

Members Meeting, July 16, 2013, 11am – 12 noon

Led by Erik De Schutter, President

1. Approval of the agenda

Agenda was posted – no additions

2. Report on OCNS membership

> 1060 members.

Current Member benefits: reduced registration fees, submit 2 abstracts, OCNS travel grants to CNS meeting, OCNS sponsored meetings and summer courses, discount subscription to JCNS and Neuroinformatics, discount on Springer books, online

New member benefit: we will start to keep track of continuous payment of dues, this will be considered for competitive grants

3. Festive welcome of 1000th OCNS member

Christian Rössert, received free 3 year membership

4. Financial report– Victoria Booth

Presented (and displayed) the report discussed at the OCNS board meeting.

Summary: we have a healthy balance. \$341k is sufficient in case catastrophic event causes us to cancel a meeting and pay those expenses (we don't carry event insurance).

Expenses: mostly meeting – venue, catering, invited speakers and tutorials, abstracts, but also some fixed costs such as accountant.

Income: membership, meeting registration, and sponsorship

Mentioned the types of travel awards we have.

Record attendance this year – 751 so far.

Erik re-iterated that we do want reserve in case of accidents, but we don't want to become a rich society.

5. Board of Directors.

New this year: Robert Butera, Sharon Crook, Jorge Mejias, FarzanNadim, Natalia Toporikova elected by 43% of the active members

New officers for 2014: GauteEinevoll (VP) Volker Steuber (Assist Treas) elected by the board.

Elections for Directors

4 new directors this year with 3 year mandate

Duties are to attend board meetings and take on a specific task. We need:

Member approval; Tutorial/workshop organizer; Travel committee; Website content master

If we do not find the website master from among newly elected directors, we will seek one from among all the active (payed) members, and that person will become ex officio member of the board.

President is elected from among the board, and next year Erik will be stepping down and we will be looking for a new president. Anyone who is interested in becoming president should run for the board.

Call for candidates will be in September. All postdoc and faculty active members are eligible.

Application will be through the website. Elections will be 2nd half in October. All active members can vote. We will select top 4 candidates from single list.

6. Program committee- Astrid Prinz

Astrid requested that members become abstract reviewer.

Currently 13 members on PC, 3-4 rotate off each year

Call for new PC members went out 10 days ago (faculty level). We received 17 inquiries for the 3 available slots. PC will select from that pool ensuring diversity in gender, diversity and scientific area.

7. Presentation on next year's conference by Maurice Chacron

Great tourist destination, Weather is great during July-August

Date: July 26-Jul 31

Venue: All conference rooms adjacent, including posters and workshop/tutorials

Plenty of hotels and restaurants within 15 min walk of conference venue

Great cultural activities in the city, and Outdoor activities within 20 min drive

8. Social Media – Gaute Einevoll

He requested attendees to tweet, and indeed there have been some.

We have facebook page for OCNS and also the meeting itself. There will be an CNS*2014 facebook page

We have a twitter account and we do have hash tag. We are new at this, so if you have questions or comments send them to our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CNSorg>.

9. Other matters and questions from members

Erik solicited questions from members.

No questions.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.