

Report of the 97th Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Enlarged Executive Committee

Date and Time: March 7, 2020 (Sat) 10:00-17:00

Location: The 1st-floor Lounge of the Center for Integrated Medical Research, Shinanomachi Campus, Keio University

Attendants: 26 persons *Titles omitted

Michisuke Yuzaki (President), Tadafumi Kato (Vice President), Yoshikazu Isomura (Director of General Affairs), Toshihisa Ohtsuka (Deputy Director of General Affairs, Annual Meeting Committee Chair), Koji Yamanaka (Treasurer), Takeshi Iwatsubo (Director), Kenichi Ohki (Director), Hitoshi Okamoto (Director, The 42nd Annual Meeting President), Teruhiro Okuyama (Director), Hiroyuki Kamiguchi (Journal Director, NSR Committee Chair), Akiko Hayashi-Takagi (Director), Yasunori Hayashi (Director, Brain Science Dictionary Committee Chair), Haruhiko Bito (Director, The 44th Annual Meeting President, Future Planning Committee – Working Group Chair for Collaboration among Japanese, Chinese and Korean Neuroscience Societies), Fumino Fujiyama (Director), Masahiko Watanabe (Director), Masaki Isoda (Japan Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award Selection Committee Chair), Takanori Uka (On behalf of Animal Experiment Committee Chair, Aya Takemura), Tetsu Okumura (BrainBee Committee Chair), Norio Ozaki (Inter-society Liaison Committee Chair), Wataru Kakegawa (Website Committee Chair), Yukiko Goda (International Collaboration Affairs Committee Chair), Thomas J. McHugh (Future Planning Committee – Working Group Chair for JNS Official Journals), Tomoyuki Furuyashiki (Neuroscience News Editing Committee Chair), Tetsuya Matsuda (Advocacy Committee Chair, COI Committee Chair), Junichiro Yoshimoto (Information Infrastructure Committee Chair), Ayako M. Watabe (Diversity Committee Chair)

Online attendants: 7 persons *Titles omitted

Tsuyoshi Miyakawa (Deputy Director of General Affairs, Future Planning Committee Chair), Akihiro Yamanaka (Director of Public Relations), Noriko Osumi (Director), Hideyuki Okano (Director), Shigeru Kitazawa (Director, The 43rd Annual Meeting President), Kenji Doya (Director), Kenji Matsumoto (Outreach Committee Chair, Industry-Academia Partnership Committee Chair)

Absentees: 9 persons *Titles omitted

Shigeo Okabe (Vice President), Kiyoto Kasai (Director), Hiroshi Kiyama (Director), Norihiro Sadato (Director), Aya Takemura (Animal Experiment Committee Chair), Takashi Hanakawa (Ethics Committee Chair), Hirokazu Hirai (Future Planning Committee – Working Group Chair for

Management of JNS), Mariko Miyata (PIC Chair of the Union of Japanese Societies for Biological Science), Katsuki Nakamura (Committee Chair for Guideline Principles of Animal Experimentation in Neuroscience Researches)

Reported Items:

- 1) Director of General Affairs Yoshikazu Isomura reported on the membership composition, the number of new and resigning members, and the use of the Japan Neuroscience Society (JNS) name as a sponsor. There was a slight decrease in the number of members, and so it was suggested to keep monitoring the trend carefully and continuously.
- 2) President Hitoshi Okamoto reported on the financial statement of NEURO2019 (held in Niigata in 2019). Financial support from Niigata prefecture and city are used to partially refund participants and used as supplement funding for the symposium. In the end, he reported that the expense and income were balanced.
- 3) President Shigeru Kitazawa reported on preparation status of the 43rd Annual Meeting (to be held in Kobe in 2020). At present, the usual meeting format is planned, but he indicated that, if changes in situations occur in the future due to the effect of COVID-19, a safe and effective alternate format will be considered.
- 4) President Haruhiko Bito reported on preparation status of the 44th Annual Meeting (to be held in Tokyo in 2021). In addition to introducing the meeting organizers and the theme for the meeting, he reported that A&E Planning Co. has been selected as the Secretariat.
- 5) President Kenji Doya reported that the 45th Annual Meeting (to be held in Okinawa in 2022) is going to be a joint meeting with the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Neurochemistry and the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Neural Network Society; this meeting is named Neuro2022. The plan for upcoming activities was announced including the selection of a professional congress organizer and the congress site visit in June, as well as a committee meeting during the Annual Meeting in Kobe in July 2020.
- 6) NSR Editor-in-Chief Hiroyuki Kamiguchi reported on the number of manuscript submissions and the acceptance rate. It was confirmed that JNS is making an ongoing effort to review the policy to improve the asset value of Neuroscience Research (NSR).
- 7) The JNS Young Investigator Award Committee Chair Masaki Isoda reported the selection result. He also suggested a revision of rules and “Application Information” content, and his proposal was approved. Previously, recommendation letters were part of the application and the applicant had to submit them all together. However, it was suggested that recommenders should submit a letter separately. As for the application format, it is currently required to include the impact factor (IF) of the journals, in which the applicant’s notable papers were published. It was pointed out that IF is inessential on the application. These two suggestions were approved, and changes will be included from the next call for application.
- 8) Director of General Affairs Yoshikazu Isomura reported that this year’s selection process for the

recipient of the Joseph Altman Award in Developmental Neuroscience is still underway. He also explained the plan to change half of the committee members from this term.

Agenda Items:

- 1) Account closing for fiscal year 2019 for JNS, and provisional plan for account closing for fiscal year 2019 for NSR were approved (See Appendices A and B).
- 2) Budget for fiscal year 2020 for JNS and NSR were approved (See Appendices C and D).
- 3) It was decided that Sendai is the venue location for the 46th Annual Meeting (to be held in 2023). Dr. Kazuto Kobayashi (Fukushima Medical University) was recommended and approved for President of the meeting.

Reports on Planned Activities From Each Committee/Working Group:

- 1) Future Planning Committee Chair Tsuyoshi Miyakawa indicated the following three goals: 1) consideration of large-scale brain science projects, 2) handling of issues of concern across JNS, and 3) planning, preparing, and conducting a luncheon debate event. He also indicated that the Committee supports collaborating and working together with three working groups under the Committee. The working groups are 1) Working Group for JNS Official Journals, 2) Working Group for Collaboration among Japanese, Chinese and Korean Neuroscience Societies (CJK Working Group), and 3) Working Group for Management of JNS.
- 2) Working Group for JNS Official Journals Chair Thomas McHugh described the Committee goals to review the future of NSR in time for the contract renewal with Elsevier.
- 3) CJK Working Group Chair Haruhiko Bito reported the plan for upcoming activities including proceedings toward the first CJK Meeting, which is a joint meeting with the 44th Annual Meeting.
- 4) Working Group for Management of JNS Chair Hirokazu Hirai was absent. President Yuzaki read out the related materials on his behalf, and described the assigned tasks (such as revision of the JNS regulations including reviewing the councilor system and revising the panel system) of the Working Group.
- 5) Annual Meeting Committee Chair Toshihisa Ohtsuka reported that the following activities are planned to continuously support annual meetings: 1) obtaining sponsorships, and 2) formulating guidelines.
- 6) International Collaboration Affairs Committee Chair Yukiko Goda explained the following three goals: 1) promoting overseas experience of young researchers, 2) promoting collaboration with overseas researchers, and 3) improving visibility of Japanese researchers.
- 7) Information Infrastructure Committee Chair Junichiro Yoshimoto described the major renewal of the member information management system and the annual meeting information system. The schedule and the cost for introducing this overhaul were approved.
- 8) Neuroscience News Editing Committee Tomoyuki Furuyashiki explained the goals including the

following: 1) task assignment related to planning and editing, 2) improvement strategies related to the number of pages and the organization of content, among others, 3) promoting collaboration with Website Committee, 4) proposing new projects, 5) soliciting advertisers, and 6) reviewing how news should be presented in the future (content, paper medium, and frequency of issues).

- 9) Website Committee Chair Wataru Kakegawa explained the following goals: 1) publishing the new homepage, 2) conducting planning and editing tasks, 3) promoting collaborations with other committees, and 4) starting a new project.
- 10) Outreach Committee Chair Kenji Matsumoto explained the following goals; 1) initiative to promote new JNS memberships (providing public lectures, promoting high school students to participate and present in annual meetings, and improving neuroscience literacy), 2) promoting mutual activities between academia and industries, and 3) revising the Science Communication Guidelines.
- 11) Industry-Academia Partnership Committee Chair Kenji Matsumoto explained existing plans such as 1) supporting the Consortium for Applied Neuroscience, and 2) the Industry-Academia Partnership Symposium.
- 12) Advocacy Committee Chair Tetsuya Matsuda explained that the Committee aims to act as a conduit for each of the following pairs: JNS- ministries, JNS-government, and JNS-industry. The Committee also plans to provide information about the Committee's activities to the general JNS members.
- 13) Conflict of Interest Committee Chair Tetsuya Matsuda explained that in accordance with the JNS COI Basic Policy, they investigate and report activities of JNS and its members as necessary. In addition, he has indicated a plan to review the Basic Ethics Policy as appropriate.
- 14) Brain Science Dictionary Committee Chair Yasunori Hayashi introduced the new organizational structure of the editorial board. The Committee is also looking into adding or completing terms that have not included, discussing whether advertisement should be included, and whether its contents should be published as a book.
- 15) Inter-society Liaison Committee Chair Norio Ozaki reported that the committee continues to offer joint symposiums with other academic societies, and also plans to promote JNS membership to the members of other academic societies as well as to promote their participation in the JNS annual meetings.
- 16) Diversity Committee Chair Ayako Watabe showed plans for activities including a luncheon seminar on diversity at the annual meeting. From the standpoint of promoting mutual participation of both genders, she stated that using the ratio of female membership in JNS as an indicator, ratio of female lecturers, symposiasts, chairs, awards winners, and election candidates should reach at least the ratio similar to the one for female membership. She proposed to indicate this clearly at the time of award applications.
- 17) Ethics Committee Chair Takashi Hanakawa was absent. President Yuzaki read out the related materials on their behalf. He explained that the revisions for the policy related to ethical issues

in “Non-invasive study of human brain function and psychophysiology” have been publicized. He outlined the Committee goals including creating a guideline framework related to the type of research that can be utilized for military purposes.

- 18) On behalf of Animal Experiment Committee Chair Aya Takemura who was absent, Committee Member Takanori Uka presented the report. He indicated that the committee is promoting collaboration and information sharing among researchers and staff who are involved in animal experiments so that those both within and outside Japan can recognize the appropriateness of Japanese animal experiments.
- 19) BrainBee Committee Chair Tetsu Okumura explained preparation status and plans for BrainBee. He reported that the number of participants is increasing every year. Along with the increase, more committee members to support it are needed, and organization of efficient operation manual and recruitment of committee members are planned.
- 20) PIC of the Union of Japanese Societies for Biological Science Chair Mariko Miyata was absent, and so materials submitted in advance were reviewed. The Committee plans to attend regular meetings of the Union of Japanese Societies for Biological Science and stay in close communication. In addition, other plans include setting up terminology for biological science in high school, and being involved with biology education and revision of university entrance exams.
- 21) Committee for Guideline Principles of Animal Experimentation in Neuroscience Researches Chair Katsuki Nakamura was absent, and so the submitted materials in advance were reviewed. The materials included the current progress toward “the guidelines for neuroscience and behavioral experiments using macaques and marmosets” and a plan for its English version.