



NAIPI NEWS

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Dear NAIPI Member:

Please see the meeting minutes below recorded from the National Committee meeting for your information.

NAIPI National Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Present: Carolyn Bohach, Larry Cornett, Douglas Wright, Lucia Pirisi-Creek, Josh Baker for Jim Kenyon, Fred Taylor, Rafael Gorospe, Ralph Budd, Patricia Hand, Judith Van Houten, Mark Smeltzer, Narendren Vyavahare, Michael Jazwinski for Prescott Deininger, Elsa Mangiarus for Gary Rankin, Danny Dhanasekaran, Christine Allmon for Tatiana Bronich, Jonathan Geiger, James Turpen, Barb Goodman, Mark Quinn, Larry Forney, Rick Yanagihara

The meeting started at 1:00 pm PST.

President's Announcements - Dr. Bohach stated that NAIPI had a good presence at the regional IDeA meetings in June, September, October and November. Dr. Bohach presented a NAIPI talk at the Western, Northeastern and Southern meetings and Dr. Wright presented a NAIPI talk at the Central Region meeting on behalf of NAIPI.

Emeritus status - Dr. Bohach reported that the Executive Committee had recently discussed and approved a proposal to grant emeritus membership status in NAIPI to PIs whose awards have ended (for example, COBRE PIs whose Phase III awards end). A discussion ensued that centered on whether emeritus status should include voting privileges. A decision was made to poll the National Committee on the question of emeritus membership status for former COBRE PIs and whether emeritus members will have voting privileges.

National Telephone Tree - Dr. Bohach reported that there is some concern that information is not flowing readily between the National Committee and the NAIPI membership. Dr. Kenyon had suggested a telephone tree as a means to increase awareness, participation and communication between NAIPI and its constituents. After discussion, it was apparent that a telephone tree might not be the best way to increase communication within NAIPI. Instead, it was decided that the meeting minutes/information should be added to the NAIPI website and possibly sent as a NAIPI News. Dr. Bohach stressed the importance of two-way communication within the organization. In addition to disseminating information to the membership, the National Committee members should be more proactive in seeking input from the membership in their region.

NIH Report- Dr. Taylor provided an update on the IDeA Program budget for FY2016 and upcoming funding opportunities. Dr. Taylor reported as Congress moves towards finalizing a budget for FY2016, that the IDeA Program funding level is likely to increase significantly over the FY2015 budget. Dr. Taylor also

reported that there is growing recognition of the accomplishments of the IDeA Program and that the NIH appropriation bill will include language encouraging NIH Institutes and Centers to find ways to reach out to IDeA states. Dr. Taylor also reported on "soon to be released" funding announcements from NICHD directed toward IDeA states, e.g., Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) Program, a national pediatrics clinical trial network. There is also action toward and creation of technology transfer hubs in each of the four IDeA regions to assist entrepreneurial investigators with SBRI/STTR applications and other commercialization activities. Dr. Taylor also discussed progress being made toward redefining IDeA eligibility criteria.

Government Relations Working Group Report - Due to a poor connection, Dr. Kousoulas unexpectedly had to leave the call. His report will be disseminated in written form to National Committee members.

Best Practices Working Group Report - Dr. Dhanasekaran reported that the working group has a meeting planned in the near future and is considering a name change to possibly 'Guidelines' or 'Best Practices and Guidelines' Working Group.

Website/Database Working Group Report - Dr. Bohach reported that due in part to a supplement to the Idaho INBRE award, the NAIPI website is updated and the database has been completed. Thus far, eleven programs have entered data into the database. She encouraged everyone to input their data. There are two ways for COBRE, INBRE and CTR programs to enter their data. Every PI must log on to the NAIPI website, <http://reporting.naipi.org/>. Then, PIs can enter data in two ways: 1) enter it yourself or 2) send your APRs to Dr. Pirisi-Creek (SC INBRE PI). Dr. Pirisi-Creek has a data entry specialist who will enter the data from your APRs into the database. Dr. Bohach also mentioned that the Tableau software is available so that NAIPI PIs can create customizable reports.

NISBRE Meeting Update - Dr. Wright provided an update on the status of the upcoming NISBRE meetings. Earlier this year, Dr. Wright received an NIH grant to support the next three NISBRE meetings. The next meeting will occur June 26-28, 2016 and will be held in Washington DC at the Marriott Wardman Hotel. Planning for the meeting is underway and Dr. Wright reported that 'save the date' invitations will soon be sent. Registration will open Feb 1, 2016 and the abstract submission deadline will be April 1, 2016. Dr. Wright emphasized that the 2016 NISBRE Meeting will be a student-friendly meeting and he asked PIs to encourage undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral students to attend the meeting. Poster sessions will use 46 inch, touch screen, interactive monitors. Dr. Wright asked the National Committee to consider offering travel awards to students in order to augment the number of travel awards that will be funded through NISBRE Meeting resources.

Treasurer's Report - Dr. Pirisi-Creek reported that currently NAIPI has \$33,483.90 in assets. Her report is attached. She noted that 2016 NAIPI dues (\$400/program) will be due in February 2016.

December Elections - In the National Committee Meeting Agenda, a list of representatives whose terms end in January 2016 was provided. Dr. Bohach asked the National Committee to approve extension of the terms of herself and Dr. Cornett by one year to match their service on the Executive Committee. Dr. Bohach asked for names of potential nominees to fill vacant positions on the National Committee. Elections will be held in December 2015.

The meeting adjourned 2:00 pm PST.

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