



Neuroimaging PIA: 2021 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Attendance by Executive Committee

Present: Betty Tijms, Adam Mecca, Claire Sexton, Renaud La Joie, Joanna Graca, Tobey Betthausen, Laura Wisse, Min-Jeong Kim

1. Welcome (Claire Sexton, Betty Tijms)
2. Review Annual Report (Betty Tijms)
 - a. Our usual education and neuroimaging day in person couldn't be done, so we broke up it up into webinars. We set out to organize 7 and ultimately had 16 or 17 webinars that were very successful. There were 100 - 300 viewers across the world. We have learned how to be together across the world and make our research more successful by sharing information.
 - b. We plan is to continue with webinars this year.
 - c. We had large membership growth and are the only PIA with more than 1000 members.
 - d. The De Leon awards were redesigned.
 - e. Cross-pia collaborations included (FTD, atypical AD, perioperative, BBB, Diversity & Disparities).
 - f. We established a newsletter and increased presence on social media.
 - g. We organized AIC, but it was made into webinars again.
 - h. Thank you to the outgoing executive committee and especially the outgoing members.
 - i. Introduced the new executive committee and passed the gavel to the new chair (Renaud La Joie).
 - j. RL – Thanked Betty for her hard work on a complicated year.
3. de Leon Winners (Renaud La Joie)
 - a. Thank you to the working group (Beau Ances, David Cash, Duygu Tosun, Karunya Kandimalla, Laura Wisse, Renaud La Joie, Shannon Risacher)
 - b. Started in sept 2020 with monthly meetings to consider how the awards would be awarded.
 - c. Changes consisted of going from 1 new investigator and 1 senior scientist to 3 total awards (trainee, junior scientist, senior scientist). The idea was to increase the support to people early in their career. The Alz Association gave additional funds for another award and to increase the cash prize for the trainee and junior scientist.
 - d. We established a dedicated committee of 18 volunteers with no conflicts on the papers submitted. This took the place of the NIPIA exec committee voting on papers.

- e. Twenty-one eligible papers were submitted. Each was reviewed by 4 reviewers and ties were addressed with a second vote.
 - f. The winners were Arianna Sala (Trainee), Joana Pereira (Junior Scientist), Michael Ewers and Juan Fortea (Shared Senior Scientist).
 - g. Thanks to everyone and we are excited to do this again next year.
4. Upcoming Webinars (Laura Wisse and David Cash)
- a. LW: We will continue organizing webinars. A silver lining of last year was providing these opportunities to present and have access to this information.
 - b. LW: Upcoming webinars will include 4 sessions that are educational.
 - c. LW: Three other webinars are not listed and included advances in neuroimaging research, translational neuroscience, and big data analysis in ADRD neuroimaging.
 - d. LW: Dave Cash will be taking over as educational chair this year
 - e. DC: We want to see and hear from the PIA to get feedback on the webinars through a survey. We'll use this to continue organizing a Spring Schedule.
5. Communications and Social Media (Adam Mecca)
- a. Thank you to Sam Lockhart, outgoing Communications Chair, Sam couldn't make the meeting today. I'm the incoming communications chair and will briefly review communications activities in Sam's absence.
 - b. Communications activities have included
 - i. Increased visibility of our PIA activities, including webinars and elections, via social media (primarily LinkedIn and Twitter)
 - ii. Began creating/sharing periodic NIPIA newsletters with membership, providing updates on NIPIA goals, member accomplishments, and educational opportunities
 - iii. Inclusion of our events and news in the ISTAART newsletter
 - iv. Took minutes of monthly NIPIA Executive Committee meetings as record of discussions and progress.
6. Review 2021 - 2022 Goals (Renaud La Joie)
- a. Each goal has a few people planned to organize, but we hope that the whole PIA can contribute.
 - b. Goals include:
 - i. Submit a FRS
 - ii. Host a small group feedback session at AAIC
 - iii. Support the student spotlight program
 - iv. Organize AIC
 - v. Organize a preconference Education Day
 - vi. Award de Leon Awards
 - vii. Neuroscience Next 2021 Spark a Lightning Presentation Round
 - viii. Host an ISTAART Journal Club: Meet the Author webinar
 - ix. Host one or more PIA Primer educational webinars
 - x. Host one or more Research Update webinars
 - xi. Host one or more Cross-PIA webinars
 - xii. Circulate one or more newsletters to PIA members
 - xiii. Launch Biofluid Based Biomarkers & Neuroimaging PIAs Work Group
7. AAIC 2022 plans (Renaud La Joie)

- a. Preconference (AIC) – This year, we decided not to host a web-based conference since it would lengthen the online program by a day.
 - b. We want to define the future of AIC content and format with feedback from PIA members.
 - c. We plan to distribute a questionnaire to get feedback and call for volunteers to create a working group to give guidance for AIC
8. Attendee Questions (All)
- a. RL – Opened discussion
 - b. DC – We would like to make some of the education sessions hands on.
 - c. Fabricio Oliveira via chat – Congrats on the organization of the de Leon Prizes in Neuroimaging. I found the process considerably effective to select the papers.
 - d. RL – Feel free to email or contact us with any suggestions.
 - e. TB – We should consider how the AIC/AAIC submission process works and how neuroimaging at the main AAIC conference may duplicate some of what is at AIC.
 - f. RL – Agreed with TB and we can address this with the poll and working group.
 - g. TB – We should consider asking people about cost of attendance for AIC and if it is prohibitive for people.
9. Close (RL) – Thanks everyone for attending and thanks again to the outgoing Executive Committee meeting.