**Executive Board Meeting I:**

**Thursday, 09/29/2016 5pm to 8:30pm**

**Agenda**

Attendees: Sheri Johnson (President), Steven Silverstein (President Elect 2016-2017), Jutta Joormann (Secretary), Kate Harkness (Treasurer), and Board Members at large: Elizabeth Hayden, Angus MacDonald, Vijay Mittal, Ted Beauchaine, Sohee Park, Tim Trull, Len Simms, Eric Granholm, Jennifer Tackett

Invited and present as observers: Jason Schiffman (local host), Emily Durbin (program chair), Marty Harrow (Investments), Jim Gold (local host/FABBS), Wendy Heller (Membership); Vijay Mittal (Publication); Shaun Eack (website); Michael Young (Historian)

Meeting started at 5:08pm with a call to order by Dr. Johnson

***I.Updates/ Reports***

**1) Welcome by President (Sheri Johnson)**

By unanimous vote of the board, the agenda was approved.

1. **Welcome to new officers:**

*President-Elect*: Steven Silverstein, 2016-2017

Patty Deldin, 2017-2018

*Members-at-Large: Robin Nusslock and Stew Shankman*

1. Special thanks to

Jason Schiffman and James Gold (local host) and Emily Durbin (program chair).

Program: Emily Durbin, with David Gard, Edelyn Verona, Tom Oltmanns, Wendy Heller, Robin Nusslock

Invited speakers: George Bonanno and Regina Carelli.

Smadar Levin: Diego Pizzagalli, Melynda Casement, Michael Chmielewski, Michelle Craske, Dan Fulford, David Gard

Early Career: Elizabeth Hayden with Lenn Simms, Michael Pogue-Geile, and Lauren Alloy

John Neale Mentorship: Dan Klein (chair) with Ray Knight and Deborah Levy

**2) Secretary’s Report:** *Jutta Joormann*

1. Update on member numbers: Associate Members: 203, Full Members: 279, Applications: 65. Website issues should be discussed later in the meeting. It would be great if the Membership committee could remind the secretary to send out an email about the membership application deadline or send one out themselves. We had some people inquire about application after the deadline had passed.
2. Dr. Joormann also pointed out that all outgoing committee chairs should update their handbook and then send it to her for uploading to the webpage and forwarding to the incoming committee chair.
3. No votes or updates during the past year except for votes for our new officers:   
   Patty Deldin (President) who already selected her Program Chair: Ivy Tso   
   Elizabeth Hayden (new Secretary – shadowing the current Secretary right now and then starting in 2017).

Kate Harkness (Treasurer)

Robin Nusslock  
Stew Shankman – Executive Board

1. We should discuss the website again but very special thanks to Shaun Eack. Dr. Joormann raised the question of whether there is some way to thank him/ show him our appreciation?

Dr. Johnson and board members suggested that we should have free registration for Shaun Eack; free membership and free accommodation at the meetings. He can submit his receipts to Kate Harkness.

**3) Treasurer** **Report** (Kate Harkness)

Dr. Harkness noted that there should be a longer term for Treasurer – 6 year term? Dr. MacDonald raised concerns whether people will be willing to sign up for this. It was decided to keep the 3 year term but to encourage people to stay on for 6 years.

Dr. Harkness further noted that all Treasurers should be US residents because it is difficult to oversee the investment accounts from Canada. This will be added to the Secretaries Manual under Election.

Dr. Harkness further noted that if we keep breaking even on conferences, we are ok – otherwise we need to dip into investments or else make conferences more affordable or raise dues.

Income; 10.000+ dues, +80.000 registration – It is expected that we will break even again. We only need 10 onsite registrants to break even.

Dr. Harkness raised the question that more people registered for conference than paid dues. She will go back to see who the missing people are and whether she can make them aware that they did not pay. These are mostly Associate members (about 22). This led to a discussion about people who are not at the conference and have not paid dues. Shaun Eack will open the website again after the meeting. Jutta Joormann will then send out an email to remind everyone to pay dues and refer them to the website.

**4) Investments (Marty Harrow)**

Dr. Harrow reported that we are doing ok financially. $167.000 is a substantial base. We would not need to get insurance for meeting. Dr. MacDonald raised the question of whether our investment strategy is too aggressive and if we would be better off being more conservative. Dr. Harrow further announced that he wants to step down and change the investments to be more conservative before doing so. Dr. Harrow further reminded everyone that we are a non-profit cooperation and that we need a US citizen as Treasurer. We are officially an Iowa cooperation. Dr. Johnson offered thanks to Dr. Harrow and noted that we should find a replacement. This will be discussed again on Sunday

**5) Local host report (Jason Schiffman/Jim Gold):**

Very nice hotel; everything works well. Thanks to the staff. Walk to raise awareness for mental health concerns on Saturday. Local art brought in for the conference. Dr. Johnson reminded everyone to lock in venues early – set out food prices at year when contract was signed. We save some escalation.

**6) Membership (Wendy Heller):**

Reviews, sponsorship letters etc. were all vetted and we can vote on applications. Membership trends: Full members are not accounting for increase. Highlights growth is in Associate Membership. Dr. Heller pointed out that we have little information on big picture of society membership. How many associate members go on to be full members? Do they stay associate members? We are not keeping track of membership. This is in part due to website issues. Dr. Heller reported trouble with getting endorsements. Dr. Johnson recommended that we vote on the membership applications.

Vote: unanimous vote to invite everyone who applied for membership to join the society.

**7) Website**

There was a discussion on website issues and whether we should pay someone. It was noted that there are very specific things that it should do and nothing of the shelf would do it. Dr. MacDonald reminded us that we had professional work on it but it was still trouble. New features, upgrades, it was no panacea. When we start customize things, it becomes very expensive. The discussion was deferred to Sunday.

**8) Program committee (Emily Durbin):**

Dr. Durbin reported that we had 369 total submission – all posters were accepted. Almost everyone submitted symposia. Almost no individual papers. 4 symposia rejected. One rejected because of overlapping author. 8 symposia accepted. 13 papers accepted. 2 paper sessions. 3 early career members – very strong year for younger members. 8 rejected but folded into posters.

There was discussion about allowing triple track sessions because it gets more difficult every year to balance programs.

Expanding space in program seems necessary. It was noted that we did not differentially reject some themes. Dr. Durbin suggested that the rating scale should be changed on the website. Len Simms asked whether we want a very selective meeting or do we want to give members an opportunity to present. Costs were discussed. More space and more AV costs but Dr. Johnson pointed out that we would not be changing the overall configuration. Dr. McDonald noted that we should not lose the “shared experience” of all going to the same session. We could start earlier on Thursday. Dr.Silverstein noted that triple track option is inevitable and that the program chair needs the flexibility. Program chairs should be given freedom. We are growing, we have history of triple tracks and we can preserve the feel if we have every day single track sessions. Program committee needs to be careful but should have the freedom. The executive board voted unanimously to allow triple track sessions.

**Fabbs (Jim Gold):**

Dr. Gold noted that the costs for FAABS are $3000 a year and that we receive many emails from this organization. It is unclear how effective their lobbying is but it was proposed that this could be a great opportunity to present science to the government to show the value of funding.It was agreed to identify people to nominate for this role.

**Publications (Vijay Mittal, Randy Auerbach, Kirstin Gainey):**

Everything is set up for interviews. Diego Pizzagalli, Steve Hollon, Rick Zinbarg will be interviewed.

**Archivist (Michael Young**

Nothing to report

**Associate Member committee (Jennifer Tackett).**

Dr. Tackett reported that the social hour is planned and that so far it looks like we will spend $1000 less than last year. We also have an early career lunch this year. Dr. Tackett noted that it was difficult to ensure diversity issues if the lunch is done by early career and face of the future winners as most of them were white male members this year. Dr. Tackett noted the importance of considering diversity in the early career panel. Dr. Tackett further noted that the student committee was overlapping with the students who helped the host which may in the future be too much work for them. The question was raised whether we can have student volunteers that are independent of the local host. Dr. Johnson asked if we can have some form of legacy involvement and Dr Tackett noted that the New Orleans student were indeed very helpful. It was further discussed whether the student volunteers could get reduced registration fees and Dr. MacDonald noted that he had provided a 50% discount at the Minneapolis meeting. It was noted that June Gruber and Scott Vrieze should be informed of this possibility. Dr. Hayden further noted that we could send out a note to the Executive Board to help identify student volunteers who are reliable and would be willing to help (for a discounted registration fee).

**Report on CAAPS (Jennifer Tackett)**

Dr. Tackett gave a report on CAAPS. CAAPS is a new organization with APS. Started as response to Hoffman report. Headed by Bethany Teachman, Mitch Prinstein, Howard Berenbaum. Howard Berenbaum and Jennifer Tackett will represent SRP. Media outreach and PR options. How does SRP feel about coalitions? How do we want to be involved? Dr. Trull asked what the difference is to SSCP? Dr. Tackett responded that CAAPS is the umbrella organization and SSCP is part of it. There is no membership fees but there may be costs in the future to send representatives to the meetings. Dr. Trull suggested to see how it unfolds. Dr. Johnson thanked Dr.Tackett for the report.

1. **Awards**

Dr. Johnson discussed the idea of having memorial awards. There were different proposals to create symposia or a named award. This year we lost Irv Gottesman and it was decided that Keith Nuchterlein would say a few words at the Awards ceremony to honor him. Dr. MacDonald was worried that we would recognize someone at the expense of others we have not recognized otherwise we may be overwhelmed. We have important members and we could be broader minded. Incorporate more names , we can incorporate more people into rituals etc. Dr. Silverstein was also worried that we may face pressures to recognize more former members than we can adequately cover . Dr. Park noted that we could recognize the founders of the society in some sort of symposium. It was decided to pilot it this year that there will be words at the Awards ceremony and then to revisit the question.

**Zubin Award**: Steven Hollon (to be introduced by David Miklowitz)

**Early career award committee**: Elizabeth Hayden (Chair) Winner: Vijay Mittal

Remind people to apply for full membership. The call for nominations this year should include this criterion.

**John Neale Mentorship Award**: Dan Klein (Chair) Winner: Elaine Walker

**Smadar Levin**: Diego Pizzagalli (Chair) (not have chosen yet)

Emily Durbin noted that there were too many submissions which created too much work for the committee. It was discussed whether we should reframe who should put themselves forth for the Award. People seem to think that they will get to present their poster on Thursday if they apply but Robin Nusslock started putting people on Thursday and Sunday regardless of whether they had applied for the award. It was discussed whether we should inform people that if you do not win the award, you will be randomly assigned. It was also discussed if we should limit the award to doctoral research. It was noted that this should be discussed in Diego Pizzagalli’s presence and was put on the agenda for the Sunday morning meeting.

**President’s Award** – *Jutta Joormann*

*Many thanks to the committee: Elizabeth Hayden, Steven Silverstein, Vijay Mittal*

Dr. Joormann asked whether there are any volunteers for this committee for next year? Jason Schiffman, Randy Auerbach and Wendy Heller volunteered.  
We had 17 outstanding applications (30 last year) and the committee decided on 3 winners who will be introduced in the Award’s ceremony. Their posters will be on Sunday and we are preparing special signs for their posters. We also prepared certificates they will get at the Awards ceremony.

The winners are:

Ivan Ruiz, Graduate Student with Greg Strauss at SUNY Binhampton, Poster on: Electrophysiological Evidence for Affective Chronometry Abnormalities in Schizophrenia  
Alexandra Moussa-Tooks, Gradute Student with Bill Hetrick at Indiana University, Poster on: Temporal Processing in Schizophrenia: A Task-Based MRI Study of Cerebellar-Mediated Sensorimotor Synchronization  
Belel Ait Oumeziane, Graduate Student with Dan Foti at Purdue University, Poster on: THE IMPACT OF DEPRESSION AND IMPULSIVITY ON REWARD PROCESSING: A

FACET-LEVEL ANALYSIS

***II. Old/ Ongoing Business Discussions***

**1. Future Meetings**

*2017 Denver, CO: (June Gruber, Scott Vrieze) (Sept 14-17, Curtis Hotel, Denver)*

*2018 Indianapolis, IN (Don Lynam),*9/18/2018 through 9/23/2018*,* Indianapolis Marriot Downtown

1. *Buffalo NY (Len Sims and Kristen Gainey)*
2. *Montreal (Suzanne king)*
3. Los Angeles (Bill Horan) – $239 per room in a new conference center at UCLA – may be too expensive?., St. Louis, Ann Arbor, Quebec City

Palm Springs was suggested, but Bill Horan had been consulted and thought it would be difficult to reachSeattle (Jonathan Wynn), Dan Fulford (Boston), Amelie Achim (Quebec—but concern about this being back to bac with Montreal), Deanna Barch (St. Louis)