DS, and ES talk with David about the services page. It was resolved that we charge a fee for advertizing. NM proposes that we accept advertizing as long as it is open to all (non-exclusive to one provider). DS proposed we add a job listing page for a small fee. The board approved these motions. SG pointed out that things are going to the website without following protocol of approval from secretary and website chair. It was proposed that OP (Chair), Secretary, AM, KA, and Andrei Vedeniapiin will work on website.

SG made a motion to formally commend Andrei's ECNS newsletter, which the Board approved.

DS presented the Examination Committee report. After initial progress, the process stalled. The board resolved that the process was important, and the Society should continue to develop a certification exam. It was resolved that DS would ask Silvana Riggio to chair the Committee<sup>†</sup>. If she does not commit, Council will address the issue for a new Chair. SG proposes to organize symposia at future meetings and to publish papers about the need for and process of certification. NM proposed a special issue on EEG and brain imaging training for medical students.

KA proposed we publish a technical comment on neurophysiological methods and ethical applications. ES illustrated issues with agreement on ethical principles regarding BCI's. It was resolved that KA will begin to organize a document summarizing the needs for the field and main issues that need to be addressed.

IBW finished by commending the spirit and intelligence of the Society and Board members during his tenure. NM applauded his leadership, seconded by SG, and wholeheartedly by the entire Board.

#### Addenda

\*Armida Mucci took minutes for first hour, Dean Salisbury took minutes for the remainder of the session.

<sup>†</sup>All have agreed to serve a second term.

<sup>†</sup>Silvana Riggio subsequently accepted this position.