



International Society of Psychiatric Genetics

Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Location: Cartensen, Tivoli Conference Center

Francis McMahon, Presiding

Minutes:

1. **Presidential Introduction** – Dr. Francis McMahon welcomed attendees to the meeting and explained that all attendees to the meeting are now members of the Society for the next 2 years.

2. **Announcement of new Board members and election results**
Dr. McMahon welcomed new Board members:
 - a. Sarah Bergen
 - b. Elisabeth Binder
 - c. James B. Potash
 - d. Dan Rujescu**Dr. McMahon announced the Board members re-elected:**
 - e. Margit Burmeister
 - f. Elliot Gershon
 - g. James Kennedy**Board members retiring from the board were announced and thanked for their years of service with a plaque.**
 - a. Laura Almasy
 - b. Lynn DeLisi
 - c. Michael Owen
 - d. Ming Tsuang

3. **Secretarial Report** – Dr. Thomas G. Schulze announced the membership numbers for the current year and past years. (2012 – 561; 2013 – 545; 2014 – 887) He also updated the membership on ongoing initiatives.
 - a. **Education Task Force** – The goal was to develop some direction to residents on how to advise patients on genetic testing. This was part of a process from the NIH Intersociety Coordinating Committee whose goal is to enhance the use of genetics in medicine.
 - b. **Outreach to other Societies** – The Board also discussed the opportunities for the ISPG to collaborate with other like-minded societies and meetings, such as: the IRBP, WPA, MPA, etc.
 - c. **Psychiatric Genetics Handbook** - Dr. Schulze reported that a contract has been executed with Oxford Press to develop a handbook for students as part of the Oxford series. All royalties from the book will go to the ISPG.

4. **Treasury Report** – Dr. John Rice reported on the treasury. The Society has built a reserve of around \$450K. This is enough money to pay for the expenses of one meeting. It is important that the Society continue to have successful meetings.
5. **In Memoriam** – Dr. John Nurnberger gave a tribute to the late Hugh Gurling.
6. **Meeting Reports**
 - a. 2014 Copenhagen, Denmark – Dr. Thomas G. Schulze and Dr. Ole Mors reported that the meeting was successful in attendance (883) and financially. They thanked everyone at the meeting for attending the Copenhagen meeting.
 - b. 2015 Toronto, Canada- Dr. James Kennedy announced the theme of, “Building on Successes,” as the 2015 meeting theme. He stated that the Program Committee is in the process of finalizing the plenary speakers for the meeting and they will be announced soon. Dr. Kennedy also announced the plan for the Pharmacogenetics in Psychiatry meeting, chaired by Anil Malhotra, will be a pre-meeting satellite to the 2014 Congress.
 - c. Plans for 2016 and 2017 – Dr. Francis McMahon let the members know that Nashville, Tennessee and Orlando, Florida are being considered for the 2017 meeting. The audience also suggested interest in holding the meeting in New York City. There was also interest from members to hold a future meeting in Australia, Shanghai or Hong Kong.

Dr. McMahon adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.