

Society of Biological Psychiatry
Friday, April 30, 2021
10:15 AM CENTRAL – 10:45 AM CENTRAL
Business Meeting
David Lewis M.D., SOBP President, presiding

Minutes: The 2021 SOBP Business Meeting was held virtually, and there were 174 in attendance.

1. ***Call to Order*** – David Lewis thanked those in attendance and welcomed everyone to the meeting. D. Lewis noted the cancellation of the 2020 meeting along with the shift to virtual for 2021.

2. ***Awards Acknowledgement*** – D. Lewis announced the winners of the honorific awards for both 2020 and 2021, as well as travel awards from 2020 and 2021.
 - a. George Thompson Award
 - i. 2020: Mary Philips
 - ii. 2021: Karen Berman
 - b. Somerfeld-Ziskind Award
 - i. 2020: Theo Van Erp
 - ii. 2021: Leah Mayo and Gunes Sevinc
 - c. Humanitarian Award
 - i. 2020: Tami Benton
 - ii. 2021: National Alliance on Mental Health
 - d. Gold Medal Award
 - i. 2020: Suzanne Haber and Carol Tamminga
 - ii. 2021: Daniel Geschwind
 - e. Basic AE Bennett Award
 - i. 2020: Shelly Flagel
 - ii. 2021: Vikaas Sohal
 - f. A.E. Bennett Award
 - i. 2020: Michael Fox
 - ii. 2021: Alik Widge
 - g. Educator Award
 - i. 2020: Sophia Frangou
 - ii. 2021: Mayada Akil

D. Lewis noted that award videos are available in the Award Center of the virtual conference hall.

3. ***Committees*** – D. Lewis thanked the committees for their efforts over the last two years.
4. ***Strategic Plan*** – D. Lewis summarized the new strategic plan. The plan focuses on excellence in research, development of Investigators, Education, Communication and Dissemination of Information, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

5. ***Treasurer's Update*** – D. Lewis introduced Trey Sunderland, SOBP Treasurer. T. Sunderland presented the treasurer's update. The Society is in great financial health with 3 successful journals from Elsevier. The Society will be sending a call for ideas for special projects this summer and attendees were asked to discuss their ideas in committee meetings as well.

6. ***Secretary's Update*** – D. Lewis introduced Scott Rauch, SOBP Executive Secretary.
 - a. ***Membership*** - S. Rauch updated attendees on the current membership: 1288 members with 128 new members.
 - b. ***Meeting Attendance*** – This year's meeting attendance is currently at 1654, with new registrants still enrolling today.
 - c. ***Staff*** - Staff members in the Journal Office and Executive Office were recognized for their efforts.
 - d. ***Rotating Council Members*** - Council members Manpreet Singh, Carrie Bearden, and Steve Strakowski were acknowledged and thanked as they rotate off of SOBP Council on May 31, 2021.
 - e. ***Rotating President*** - S. Rauch thanked D. Lewis for his efforts as President of the Society, especially navigating the Society successfully during the pandemic.

7. ***Introduction of 2022 President, Judith Ford*** – D. Lewis introduced incoming President Judith Ford who thanked those in attendance and adjourned the meeting.