

Member Meeting Minutes 2011

July 26, 2011 in Stockholm, Sweden

The first annual members meeting of the Organization for Computational Neuroscience was called to order at 11:35 am on July 26th in Stockholm by the President, Erik De Schutter. Over 120 members were in attendance.

Erik De Schutter summarized the changes in governance with the change to a member society, and summarized the benefits of membership. He also announced that future membership dues were reduced by \$25 in each member category, and in the second year membership by an additional 50% for a two year commitment.

The Treasurer, Victoria Booth, presented the financial report.

Erik De Schutter announced that an election would be held for four positions on the Board of Directors. A call for self nominations will be sent out in September. All post-doc and faculty members are eligible to run for the board.

Program Committee Chairman Astrid Prinz presented the program committee report. She asked that members volunteer to serve as reviewers by sending an email to program@cnsorg.org. She announced that at future meetings, posters not presented at the meeting will not have their abstracts published. Suggestions from the floor were made that pdfs of posters and videos of keynote speakers be made available on our website.

Local Organizer Ron Calabrese presented a summary of coming attractions at the CNS Atlanta/Decatur 2012 meeting. Inexpensive student housing will be available on site at Agnes Scott College.

Erik De Schutter announced that OCNS will in the future be sponsoring smaller meetings, adding to the benefits of membership. He also announced an open call for meeting proposals for 2014 in North America.

There was a question from the floor about whether meeting times other than at the end of July would be considered, and the response was that OCNS was now a representative member organization, with the capability for member surveys and feedback on a range of issues including the timing of the annual meeting.

Erik De Schutter noted that OCNS is an all volunteer organization with no paid staff, and requested that members wishing to volunteer to serve OCNS contact him at president@cnsorg.org.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm.