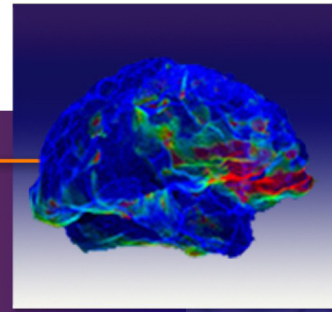




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President's Report

Sandra Shaheen, Ph.D., ABPdN

Leadership and energy from the Board of Directors have been very strong in the last few years. It has been a wonderful learning and collegial experience for me to have worked with Carol Leavell, Maxine Kregel, Joel Rosenbaum and Dana Penney, among many others. Board members and the Professional Affairs Committee have worked during the summer to plan seminars, website needs, responses to insurance changes, and science symposium programming. Our relationships with MPA and with national organizations have strengthened as we join forces on behalf of a number of professional affairs matters. Many hands make light work.

In recent years, the Society has become more fiscally secure by means of increased membership, sponsor initiatives for the Science Symposium, and stronger revenue from educational programs. Our non-profit status has been renewed. President-elect Sigmund Hough continues to provide efficient guidance here, as

he works this year with treasurer-elect Yelena Bogdanova. We have developed a website and list-serv which enable more efficient communication among members, and provide a host of important resources. Jennifer Turek-Queally and Randy Otto are working on a more interactive member database and developing a new improved website. The Society Newsletter has been growing, as editors Mike Cirillo and Cindy Levinson help us track Society initiatives and accomplishments. Mike has worked to continue and build the Science Symposium tradition: innovative topics and well known speakers such as last year's Ann McKee have been featured, and increasing numbers of impressive poster presentations from area student researchers helped bring record attendance to Veronique at Longwood Towers last June. New student Representative to the Board, Maria Valmas, has already offered assistance with the new website transition, with working on behalf of students to organize mentoring and other activities, and to assist with INS and Symposium planning.

We have created a strong membership benefit through our participation with the Federation of Associations in Brain and Behavioral Scientists (FABBS). As Federation rep Linda Podbros explains, MNS member researchers have access to information about funding directives, deadlines, and changes. All MNS members benefit from the APA dual membership discounts. Linda will continue to serve as our FABBS representative and posts highlights via the list-serv.

Belonging to MNS has never been more economical: a \$60 dollar APA joint membership credit, and \$40 worth of CE

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vouchers are benefits which pay for more than the cost of membership. The Board continues to look for other incentives for members: engaging topics, new test workshops, free parking for meetings, textbooks and periodic discounts for test orders are among recent benefits.

What is new for the Society? The options are limited only by your ideas and the energy of members. For 2010 -2011, new board members Mary Coakley-Welch and Stephanie Monaghan-Blout are working with other Society members to develop a Speakers Bureau, aiming to use members' skills to bring information about the work of neuropsychology into the community. Society member Hope Schreiber initiated a Writer's Group and many members are finding this a valuable resource. New Board member Yelena Bogdanova joins Maxine Kregel and Maria Valmas in examining student mentoring possibilities within the Society. We expect to highlight the prestigious Kaplan award at INS this year, and are proud to announce that Dr. Russ Bauer has accepted Edith's nomination of him for the 2011 award. MNS plans to organize a members' hospitality room, as well as a celebration of the life of Edith Kaplan when INS meets at the Marriot Copley in February.

Continuing education program committee members Stephanie and Mary joined coordinator Maureen O'Connor in several sessions of summer planning. By having the seminar schedule in place several months in advance, we attract terrific speakers and hope members can plan ahead on programs for which to register. Since online pre-registration has been in place, attendance has been exceptional, and registration becomes much easier for our volunteers and for administrative assistant Karen Jackson.

The Professional Affairs Committee, co-chaired by Michelle Imber and Kira Armstrong, has welcomed new members for an expanding agenda. The PAC works with MPA leadership, as well as with NAN and Division 40 to understand how to educate insurers on neuropsychological services and to advocate on behalf of our profession and our patients. PAC has begun work on a "Toolkit" for members in private practice, and has hosted meetings with test publishers to help guide changes in testing. It is a good time to ask about what the PAC has addressed on behalf of members: see summaries available on the website, in list-serv archives, and in this newsletter. Please offer support and thanks to these members who give up much of their personal and professional time on matters important to us all. Look for PAC-Flash via list-serv in coming months and see their newsletter embedded in the current MNS Newsletter.

Members leaving the BOD continue to serve the society in a variety of ways. Many thanks to Maxine Kregel who served the Society as liaison with the Cermak award commit-

tee before her term as President. Maxine has offered to stay active with the student mentoring initiative, and with INS 2011 planning. Kira Armstrong has completed her term on the Board of Directors where she served as Secretary. Kira continues to co-chair the Professional Affairs committee. Linda Podbros served the Society as FABBS representative and willing assistant on matters of education. Linda has generously agreed to continue to represent the Society with FABBS. Colleen Casey served as Student Representative to the Board for one year, during which she helped with Science Symposium and conceived of a role of Society members with mentoring of students at various levels of training.

This is a Society with many opportunities for contributing and participating. Volunteers are needed to help with programs at INS, and are welcomed monthly to help with set up, sign-in, and CE certificate distribution. We ask members to help with developing the Speakers' Bureau's reach. Whether you volunteer an hour a year, or month, this work brings you an opportunity to network and have potential impact on society affairs. We seek to expand membership to all neuropsychologists and professional colleagues who have concerns with the current professional affairs climate in our state and to researchers who enjoy dialogue with relevance to the concerns of practitioners. We see great value in joining forces with our colleagues throughout the state, in order to strengthen our voice during tough economic times, and to work on explaining the value of clinical service and research in neuropsychology to the public. We welcome good ideas and good company. At this time of substantial change in our profession, this is a "together we can" society.

2010 MNS Science Symposium Recap

*Sandra Shabeen, Ph.D., ABPdN
and Michael Cirillo, Ph.D., ABPP-CN*

The 2010 Science Symposium was held at Veronique in the Longwood Towers on Tuesday June 8. With over 130 participants, the organizing committee report the event a tremendous success. Speaker Ann McKee entitled her talk Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy in Athletes: An Update. Dr. McKee is Associate Professor of Neurology and Pathology and Director of the Neuropathology Core at Boston University School of Medicine Alzheimer's Disease Center. Her intriguing work examining the neuropathology of former NFL players who have suffered multiple concussions has been the recent focus of attention in national news and

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media, including the CBS news program 60-minutes and the New Yorker.

Members enjoyed the new venue, an elegant Tudor style paneled ballroom and creative cuisine. We would like to thank many people who helped to make the night a success. Our generous sponsors included Pearson Corporation which helped with underwriting science program and refreshment expense. MNS member and Pearson rep Peter Entwistle was on hand to assist with product questions. Ferrer Pharmaceuticals helped sponsor Speaker expenses. Psychological Assessment Resources provided take home bags and materials. Paul Spiers provided speaker introduction, and a slide presentation of photos commemorating Edith Kaplan who was greatly missed at this event. We'd like to congratulate Jill Waring, from the Boston College, Department of Psychology and the Athinoula A. Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging who won the Nelson Butters award for presenting the best poster entitled Effects of Aging on Neural Connectivity Underlying Selective Memory for Emotional Scenes. Congratulations Jill! Roger Cohen, Ph.D. was awarded the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation for his tireless work advocating for neuropsychology and providing interface with MNS and MPA in organizing and facilitating professional affairs initiatives throughout the last several years. Our poster judges, Paul Spiers, Joel Rosenbaum and Richard Fisher graciously filled the demanding role of judging over 30 scientific posters. Student volunteers, Meghan Driscoll and Meagan Leduc aided Karen Jackson in sign-in duties and were tremendously helpful assisting with orienting the poster presenters, and setting up and breaking down the poster session. John Miner and Bertha Elena Rojas provided generous help throughout the evening. Board members assisted with arranging venue and greeting poster presenters and judges. Sandie Sheehan was the key person involved in working out all of the venue and menu details with Veronique. Special thanks to Cindy Levinson who designed the evening program's handout. Mike Cirillo served as Chair of the Science Symposium Organizing Committee this year and organized all aspects of the poster submissions.

Finally, we would like to thank you our members for coming out in force. It's not always easy to take time on a weekday evening for this type of event and we were very pleased to see so many of you. We hope to see you all back for the next Science Symposium.

Continuing Education Update

MNS Continuing Education Program Committee

Maureen K. O'Connor, Psy.D., ABCN,
Stephanie Monaghan-Blout, Psy.D., and Mary
Coakley-Welch, Ph.D.

New Topics, New Speakers Attract Record Attendance at Continuing Education Series!

We are very excited to announce the Fall 2010 lecture series, which includes cutting edge topics in adult and pediatric neuropsychology, oncology, sports concussion, psychiatry and professional affairs. Our recent lectures have attracted record attendance and our new pre-registration system ensures that you get a seat! Given the high number of attendees at our recent series we encourage members to register on-line.

Our 2010 Fall series started with a centering and engaging September lecture by Dr. Britta Holzel who is a research fellow in the Psychiatric Neuroscience Program at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School. In her talk entitled *Changes In Brain Structure And Function Associated With Mindfulness Meditation* she reported on structural brain changes following an intervention in which mindfulness meditation was taught over an intensive 8 week session. The talk attracted members and other psychologists from as far away as New Hampshire and Western Mass. There was lively discussion of clinical conditions which respond to meditation and Dr. Holzel helped audience members differentiate the mindfulness approach from other meditation and relaxation techniques. Dr. Holzel's study design and fMRI technique has promise for examining how other interventions impact brain structure and function.

In October, Dr. Peter Isquith joined us for our Oktoberfest social and supper hour on the 5th. Thanks to a contribution from PAR Corporation, the meeting began with this extended social hour with a delicious light supper buffet. Dr. Isquith, who completed his clinical training in the Boston area and is a former MNS member, generously arrived early and caught up with colleagues and answered questions about the TEC (his latest test, Tasks of Executive Control) during the social hour. We had record setting attendance, with the room filled to capacity. Dr. Isquith's lively presentation and humor added to the spirited evening. His talk focused on comparing rating scales and performance measures of executive functions with emphasis on: the types of information each provides; biological correlates in different conditions; correlation with

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everyday functioning; and discussion of how to understand discrepant results. He treated us to a demonstration of the TEC. His talk inspired audience discussion of how we measure executive functions and how we interpret skill deficits in light of overlapping and variable symptoms across diagnoses. Dr. Isquith's expertise as co-author of the Brief family of instruments & the TEC, and as a pediatric specialist practicing in Vermont and New Hampshire gave us a unique perspective on assessing executive functions. Thanks to all for attending, participating, and making a memorable evening!

On November 9th we are pleased to hear from the 2010 recipient of the Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society Laird Cermak Award for Memory Research, Dr. Scott Hayes. Dr. Hayes will be discussing his innovative work in neuroimaging of episodic memory and aging. Dr. Hayes is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine, Associate Director of Clinical Functional Imaging of the Neuroimaging Research Center at VA Boston Healthcare System, and core faculty member of the BU Memory Disorders Research Center. Using neuroimaging techniques such as structural and functional (MRI). His research program focuses on 1) examining the neural underpinnings of episodic memory in healthy adults 2) elucidating age-related changes and individual differences in cognitive and brain function and 3) identifying patterns of neuroplasticity subsequent to intervention. Members will leave this talk with a better understanding of multiple memory systems and their neural underpinnings and how these systems are impacted by the aging process.

On December 7th we welcome Christine Hooker, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department at Harvard University. Her research in the Social Neuroscience and Psychopathology Research Lab at Harvard uses fMRI to investigate neural mechanisms of social functioning in healthy adults and individuals with schizophrenia. We are fortunate to hear from Dr. Hooker about neural effects resulting from cognitive remediation in schizophrenia.

MNS Welcomes INS to Boston

MNS is eagerly anticipated the 39th Annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society (INS) in Boston this year from February 2-5, 2011 (www.the-ins.org/39th-annual-meeting-february-2011). Stay tuned and check the MNS website for updates on MNS activities at the INS Annual conference.

APA Accreditation for the Continuing Education Program

The continuing education committee submits program data annually to APA and works to ensure that we meet APA

standards for continuing education for psychologists. Our next continuing review is due February 2011 and committee members are already preparing for this important submission. Announcements and updates regarding our Continuing Education series are always available on massneuropsychology.org.

Speakers Bureau

The CE Committee has begun the work to establish an MNS Speakers Bureau. Several enthusiastic MNS members are ready and willing to provide talks on a range of topics including understanding psychological and neuropsychological evaluations, ADHD, learning disabilities, Asperger's Syndrome, the neuroscience of learning, mood disorders, giftedness, parenting, and aging. Speakers Bureau coordinators, Stephanie Monaghan-Blout and Mary Coakley-Welch, will be working with other MNS Board members and all interested MNS members throughout the year to build a system for operating and advertising the Speakers Bureau. Any members interested in providing talks or working on implementing the Bureau can contact Mary at coakleywelch@comcast.net. The Speakers Bureau will provide ongoing opportunities to educate people in the community and other professionals about the vital role neuropsychology plays in clinical care, education, and understanding cognitive and psychological development across the lifespan. Your involvement will make this a success!

Member Participation

In the last year, we have been pre-registering monthly events to ensure space for the popular series. We have offered two and three hour workshops for certain meetings, to address some member requests for longer programs. We are always interested in feedback and comments about our programming as we strive to meet your needs.

The CE Committee has a number of opportunities for volunteers. Any member, associate or student member is eligible to help. To find out how to get involved please contact Maureen K. O'Connor at maureen.oconnor@va.gov.

Any suggestions for engaging speakers and formats are welcome and we strongly encourage members to contact us with proposals. Talks are open to non-members, too, so let your colleagues and students know about our programs!

Please remember to join us for refreshments prior to the talks from 7-7:30. This is your opportunity to catch up with your peers and meet other professionals in the area! Look for more opportunities to network, and to share ideas for participating in the INS program when it comes to Boston in 2011.

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vouchers enclosed in your membership renewal for CE program credits until the end of the year.

Thank you for your support! We look forward to sharing the Fall series with you!

Remembering Early Contributors to the Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society

Sandra Shaheen, Ph.D., ABPdN

MNS recalls the contributions of early members with the Kaplan Award, the Cermak Award, and the Nelson Butters student research award. Join the Society in November to hear 2010-11 Cermak Award winner Scott Hayes present on a topic in which Dr. Cermak was a pioneer, the neuropsychology of memory. Thanks to Mieke Verfaillie, Doreen Rentz, and Maxine Kregel for their work nominating young researchers for this award.

For the last several years, MNS has overseen the Kaplan Award Fund, from which awards are made to speakers whose work has furthered the development of "Process" in Neuropsychology. Each year, Edith nominated colleagues who represented this work and frequently enjoyed providing lively introduction of award recipients full of anecdotes and fond memories. The Society was pleased to welcome Edith's 2010 nominee, Rhoda Au last May, whose work extends the reach of the process approach to meaningful application in population based research.

This year, Russell Bauer, Professor and Chair of the Department of Clinical and Health Psychology at the University of Florida in Gainesville, where he has been on the faculty since 1979, has accepted the nomination. A former president of APA Division 40 (Clinical Neuropsychology), Dr. Bauer's research focuses on human memory disorders, epilepsy, and preclinical detection of dementia using a comparative neuropsychology approach. Russ trained in Boston where he knew Dr. Kaplan well. He intends to address MNS at INS in February, with a talk entitled Disconnection, Dissociation Logic, and the Legacy of the Process Approach. Former MNS president Elisabeth Moes has agreed to present Russ with this award.

Finally, the Nelson Butters award is provided by MNS at the annual Science Symposium. The 2010 winner was Remind students of the opportunity they have to work toward this award, and plan submissions soon for 2011.

Membership Update

*Jennifer Turek Queally, Ph.D.
and Randy Otto, Ph.D.*

Our membership continues to grow and we are excited to welcome several new members over the past several months. For additional information on membership or for a membership application, please see the MNS webpage.

~ We are requesting that members join the MNS list serve to receive regular updates about advocacy efforts and upcoming programs. You can join the list serve through the "members only" portion of the webpage.

~ Get Connected 2010 MNS Membership Drive We will continue with our "Get Connected" drive throughout the membership year. Invite a lapsed MNS member to reconnect OR invite a new regular member to receive certificates for CEs or reduced membership dues. Please see the membership page of the website for additional information and rules.

~ The Board of MNS would like to welcome the following new members since April 2010. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming MNS events.

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Maureen O'Brien Klautky, Psy.D.
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Stephanie A. Nelson, Ph.D.
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Laura Brown Coulam, PhD
Doriana Chialant, PhD

Membership Benefits

- Dual MNS/APA Membership Discount - Reduce your APA membership cost by up to \$70. Check your APA dues statement for dual membership details
- Receive information on national grants and other research funding opportunities through newsletters available exclusive through our association with The Federation for Behavioral Psychological, and Cognitive Sciences
- Professional Affairs Advocacy
- Online Membership Directory
- MNS Listserv
 - Up-to-date practice advisory notices
 - Stay in touch with current issues
 - Connect with colleagues
 - Get referrals
- Membership Discount at Monthly CE lectures, and select reciprocity discounts with other organizations' events
- Online book raffle
 - Try your luck at winning a new book each month!
- MNS Website
 - Information on MNS happenings and other local events
 - Website resources
 - Simple dues payments
 - One-click access to Board Members
 - Members-Only Section
- Free parking at Monthly lectures - just show your membership card to waive parking fees
- MNS newsletter ~ Issued twice yearly