

2016 FUN Business Meeting – San Diego, CA

Sunday, November 13, 7 – 8 am

Hilton San Diego Bayfront Aqua Salon BC, 1 Park Boulevard

In attendance: Katherine Mickley Steinmetz, Gary Dunbar, Jennifer Yates, Jeff Smith, Kris Martens, Cole Vonder Haar, Leah Chase, Amy Jo Stavenezer, Hewlet McFarlane, Andrew Maurer, Ashley Fricks-Gleason, Deanne Buffalari, Maggie Gill, Charles Weaver, Lora Becker, Jade Zee, Erik Herzog, Ron Bayline, Bruce Johnson, Jean Hardwick, Noah Sandstrom, Elaine Reynolds, Jeff Wilson, Bill Grisham, Julio Ramierez, David Jewett, Kurt Illig, Eric Wiertelack, Mary Lou Caspers, Karen Gunther, Chris Korey, Karen Parfitt, Carlita Farero, Veronica Acosta, Chris Vecsey, Sarita Lagalwar, D. Paige Blauch, Lisa Gable

Welcome (Amy Jo)

- Lisa Gabel welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for their involvement in FUN. The 2015 minutes were approved.

Old Business and Committee Reports

Amendment of FUN Business Meeting Minutes of 2014 (Amy Jo Stavnezer)

- The Carol Ann Paul Award was incorrectly listed as the Lifetime Achievement award, rather than the Educator of the Year Award. Therefore, we needed to vote to amend the minutes to reflect the award as the Carol Ann Paul Educator of the Year Award.
- Vote to amend the minutes to reflect this change: APPROVED

Vote for a change in the Bylaws to reflect the change in name for the Carol Ann Paul Educator of the Year award (Amy Jo Stavnezer)

Article XI, Section 6. The relevant section currently reads:

Section 6. FUN Awards Committee. This committee, which shall consist of the Past-President (chair), President, a councilor and at least one regular member or fellow appointed by the Chair, will annually select the Educator Award recipient, the Service Award recipient, the Mentor Award recipient, and consider nominations for the Career/Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Educator Award is given annually to a regular member or fellow of FUN in recognition of notable efforts related to promoting effective teaching of neuroscience at the undergraduate level, and is based on a nominating letter from a member.

Changes to the this section of the Bylaws are underlined:

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- Vote to amend the bylaws: APPROVED

Election Results (Leah Chase)

- See attached report.

Our newly elected FUN members:

Hewlet McFarlane: President-Elect

Veronica Acosta: Treasurer-Elect

Shelly Dickinson: Councilor

Irina Calin-Jageman: Councilor

Andrew Maurer: Councilor

2016-2017 FUN Executive Committee:

President: Leah Chase

Past President: Amy Jo Stavnezer

Treasurer: Dave Jewett

Treasurer-Elect: Veronica Acosta

Secretary: Katherine Mickley-Steinmetz

Councilors: Tracie Paine, Irina Calin-Jageman, Jade Zee, Charles Weaver and Carlita Favero

President Advisory Council : Lisa Gabel, Jeff Smith, Noah Sandstrom

Outgoing Officer: A huge thank you to Kurt Illig as his term as Treasurer ends. Thank you to Hewlet McFarlane, Tracie Paine, and Veronica Acosta as their term as Councilor ends. We thank you for all of your input and work for FUN.

Officer/Committee Reports

Travel Award (Leah Chase)

We were able to fund 21 travel awards of \$750 each for students to travel to San Diego for the 2016 SFN meeting.

Brain Awareness Travel Award Committee (Amy Jo Stavnezer)

We received 14 completed applications and awarded the travel award to Ashlyn Brown, of Westminster College (mentor Deanna Buffalari).

Social Committee/Poster Session (Lisa Gabel)

The social is tonight at 6:45. After the poster session, awards will be given and all the travel award winners will get a group picture.

JUNE (Bruce Johnson)

A new issue was released a few weeks ago with many exciting new features including featured case studies and “amazing papers” (faculty members review papers that are useful for teaching). Editor’s choice awards will be given at tonight’s FUN social.

Education committee (Eric Wiertelak)

This committee is focusing on next summer’s workshop which is tentatively called: *“The FUN 2017 Undergraduate Neuroscience Education Workshop: Activities, Laboratories and Best Practices for Developing, Assessing and Sustaining Inclusive Curricula”*

The workshop has a new emphasis on inclusive pedagogies in addition to continuing the focus on neuroscience curricula, mentoring, etc.

FUN Program and Department Consultations Service (PDCS) report (Eric Wiertelak)

In 2015-2016, the FUN PDCS was contacted 12 times with inquiries about the service., which is a significant reduction from the 20+ contacts received in each of the previous 3 years. From that there ultimately were 8 separate recommendations offered, also a reduction (last year there were 14).

Neuroscience Training Committee report (formerly cNDP; Gary Dunbar)

There will be a request the NTC to consider funding the JUNE publications from the upcoming FUN workshop. The NTC has also recently sent out a survey on member training and FUN members are encouraged to fill out these surveys, vote, and nominate people with interests in undergraduate education to be on SfN committees.

Public Policy committee (Julio Ramirez & Charles Weaver)

The upcoming budgets from the Capitol suggest only modest increases or decreases in funding for research. The Public Policy committee is working to produce literature that would help us as advocates. If you have experiences that you would like to share with them, please do so to include in this literature.

Website Committee (Bob Calin-Jageman)

Amy Jo is working with a student to think about how to re-design the website to make it more user friendly. Currently the internship page has the most traffic. Thank you to Jared Young for maintaining this.

Awards Committee (Lisa Gabel)

This year we gave the following awards: Service, Mentor, Educator and Career achievements. There will be no Lifetime Achievement award given this year. In addition, as we celebrate our 25th anniversary we will also be recognizing our founders, Julio Ramirez, Sally Frutiger, Dennison Smith and Stephen George with a special Founder award.

Equipment Loan program (Jeff Smith)

We received eight applicants this year. Applicants get feedback regardless of get the grant. The vendors often not only help to supply the equipment, but also give guidance on how to support you and modify it for your research.

Treasurers Report (Kurt Illig & David Jewett)

Hubel endowment contributed to our assets. We had a net income last year. After booth sales we should be in the black once again

Vote to approve the budget: APPROVED

Social Media Committee (Amy Jo Stavnezer for Joe Trapani)

Whatever goes on the website Joe will put on social media.

Newsletter Committee (Carlita Favero)

We have now completed the first full year under the new committee. The next issue will be the SfN recap issue. Jade Zee is joining the newsletter committee instead of Charles Weaver who is now on Public Policy. Carlita Favero is the newsletter liaison to JUNE to help coordinate content.

New Business

Nu Rho Psi (Jade Zee)

The neuroscience honorary now has 68 chapters across country, 11 new founded this year, 2 applications pending. They gave 4 travel awards and 3 summer research awards this year. They also give grants to promote educational outreaches. Theses center around a yearly theme. The 2016-17 year theme is Autism Spectrum Disorder. Michael Kerchner of Washington College is the New Executive Director of Nu Rho Psi.

Bylaw Changes: Newsletter Committee

There was a vote to formalize the newsletter committee which now resides in Article 11 – Committees and also is described in a new section 7 – Newsletter committee. The committee chaired by a presidential appointment. (See attached full document.)

“Section 7. Newsletter Committee. This committee chaired by a Presidential appointment from the membership is charged with the responsibility of developing content for the newsletter with input from committee members. The Chair of this committee will serve as a liaison to the JUNE Editorial Board.”

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Bylaw Changes: Newsletter Liaison to JUNE

There was a vote to amend the bylaws to add the chair of the newsletter committee to be a liaison to JUNE:

“The JUNE Editorial Board will consist of one Editor-in-Chief, one Senior Editor, and at least six Associate Editors. In addition, the FUN President, President-Elect, ~~and~~ Past-President and Newsletter Chair will serve on the JUNE editorial board in ex-officio capacities, if not currently appointed JUNE editorial board members.”

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Germany Summer program

There is a summer neuroscience program in Germany which students are encouraged to attend. This works best for students who have finished their sophomore year. Plans for a new summer program are in the works for next year.

Educator of the Year Award

Bruce Johnson got the Educator of the Year award from SfN!

Adjourned: 7:49am

Respectfully submitted by Katherine Mickley Steinmetz.