Member Business Meeting: Friday, 10/16/15, 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Notes

Attendance: 55

**Updates/ Reports**

1) Welcome by President: David Miklowitz

2) Secretary’s report: Jutta Joormann

Election Results: President-elect Steven Silverstein

Executive Board Members-at-Large: Len Simms, Eric Granholm

3) Treasurer’s report: Kate Harkness

1. Two accounts:

**Chase Bank account**

Managed by Dr. Harkness

Checking account: approx. ave. balance $45– 50k

Credit card: automatic payment to Linode.com for web hosting ($20/month)

Memberclicks ($295/months)

**Fidelity Investments account**

Managed by Dr. Harrow

Approximate average balance: $150,000

1. Typical **Expenses**

Monthly web hosting fees ($20/month = $240/ year)

PayPal fees: ~ 2.4% per transaction for dues, registration (~$1500)

Annual dues to Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences (FABBS): $2235

Annual meeting: $103,000 Evanston meeting – very close to breaking even but the New Orleans meeting will be more expensive. 36% taxes on everything in New Orleans. Meetings get more expensive every year because we have increase numbers of attendees.

1. Typical **Income**

Annual membership dues

Annual meeting registration fees

Fidelity investment income

4) Local Host report: Alex Cohen

1. New Orleans conference registration expected to be around 400, much larger than historical numbers; similar to Evanston meetings
2. NFL football game let to some difficulties finding hotel rooms but was solved in the end. This may have led to a lower number of onsite registrations – only 40 and 360 people preregistered.
3. Organization pretty smooth so far except for some computer issues that are now solved. This year we have 150 posters, double volume of what was expected.

5) Program Committee report: Robin Nusslock

1. The committee received 11 symposium submissions and was able to accept 8
2. The committee was able to accept 18 of the 81 paper submissions
3. There was some discussion of whether we could group the posters better and whether we should rethink the strategy of accepting almost every poster that gets submitted. Questions were raised of whether we can have an author index in the program to make posters easier to find and whether poster sessions should be longer. We could also start earlier on Thursday and Sunday or put up the posters earlier. With the growth of the membership, this is something that the program committee will consider next year.
4. The Smadar Levin submissions were distributed over the Thursday and Sunday poster session. Only the finalists presented on Thursday.

6) Award Committee Reports

a. Early Career: Lauren Alloy (Chair)

1. The other committee members included Ty Cannon, Patty Deldin and Jill Hooley.
2. We received terrific applications and applicants who did not receive the award are encouraged to re-apply.
3. The 2015 Early Career Award winner is George Slavich.
4. Elizabeth Hayden will chair the Early Career Award next year.

b. John Neale Mentor Award: Ray Knight

1. The other committee members included Tom Oltmanns, Sherryl Goodman, Connie Hammen.
2. The 2015 John Neale Mentor Award winner is Scott Monroe
3. Dan Klein will chair the committee next year.

c. Smadar Levin Award: Michelle Craske

1. The other committee members included Connie Hammen, Bill Iacono, Aidan Wright, Kristin Naragon-Gainey.
2. Smadar Levin Award winner: Anastasia Kudinova, SUNY Binghamton, Mentor: Gregory Strauss

Travel Award winners:   
  
Erik Nook, Harvard University, Christine Hooker  
Catherine Demers, Washington University in St. Louis, Ryan Bodgan  
Jeremy Harper, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, William Iacono  
Tommy Ng, Temple University, Lauren Alloy  
Jaime Shapiro, University of Notre Dame, Lee Anna Clark

d. President’s Award: Jutta Joormann

1. We received over 30 applications for the first President’s Awards.
2. The winners are Nadia Corral-Frias, Felicia Jackson, Whitney Brown

7) Membership Committee Report: Wendy Heller

We have an increase in membership and a spike in Associate Membership now that we decided that BA’s can become Associate members. Please send your recommendation letters if asked.

The following 20 new full members:

Jennifer Aakre, Amelie Achim, Zachary Adams, Paul Andrews, Melynda Casement, Nicholas Davenport, Dan Foti, Laura Germine, Aaron Heller, Steven Jones, Katherine Luking, Janelle Painter, Camilo Ruggero, Daniel Shapiro, Jeremy Stuart, Katharine Thakkar, Michael Treadway, Ivy Tso, Carol Van Hulle, Tood Woodward.

We have the following 46 new associate members:

Tara Augenstein, Morgan Bartholomew,IrinaBeyderman,ElaineBoland,KelseyBonfils,WhitneyBrown,KatieBurkhouse,KaraChristensen,JonathanCohn,Nadia Corral-Frias,AdamCulbreth,DavidDodell-Feder,TaylorFedechko,GaganFervaha,KathrynFox,KatherineFrost,BrandonGoldstein,AshleyGreene,JeremyHarper,AlexanderHatoum,KristenHaut,FeliciaJackson,AlisonJames,AmberJarnecke,JoannaLamkin,Holly Levin-Aspenson,LaurenLuther,TierneyMcMahon,ErinMoran,JonathanMurphy,ChristieMusket,Erik Nook,Keira O'Donovan,MadisonO'Meara,JuhyunPark,KaterinaRnic,Craig Rodriguez-Seijas,David RozekAmriSabharwal,IlanaSeager,Sergio Eduardo Silva de Oliveira,AnnaWeinberg,CeciliaWestbrook,DominiqueWhite,Krista Wisner

**Old/ Ongoing Business Discussions**

1) Future Meetings

2016 Baltimore, MD: Jason Schiffman and Jimm Gold (9/29/15-10/1/16; Hyatt Regency Baltimore)

2017 Denver, CO: June Gruber (9/14/2017 – 9/17/2017)

2018 Indianapolis, IN: Don Lynam (dates, hotel TBA)

2019: Buffalo, NY: Len Simms

2020: Montreal: Suzanne King (membership voted in favor)

Back to the west coast in 2021?

2) Website issues

We are still in the process of finding an optimal solution. It was suggested to think about students/post-docs who may be willing to be on the website committee.

New Business

2) Committee chairs for next year (Johnson)

Program committee chair: Emily Durbin

Smadar Levin committee chair: Dan Fulford with Michelle Craske

Mentorship committee chair: Dan Klein with Raymond Knight

Early career award chair: Elizabeth Hayden with Lauren Alloy