

International Society of Psychiatric Genetics Business Meeting Monday, October 16, 2017 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Location: Grand Caribbean 6 Thomas G. Schulze, Presiding

- **1. Presidential Introduction** Thomas G. Schulze welcomed attendees to the meeting and explained that all attendees are now members of the Society through October 2018.
- 2. Secretary's Report Elisabeth Binder thanked the ECIP applicants and winners, committee members, mentors and judges for their participation in this year's Congress. She reviewed that there were 110 ECIP applications from 20 countries this year. E. Binder also reported that ISPG funded 28 travel awardees. Eight (8) of those awardees were funded through an NIAAA R-13 grant. Dr. Binder also named the 12 oral presentation finalists and 16 poster presentation finalists.
- **3. Treasurer's Report** The financial summary was given by the treasurer, James Potash. The total equity of the society was reviewed noting that the Society's goal is to have approximately \$300,000 in reserves for emergency funds. Currently, the society has \$390,000 in assets.

## 4. Meeting Reports

## a. 2017 Orlando, Florida

- i. The 2017 Program Chair, Dan Rujescu reviewed the 2017 statistics noting that the 2017 WCPG meeting attendance is 671. He announced additions to the program this year include the Spanish Language Track and Media Training during the Education Day sessions, and collaboration with ASHG on marketing the congress and the joint scientific symposium that sold out.
- **ii.** Stephen Faraone informed the members that due to the funds raised in corporate support and strong attendance, the 2017 WCPG is expected generate a modest profit for the Society. S. Faraone noted that increasing corporate support of the meeting is crucial and asked all members to get involved with generating support for future conferences. He noted that suggested improvements for future meetings include finding more time for consortia meetings.
- b. 2018 Glasgow, Scotland Benjamin Pickard and Mandy Johnston are co-chairing the meeting, and Jonathan Sebat is the board liaison. Conference dates are October 11 15, 2018. Daniel Smith presented on the city of Glasgow, noting the conference center it is centrally located and within close proximity to numerous activities, restaurants and

shops.

c. 2019 Anaheim (Los Angeles), California – Dan Geschwind will chair the meeting and John Kelsoe will be the board liaison. Conference dates are October 27 – 31, 2017. Anaheim was selected because of Los Angeles being a major science hub. The conference theme will address "personalized medicine."

## 5. ISPG Committee Reports

- a. Global Diversity Committee Chunyu Liu reviewed meeting attendance demographics from under-represented countries. The number of attendees from non-World Bank A countries doubled this year compared to 2016 and 2015. 2017 committee activities include ISPG sponsoring a meeting in South Africa that funded young investigators to attend, and the "Chinese Journal" engendered a travel award that supported Chinese students to attend WCPG.
- b. Genetic Testing Committee Francis McMahon discussed updated members on the Genetic Testing Committee noting that Franziska Degenhardt has agreed to co-chair the committee. The Genetic Testing statement was updated in 2017 and committee members will update the statement again in 2018. The committee will publish the statement and is planning a scholarly review.
- 6. ISPG 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lynn DeLisi presented on the history of ISPG in celebration of the society's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- 7. Call for New Business T. Schulze requested opinions and suggestions from the members on what they want to see in the upcoming years. Questions and answers included:
  - **a.** Addressing the gender gap of the society. The board is working on incorporating guidelines in the society by-laws that will encourage diversity amongst the society leadership.
  - **b.** Address the negative impact on the public's perception of psychiatric genetics. The 2019 Program Committee will incorporate educational sessions for the public into the Education Day.
  - **c.** Ethics and recruitment of patients. The Board is in discussion on establishing an Ethics Committee.
  - **d.** Recording the sessions and providing sessions online. The board will research this possibility and ensure that any potential decisions will not impact the quality of the meeting. The board is also researching restructuring the meeting to make it more convenient to consortia meetings with the goal of increasing the meetings reputation and attendance.

## 12:33 p.m. – T. Schulze adjourned the meeting.