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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NAN President Robert L. Denney, Psy.D.

Greetings Colleagues:

I would like to highlight a few things the National Academy of Neuropsychology leadership has been working on recently and outline some of our goals for the year. One of the great successes this year so far has been the renewal of the NAN Bulletin under the co-editorship of Drs. Attix and Story. I am delighted to see this avenue of communication and education continue under their leadership. As you can see from the Editor's message in this issue, the goals for the Bulletin are consistent with my overall goals for continued training of neuropsychologists and also the promotion of neuropsychology to health professionals and the public.

Another area of effort has been the continued work of Dr. Pat Pimental, Dr. Tony Puente, and the Professional Affairs Committee. We are all indebted to them for their ongoing efforts and success in establishing working relationships with insurance providers and networks. Their work has allowed us to better understand requirements of insurance carriers and even facilitate change in billing/coding process. This success appears to have translated in to increased reimbursement success to our members. However, we realize there remains much work to do.

We have also seen fruit of the work of past NAN leaders in public awareness efforts for NAN and neuropsychology. Congressmen Pascrell and Platts, co-chairs of the Brain Injury Task Force, have again invited the NAN leadership to attend and present at the U.S. Congressional Brain Injury Awareness Month Fair on Capitol Hill. In this venue, we will be present to assist in educating Congress regarding not only brain injury, but also the role of professional neuropsychology in the assessment and care of brain injured individuals.

In order to set the stage for my goals and initiatives for NAN this coming year, I need to remind all of us of our current Strategic Plan:

- Improved services to the member
- Increase diversity of membership
- Improve information technology
- Continue to develop the NAN Foundation
- Increase exposure of NAN in the field of psychology
- Expand NAN's revenue sources

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These goals and initiatives are tied strongly to our priorities and core values:

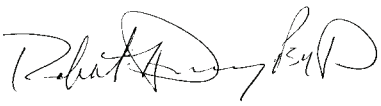
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Innovation
- Scholarship
- Advancement of practice
- Advancement of care to our patients, their families, and our communities

This strategic plan, based on our priorities and core values, will be fleshed out better during our 2009 spring board meeting, but it sets the stage for our ongoing work. I have started an initiative to significantly improve our IT and web based information and presence. There may not appear to be much difference at this time, but there has been significant change behind the scenes. We are instituting additional online services in both a cost saving measure and to set the stage for improved service and public presence.

Related to this change in IT presence, I am pursuing an initiative related to developing educational and practice materials that will not only assist in the practice of neuropsychology (again, related to educating the insurance industry), but also educate non-neuropsychologist health care practitioners and even the public about conditions that warrant neuropsychological assessment and intervention. By educating primary care physicians, other health care providers, and the public, we should be able to significantly enhance our ability to provide needed services to patients and their families.

Last, I am committed to the ongoing maturity of our field. I believe our field needs to rally around a unified training model, as well as address the apparent bottleneck in training. To this end, I have been in discussion with leaders of our sister neuropsychological organizations. I am hopeful that this year will see significant improvements in these areas. All of our work as NAN leadership should directly reflect the above priorities, core values, and strategic plan.

See you in New Orleans!



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President
National Academy of Neuropsychology

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TREASURER REPORT

The Finance Committee meets monthly on the Friday before the NAN Board of Directors meeting. The Finance Committee is chaired by the Treasurer and is made up of the current and past presidents and two members at large. The committee oversees the finances, and investments of NAN. We have an investment firm, Meyer Capital Group, and an accounting firm, Gocial Gerstein, LLC, who manage the day to day investments and accounting duties. The NAN office staff submits weekly invoices needing payment for the Treasurer to review. Any expenses not already approved by the Board of Directors as part of the yearly budget are discussed in the Finance Committee meeting, and the Treasurer then recommends to the Board of Directors any action recommended by the Finance Committee. As you can see there are checks and balances for expenses and spending built into the NAN finance procedures. At this time there are no issues regarding finances, and the system seems to be functioning well and as expected.

Our expenses for last year (2008) totaled $1,080,730.03 and our income for the year totaled $1,104,245.38, (including $250,000.00 withdrawn from our investments assets). The unanticipated expenses were related to a number of issues including the economic downturn in the economy and retiring past expenditures. Our current budget accounts for the increased expenses due to the economic downturn, and at this time we are well within our budget at this time of the year.

As many of you are aware, NAN has recently had a substantial influx of income from the sale of ACN. This is obviously a great benefit for the financial health of NAN. This money has been placed into our investment portfolio. NAN has a very conservative investment strategy. I had the opportunity to discuss our investment strategy with our investment firm. The following are summaries from answers to questions I asked.

1. What is the condition of NAN investments?
Answer: The returns for the NAN account is -4% vs. -18.7% for the markets so our conservative allocation is protecting the portfolio while maintaining an exposure to the equity markets.

2. How is the money being allocated in the investments?
Answer: We have been buying high quality corporate bonds and alternative funds such as long/short, currency, and commodity.

3. How much "interest" (estimated) will we likely make this year?
Answer: 4-5%.

4. How can we insulate our investments from further "stock market drops"?
Answer: By maintaining our cash and fixed income allocations along with our alternative investments.

NAN continues to have a conservative financial management approach, and although there are no guarantees in the investment world, we are still financially strong and functioning well within our budget.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact the NAN office.

John E. Meyers, Psy.D., ABPN, ABPdN
NAN Treasurer

THE EDITORS' CORNER

It is with great pleasure that we help direct the course of the *NAN Bulletin* over the next few years. The *Bulletin* has served an important role in promoting NAN's core values and goals, and it has kept members informed about the progress and accomplishments of the organization's leadership. We would like to thank Dr. Antolin Llorente, Meghan B. Mitchell, and Dr. L. Stephen Miller for their recent editorial work with the *Bulletin*. In particular, they helped oversee the transition of the *NAN Bulletin* to an electronic format, which has reduced costs and allowed for more flexibility in content and features. We would also like to acknowledge the behind-the-scenes work of Heather Santos, the NAN Director of Communications, who has already proven herself (to us in particular!) to be critical to successfully publishing the *Bulletin*.

We will pursue several specific goals with the *Bulletin*. 1) An important purpose of the *Bulletin* is to provide regular updates to members about the recent progress of the organization and its leadership. As in the past, each issue will include relevant comments from NAN officers, committee updates, and notes from business and board meetings. 2) We will incorporate contributions from members who are actively involved in current issues and debates within our field. 3) We plan to regularly include commentaries and essays from student and associate members, as their perspectives are critical to discussions about training, outreach, and the growth of our field. 4) Finally, the *Bulletin* provides an opportunity to promote our yearly conference and seek increasing involvement from members with fresh ideas. The Spring Issue will provide a summary or commentary on the previous conference, while the Fall Issue will offer a last minute primer for the upcoming meeting.

So in the next few issues of the *Bulletin*, you should expect some familiar content and structure, as well as new topics and ideas intended to stimulate discussion and feed the growing enthusiasm and energy in our organization. We would like to hear from members about areas of interest and requests for special topics. We cannot necessarily include every idea and request, but we will commit to reviewing and responding to feedback from NAN members. We hope you enjoy this issue of the *Bulletin*.

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PAST PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Dear Colleagues,

It was an honor and a privilege to serve as president of NAN last year and to continue serving NAN as a past president. As I reflect on the past year I continue to be impressed by the breadth and depth of neuropsychology and the amount that we have to offer the public at large. I have also been impressed with the inroads that we have made in working with other disciplines and the extent to which our input is sought after and valued. One area where we have not accomplished as much as we can is public education. While we are aware of the many ways that neuropsychology functions within the healthcare system, we have not effectively promoted our clinical practice and science to the public at large. Very few individuals outside of neuropsychology know who we are or what we do. Indeed, many physicians and other healthcare professionals have little knowledge of our skills. I believe that it is time for NAN to continue its leadership role within neuropsychology and develop a specific focus geared toward educating the public in key areas of normal and abnormal brain functioning.

NAN has had some success in these areas in the past. The BE COOL program was developed to bring education about the brain into the elementary school classroom and the Sports Concussion DVD will soon be released and have a broad impact on concussion awareness. As Dr. Lechuga has outlined in this issue of the Bulletin, the NAN Diversity and Culture Committee has initiated a program of mentoring undergraduates in neuropsychology at each NAN conference, and presenting about our field to local high school students. However, there is much more we can do. What about a public education campaign on memory disorders or changes in memory functioning throughout the lifespan? There is much emphasis in the public on Autism and Autism spectrum disorders. Does neuropsychology have something to contribute? What about brain injury prevention programs or the effects of poverty, poor education, and poor nutrition on cognitive functioning? These are but a few of the many areas where NAN can contribute towards educating the public while promoting our science practice. I am confident that there are many more ideas that can be developed by the members of NAN.

While tackling these educational campaigns may seem daunting at first, NAN has the vehicle for such efforts within the NAN Foundation. The mission of the NAN Foundation is to promote and support NAN's charitable education and research efforts. The Foundation was responsible for running last year's very successful Sports Concussion Pre-Conference and Public Recognition event atop Rockefeller Center. Although the Foundation is only two years old, we are working diligently to build its financial resources and develop meaningful educational programs. Over the next year you will be hearing quite a bit more about the Foundation. I urge you to become involved in the efforts of the Foundation by volunteering your time and ideas as well as providing funding so that the work can move forward. Without private funding the Foundation cannot accomplish its goals. With funding we can work towards the betterment of the public while promoting our practices and science.

I look forward to working with you over the years to come.

Ruben J. Echemendia, Ph.D.
Immediate Past-President

PUBLIC AWARENSS FORUM

Public awareness of our field's unique role in patient care and clinical research is essential given the current healthcare, research funding, and economic climates. Our long-term viability is linked in part to the public's awareness and appreciation of the distinctive skills of our practitioners, contributions from research, and utility of our products. A significant barrier to public awareness initiatives, however, is that such efforts and resources associated with them tend to occur in isolation, with little publicity or shared networking. Both Drs. Denney and Echemendia talk about NAN public awareness initiatives that are needed and under development on an organizational level. We would like to also leverage the *Bulletin* as a tool for sharing resources across providers. We invite you to submit links and references to resources and tools that could be used in public awareness outreach, such as articles in public magazines, interviews, and other documents that could be a resource for other public awareness. We intend to publish these in a *Public Awareness Corner* in each issue of the *Bulletin*.

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VIEW OF THE BOTTLENECK FROM THE SIDE OF POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING

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In 1998, the Houston Conference established that completion of two years of formal postdoctoral residency training is a uniform requirement for entry into the specialty practice of clinical neuropsychology (Hannay et al., 1998). Based on growing acceptance of the Houston Conference guidelines as the training model for neuropsychology, the American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology affirmed in 2002 that candidates for board certification receiving their doctoral degree after 2004 would be required to document completion of a two-year residency (Yeates & Bieliauskas, 2004). Provision of such training has been the main mission of the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology (APPCN; Boake, Yeates, & Donders, 2002). However, several challenges remain with regard to the opportunity for aspiring neuropsychologists to obtain postdoctoral residency positions.

First of all, there are typically more candidates than position openings. For example, in 2008, 112 candidates submitted ranks for 82 positions in APPCN's electronic match, yielding a match rate of 69% for candidates. A second problem is the growing threat to funding for many postdoctoral programs, since federal regulations prohibit billing of Medicare for any services provided by trainees (which includes postdoctoral residents, regardless of their licensure status). Some programs have been successful in accessing reimbursement through the Center for Medicare/Medicaid Services, which has the potential to support more postdoctoral training positions (Stucky et al., 2008). However, those funds are contingent upon a number of restrictions, such as the need to be hospital-based and majority inpatient, which make them inaccessible to many programs. So, what is the field to do?

A priority is educating doctoral students about those qualities and experiences that make individuals more competitive candidates for postdoctoral residencies, such as the content of their internship and how to compensate for relative lacunae in their training base. This is one important goal of APPCN and is accomplished through collaboration with organizations like the Association of Neuropsychology Students in Training, and through educational seminars at NAN, APA, and INS. Second, it would be very helpful if all postdoctoral residency sites participated in the APPCN match instead of putting pressure on candidates for pre-emptive offers outside of the match, which does not benefit the training community as a whole. Last but not least, there needs to be a more concerted effort by all neuropsychology organizations to put pressure on the American Psychological Association to attempt to renegotiate with the federal government regarding the eligibility of postdoctoral residents for Medicare billing.

- Dr. Donders is past-president of APPCN

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2008 NAN CONFERENCE

NAN Member Experience

Although I never need an excuse to go to New York, the 2008 NAN conference provided a perfect reason to pack my bags and head north. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the pre-conference forensic program, which was a big disappointment. On the upside, the Sheraton's convenient location allowed for mini-excursions to take in the sights, sounds and flavors of New York in between workshops.

I was pleased to see that the 2008 program offered a wider variety of topics than many past conferences, from Dr. Puente's always-relevant discussion of current CPT issues to the insider's view of the IME, provided by Drs. McLaren and Spica. The latter was especially helpful, and I welcomed the perspective of neuropsychologists whose work occurs outside the typical confines of clinical practice. Similar talks would be a great addition to future programs, as they add a dimension to the meeting that is helpful to both clinicians and students alike, and which broadens the scope of the conference.

The annual NAN meeting is always a great opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues, to keep up with the latest developments in the field, to participate in the growth of our profession, and to interact with and support the students. I expect the 2009 meeting, to be held here in New Orleans, to provide us all with similar opportunities.

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2008 NAN CONFERENCE

NAN Student Experience

The 2008 NAN Conference in New York City was my second time as an attendee and student volunteer. This year, I was able to attend several workshops, including one on intellectual property and copyright law that was particularly eye-opening. I attended other workshops which presented cutting-edge research in geriatric neuropsychology and TBI. Coming from a generalist training program, I didn't begin to seek a career in neuropsychology until my 3rd year of graduate school. Therefore, attending the NAN conferences has been an integral part of my growth as a neuropsychologist. My conference experiences have helped to increase my awareness of issues in neuropsychology (e.g., licensing, board certification) and to make connections with other students and professionals in the field. The conferences have also been informative in terms of learning about internship and post-doc opportunities.

At this year's NAN conference, I took full advantage of my first visit to New York City. The convenience of the location allowed me to visit several attractions, including the 9/11 site, Broadway, the Empire State Building, and the Statue of Liberty. I also visited several local vendors and cafés, where I sampled New York bagels and cheesecake.

As a returning volunteer, I enjoyed reuniting with friends and acquaintances from the previous year. The NAN conferences have provided me with the opportunity to join a community of professionals with similar training and career interests. In fact, it was at last year's NAN conference that I actually first met and became friends with one of my current fellow interns. I plan to continue my involvement with NAN throughout my career. I look forward to returning to the NAN conferences year after year, which will no doubt further enhance my development as a neuropsychologist.

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COMMITTEE UPDATES

PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE (PAIC) SUMMARIZING 2008 AND 2009 WORK AND CONTINUING GOALS

Let me begin by thanking all of the PAIC Committee members for their tireless help, guidance and generation of wonderful energy and ideas. I extend much appreciation to PAIC committee members Drs. Arffa, Austin, Ball, Gregor, Morgan, Puente, Roebuck Spenser, Richards and Wolff., student member, Ms. Bigelow, and our current Liaison to the BOD, Dr. Hilsabeck, and our Past Chair, Dr. Bush

The following is a summary of the work of the PAIC Committee in 2008 and thus far in 2009. We have continued to work on advocacy, reimbursement, professional development, and marketing ideas through a variety of avenues. We have formed liaisons and outreached with a several other professional organizations on a number of important issues, sometimes writing letter with or in support of issues by these organizations including: APA Division 40, APA, CMS, AMACPT and many state psychological organizations. We have continual communication and links with other NAN committees including: the Membership Committee, Diversity Committee, and Women's Issues. There was increased PAIC visibility at the NAN 2008 convention with a successful turnout to the 2nd Annual PAIC Practice Information Exchange (PIE) event (The first was held in 2007). The PAIC was involved in the development and management of materials for the PAIC section of the new website. This committee spent 2007 and 2008 gathering information and developing the PAIC PIE PACK, which is completed and is available on the PAIC section of the website. This product was developed by the PAIC as a toolkit for practice. The PAIC PIE PACK consists of a compendium, from A to Z, of clinical practice information, sample forms and resources for practice management and practice building. There has been past and continued presence of PAIC members on the neuropsychology list-serves. This has yielded fruitful results and helped to let many practitioners know that NAN and the PAIC are in their corner on the practice front and concerned about their livelihoods. A subcommittee had previously appointed to investigate the possibility of a NAN hosted list-serve. Additionally, there have been past and continued e-mail blasts to membership on national issues of import or urgency. Queries from members or the public at large are handled via information management through the office triage to Drs. Pimental, Puente and Hilsabeck and further triage to PAIC committee members, generating oral, e-mail, and written responses. Print media and e-communications about PAIC work continue through columns written for the PAIC NEWS of the monthly NAN Newsflash.

In specific regards to billing and reimbursement, the PAIC has worked tirelessly to actively address issues brought to our attention by our membership. There is past and continued work by Dr. Puente our travelling consultant on numerous fronts in several locales. Drs. Pimental and Puente have been coordinating efforts with problems with Medicare, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Aetna, Cigna, UBH/UHC and other carriers and "middleman" entities. A new PAIC UBH/UHC subcommittee was formed in May 2008 to engage in monthly meetings with United Behavioral Health (UBH) professionals. These meetings have continued to generate productive discussions and effective solutions. UBH has emphasized the importance of addressing any claims concerns that exist for NAN

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members. In addition to having provided direct contacts for claims resolution (see previous news flashes), UBH has formed an internal claims consistency workgroup specifically in response to the concerns raised by the PAIC. This workgroup consists of representatives from the various platforms on which claims are paid. The goal of the workgroup is to ensure a consistent claims experience for NAN members who submit claims, regardless of the platform on which these are paid. As a result of this subcommittee, a UHC/UBH "trouble-shooting" flow-chart was handed out during certain lectures of the NAN 2008 convention and is now available to all members on the PAIC section of the NAN website. The PAIC is taking action to explore opening the same kind of dialogue/work model we began with UBH/UHC with another insurance company in 2009. To this end, Drs. Pimental and Morgan engaged in an informative conference call with colleagues who have knowledge of Cigna. We have since heard from Dr. Rea, Psychology Rep., Cigna Health Care Provider Advisory Committee, who positively informed us of the following: "The Mixed Services Protocol is expected to be finalized this year, as early as March, but also quite possibly later. At that point, all neuropsychological testing will go through the medical benefit with no review process, regardless of diagnosis." Overall, the PAIC has been continuing to collect data on possible Aetna, Cigna and Blue Cross/Blue Shield issues identified in several markets in the country. Our efforts will all continue throughout 2009! Look for our PAIC presence at the convention in New Orleans this Fall and come and chat with us.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Patricia A. Pimental
Director, PAIC

NAN CLINICAL RESEARCH GRANTS COMMITTEE

The NAN Clinical Research Grants Committee is proud to announce three new members (Kevin Duff, Rael Lange, and Monica Rivera-Mindt), and expresses gratitude to departing members (Michael Ropacki and Holly Westervelt). In 2008 we replaced the "Grants luncheon" of prior years with a new three- hour workshop on grant-writing, designed to outline strategies for success in obtaining external research support. Special thanks are due to Committee members Mark Aloia and Geoffrey Tremont for spearheading this effort. The Workshop featured presentations from 2007's awardees: Anita M. Hubley, University of British Columbia ("A Comparison of Five Process Scoring Systems Adapted for Use with both the Rey-Osterrieth and Modified Taylor Complex Figures"); and Risa Nakase Thompson Richardson, Methodist Rehabilitation Center in Jackson, Mississippi ("The Value of Effort Testing and Predictive Utility of Effort Indices on the CVLT-2 In Predicting Outcomes In a Consecutive Series of Acute TBI Rehabilitation Admissions"). Congratulations to the successful 2008 awardees: Julianna Ward of Johns Hopkins ("Implicit Learning, Depression, and Occupational Status in Systemic Lupus Erythmatosus"); and Allyson G. Harrison of Queens University in Kingston, Ontario ("Development of a Symptom Validity Test for Use When Assessing Adult Reading").

We are looking forward to seeing exciting new applications this year; please note the deadline is May 1, 2009 (http://www.nanonline.org/NAN/ResearchPublications/GrantsProgram). We hope especially to see outstanding new proposals targeting one of the diversity priority areas (including gender, cultural, physical/sensory disabilities and sexual orientation).

Robert M. Bilder, Ph.D., Chair

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WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce that the NAN Board of Directors has granted the Advisory Committee on Women in NAN full committee status. The mandate of the new NAN Women in Leadership (WIL) Committee is to educate, encourage and mentor female neuropsychologists to become leaders in the field. Penelope Zeifert chaired the Advisory Committee and we wish to thank her for her outstanding service during our founding as an advisory committee and transition to full committee status. She will remain on the committee as Past Chair. Donna Broshek has become the new Chair of WIL. Current committee members include Jeff Barth, Corinne Frantz, Dan Marson, Rosemarie Moser, Tracy O'Connor Pennuto, and Monica Rosselli. Robin Hilsabeck is the new liaison between the committee and the NAN Board of Directors.

The Advisory Committee on Women sponsored a social event at the NAN Conference in New York. We hosted 116 people at the Penn Club who ate, drank and met colleagues before listening to a brief and inspiring presentation by California attorney Ann Richardson. It was elegant, sophisticated and fun, as well as inexpensive by New York standards. We are planning another lively networking social event in New Orleans. As planning progresses, information will be posted on the NAN website. We hope that you will join us!

Donna K. Broshek, Ph.D., Chair

DIVERSITY AND CULTURE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Thank you for all of the support provided for our committee. We met recently via conference call to review 2008 activities and plan for 2009. Current committee members are Simon Tan, Matt Gee, Stacie Bigelow, John Lang, J. Douglas Salmon, Graeme Senior, Ray Chan, Christine Salinas, and Penelope Zeifert. Our 2008 efforts focused on the annual conference and using results from a NAN diversity questionnaire to guide future projects, such as mentoring.

At the 2008 NAN conference, we sponsored undergraduate students with diverse backgrounds from colleges and universities near the convention site (NYU, Fordham University, CCNY, St. John's University, Columbia University). These students attended the conference for free. Dr. Jose Lafosse and Christine Salinas, led this effort and mentored these students during the conference. Our intent was to expose these students to our field and the work of our colleagues in an attempt to foster interest in neuropsychology and related careers.

During the conference, several committee members presented (Zeifert, Deutsch, and Lechuga) to local high schools in New York City, Long Island, and New Jersey about the field of neuropsychology. We spoke to students that were interested in psychology and the neurosciences. A conscious effort was made to have presenters representing diverse backgrounds and model a level of competency and accomplishment for those in the audience. The students themselves were from highly diverse SES and cultural/ethnic backgrounds. The talks were extremely well received by both the students and teachers.

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The committee also offered a Diversity Grand Rounds at the 2008 conference. Three cases were presented on topics related to cross cultural neuropsychology, and challenging approaches to differential diagnosis and treatment. There was standing room only for the talks presented by Dr. Tanya D'Avanzo, Mr. Travis Morgan, Ms. Mia Nguyen, and Dr. Tedd Judd. The quality of the presentations was high, as was the level of discussion during the rounds. Clearly, more attendee space will be needed at the 2009 conference.

For 2009, we again plan to invite students from colleges and universities near the convention site to the meeting. We will continue this process of introducing students to our field and mentoring them throughout the convention. We will hold another Diversity Grand Rounds, and we intend to broaden the potential cases to include issues related to physical disability and neuropsychological assessment/treatment. Also, we will continue to present to select high schools nearby, exposing these students to our field and presenters that may serve as role models for those interested in continuing to study psychology or neuropsychology at the next level.

Our final project for 2009 will involve a joint effort with the NAN Women and Leadership Committee on a proposal for a mentoring program within NAN. This proposal will be modeled after an APA 2006 Task Force on Mentoring, and submitted to the NAN Board of Directors for consideration.

David M. Lechuga, Ph.D., Chair

2009 NAN Election – Online Nomination Submission Period Open

NAN's election process –nominations and voting –are now online. In 2009, the following Board positions and awards are open for nomination:

- **President 2011**
- **Member-at-Large**
- **Early Career**
- **Early Career Service Award**
- **Outstanding Dissertation Award**

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NAN OFFICE UPDATE

Welcome Ric Morgan

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Richard (Ric) Morgan, M.B.A, has joined NAN as the association's new Executive Director. Mr. Morgan has over a decade of experience working at the executive level of medical association management with more than 9 years as Executive Director. He most recently served as Executive Director of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine in Indianapolis.

Mr. Morgan's first day is April 15—please join us in welcoming him on board!

The NAN Office has moved!

The NAN Office moved to its new office in Denver in January 2009. Our new address is:

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NAN Business Meeting—2008

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY BUSINESS MEETING
October 24, 2008

AGENDA ITEM Discussion/Conclusion	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION
I. President's Welcome **Dr. Echemendia**	Dr. Echemendia called the meeting to order at
II. Secretary's Report **Dr. Hostetter**	Dr. Hostetter presented the minutes from the 2007 Business Meeting to the membership.
III. Treasurer's Report **Dr. Meyers**	Dr. Meyers thanked the finance committee for their hard work. He presented a list of accomplishments from the past year, as well as provided net asset figures from the past few years along with those as of 9/30/08. He also provided budget statistics for the past few years, as well as 2009.
IV. Nominations Committee Report **Dr. Perry**	Dr. Perry announced the winners of the recent election to the membership: President-Elect: Shane Bush, Ph.D. Secretary: Laurie Ryan, Ph.D. Member-At-Large: Daniel Allen, Ph.D. He expressed the Board's gratitude to Drs. Hostetter and Elliott, who will be rotating off of the Board at the end of this year.
V. Fellows Committee Report **Dr. Perry**	Dr. Perry presented the list of 2008 Fellows and asked any in attendance to stand for recognition.
VI. PAIC Report **Dr. Pimental**	Dr. Pimental updated the membership on the activities of PAIC, including the Practice Information Exchange event, and the PIE pack informational packet which will be available online later this year. She extended her gratitude to her committee. ***(Continued next page)***

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VII. Membership Committee Report **Dr. Allen**	Dr. Allen provided current membership statistics to the membership, which indicate an increase in membership by over 6% since last year. He thanked his committee, and announced that Dr. Sue Beers will be taking over s Membership Chair in 2009.
VIII. Diversity Committee Report **Dr. Lechuga**	Dr. Lechuga apprised the membership of the Diversity Committee's activities over the last year, including the diversity survey and the TOPSS presentations that took place during the conference. He outlined the committee's goals for 2009 and thanked his committee members.
IX. Women in Leadership Report **Dr. Zeifert**	Dr. Zeifert announced that the committee has been re-named Women in Leadership, and has been approved as a standing committee by the NAN Board. She reported on the success of the Women in NAN event at the conference, thanked her committee and announced that the new chair in 2009 will be Dr. Donna Broshek.
X. Conflict of Interest Committee Report **Dr. Kennedy**	Dr. Kennedy apprised the membership of the committee's activities over the last year and thanked her committee.
XI. Awards Committee Report **Dr. Randolph**	Dr. Randolph reviewed the awards given out by the committee at the Awards Presentation just prior to the business meeting. He introduced Dr. Christopher Higginson as the incoming Awards Chair.
XII. Clinical Research Grants Committee Report **Dr. Bilder**	Dr. Bilder presented the research grant submission statistics and thanked his committee.
XIII. Policy & Planning Committee Report **Dr. Ruff**	Dr. Ruff announced that the Board has approved the committee's Hispanic assessment paper and the mild TBI paper. The committee has submitted the secret recording and boxing papers for review.
XIV. Education Committee Report **Dr. Martin**	Dr. Martin updated the membership on the Education Committee's programs this year, including DistanCE and BE COOL. He thanked his committee and announced that Dr. Stephen Moelter will serve as Education Chair beginning in 2009. ***(Continued next page)***

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XV. IT Committee Report **Dr. Schatz**	Dr. Schatz provided an update on the website and database project with Cobalt.
XVI. Publications Committee Report **Dr. Miller**	Dr. Miller reported that ACN has now been sold to Oxford University Press. He also provided an update on the NAN Book Series, for which publisher proposals are now being reviewed.
XVII. Interim Executive Director's Report **Dr. Perry**	Dr. Perry recognized the staff in the central office, and informed the membership that properties in Denver were currently being considered for the office move in January of next year. It was also reported that the Board is currently interviewing candidates for the Director of Operations position.
XVIII. Program Committee Report **Dr. Broshek**	Dr. Broshek informed the membership that as of that afternoon, the conference had attracted 1400 registered attendees, which is the highest NAN conference attendance in the history of the organization. She recognized the student volunteer coordinators and thanked the central office and her committee for their assistance and hard work.
XIX. President-Elect Report **Dr. Denney**	Dr. Denney discussed the plans for the 2009 conference, to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana.
XX. New Business	
Adjournment	