

**Minutes: Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience (FUN) Executive Committee Meeting  
Oct 13, 2012, New Orleans**

Submitted by FUN secretary Jan Thornton, Oberlin College.

**Open Session**

**Welcome and Introductions.** Elaine Reynolds welcomed and introduced the incoming FUN president Noah Sandstrom

**Election Results.** Sandstrom thanked the outgoing officers and recognized the incoming officers.

Incoming officers include Noah Sandstrom, President; David Jewett, Treasurer; and Bob Rosenberg, Monica Linden, and Barbara Lom as councilors.

**Travel Awards.** Sandstrom and Reynolds gave information on the Travel Awards. There were 16 regular awards. Brain Awareness awards, cosponsored with SfN only received 2 applications.

**Committee Reports**

**SOMAS (Julio Ramirez).** A report had been sent.

**Public Policy (Ramirez).** A report had been sent.

**Education Committee (Eric Wiertelak).**

Preliminary planning for the 2014 workshop in Ithaca NY has begun.

FUN received a check from the Pomona workshop for \$18,301.64.

FUN consulting service. See handout.

**cNDP Report (Wiertelak).** Much of the growth of cNDP is from undergraduate institutions. There will be a new award for program of the year.

**Journal of Undergraduate Neuroscience Education, JUNE (Wiertelak).** A report was passed around. June budget was handed out. A double issue is coming out. In the process of getting JUNE into PubMed. The editorial board decided there will be a page charge, with a 50% discount for FUN members. There will be Editors' Choice Awards that will be given out at the FUN social.

**Website update (Bob Calin-Jageman).** A report was passed around. A draft of an editorial communication policy was presented. It was suggested that FUN should create a better listserv and that we need a newsletter (that could be distributed via the listserv). Reynolds volunteered to take on the task of creating a content-rich newsletter. Contracting, outsourcing to a server farm

was discussed. The website will be modified to reflect the changes in the bylaws. It was noted that the descriptions of member categories needs to be placed near the payment pages.

FUN equipment loan program (J. Smith). This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year, there were 7 applicants. Smith will serve as coordinator again next year. This year a new vendor Nikon is offering equipment. It was suggested to reach out to historically black colleges to let them know about the program. Most of the equipment is behavioral and it would be nice to get a broader array. Smith urged the executive committee members to talk to vendors with whom they have a relationship.

Nu Rho Psi (Reynolds). NRP has become independent of FUN.

FUN social/posters (Shelly Dickenson). There will be 163 posters on 135 boards and 5 faculty awards. There will be a thematic organization. Will be giving travel and other awards. Had a conversation with SfN about what the options are since the session is so big. ADI is interested in having a vendor table at the social, but SfN won't allow it. cNDP and SfN also now have travel awards- perhaps they should be invited to present at the FUN social. A google form was used for submission this year. Suggestions were made for changing the form e.g. include faculty email address, have students verify their email address.

FUN-SfN Booth (David Jewett). Will have magnets, pins, notecards, scarves, ties. There are still over 150 t-shirts from last year. Undergraduate travel awardees need to give 2h and their mentor should give 2h of time at the booth. Reynolds will have at the booth signup sheets for mentorship and may set up something more formal in the future.

Treasurer-Finance Committee (Bayline). See FUN treasurer's report handout. He still needs to move \$15k into the endowment account. Dues payments are up somewhat, by about 20 members. Need to discuss what should sell in the future. May want to outsource online sales. It was suggested that the travel of the FUN president to cNCP should be covered; it is currently paid by the individual. It was suggested that FUN should cover some of the travel costs of the treasurer to SfN as s/he has to be there for the full meeting. It was suggested that a \$2000 travel fund could be created for the next budget for FUN officers.

### **Closed Session**

- 1) Budget is on a calendar year. Voted on and approved.
- 2) Communication policy for website. The finalized version (not the editorial policy-that will require more discussion) was voted on and approved with typos corrected.
- 3) Bylaw update for secretary. Voted on and approved.
- 4) Newsletter development Suggested to wait until Bob gets the listserv updated. Then think about the newsletter..

- 5) It was suggested that next year FUN should bring forward the idea about FUN supporting SOMAS and what form it would take.
- 6) It was suggested that a quarterly call to the executive committee members would be good to generate ideas and follow up on the. A retreat was also suggested.
- 7) It was proposed to put into the Oppenheimer endowment account the approximately \$18K from the Pomona workshop. Voted on and approved.