

MASSACHUSETTS NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

2015-2016 President’s Report

Stephanie Monaghan-Blout, Psy.D.

I want to thank all of the members of Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society and especially the Board of Directors, for the opportunity to have served as president for the 2015-16 term. It has been really exciting (and hectic) term as many of our efforts have begun to bear fruit.

My original goal for my presidency was to assist MNS in “coming out” as an organization of value to our profession, our consumers and the larger healthcare community. By providing a robust continuing education series, including collaborative efforts with the Massachusetts Psychological Association, our Education Committee supported our members in keeping up with important trends in research and interventions. Our Professional Affairs Committee has developed relationships with private and public entities to advocate for the needs of both providers and consumers, and our Healthcare Reform Committee has guided us through upcoming changes in the health care environment. Additionally, our organization

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provided testimony to the Joint Committee for Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities in support of an Act to Provide Equal Access to Evaluations for Children with Disabilities. Finally we sponsored a Hospitality Room for MNS members during the International Neuropsychological Society conference in February.

On a more mundane but equally important note, our administrative structure has been updated to meeting the demands of the 21st century. The MNS website is now fully functional, and can be used to apply for and renew memberships, sign up for lectures and keep track of continuing education

credits. We have located a new “home” for our monthly meetings at William James College, complete with storage space and access to catering.

MNS is fortunate to have a wealth of talented and hardworking members, and we marked the contribution of several of these members through the Service Awards given at the Science Symposium. Roger Cohen was one of the founding members of MNS and has served on the board in many capacities over the years. In recent years, he has been the co-chair of the joint MPA/MNS Professional Affairs Committee and devoted countless hours towards advocating for the interests of provider and consumer with the state and private insurers. He has retired from practice and has moved to Colorado to be closer to his family.



We also recognized the service of Karen Jackson, our longtime administrative assistant, who will also be retiring due to family obligations. Although Karen has been unable to

attend meetings since our departure from Spaulding, she continued to operate behind the scenes to make sure that the various administrative needs were being addressed. Finally, we also recognized the contributions of Anya Potter, who will be leaving the board this year after two terms. After a long and at times arduous course, Anya made the website functional and accessible to even the most technology-averse of members. Thanks to Roger, Karen, and Anya, and good luck to you in your new ventures.

Diversity Committee
Co-chairs Margaret Lanca, Ph.D.
and Emily Wilner, Psy.D.

The Diversity committee continues to grow! We expanded our work this past year and our committee members. We are pleased to welcome two new members: Carmen Armengol, PhD, ABPP and Komal Ramchandani, PsyD, both of whom bring a wealth of experience working with multicultural populations in the field of neuropsychology.

The MNS Diversity Committee seeks to raise awareness of the influence of culture and diversity within the field of neuropsychology and support MNS members’ development as culturally competent neuropsychologists. One of the ways we aim to achieve this is by creating and disseminating resources to enrich the delivery of neuropsychological assessments to

multicultural populations. This year, we have been working diligently on two projects:

1) **Directory of Multicultural and multilingual speakers:** The committee is pleased to announce the launch of a directory of multicultural and multilingual neuropsychologists in Massachusetts. This is available via the Diversity webpage on the MNS website and contains the practice information of Massachusetts neuropsychologists who provide services in a variety of languages including Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian, Russian, Hebrew, and American Sign Language. Many of these neuropsychologists are also willing to provide consultation on multicultural cases. If you are a multicultural/multilingual neuropsychologist and would like to be added to the directory, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

2) **Multicultural test toolkit:** The committee is continuing to research and collate a detailed list of neuropsychological tests and measures in other languages. We plan on developing a multicultural test toolkit for MNS members detailing test names, the populations they serve, and who publishes the tests. This toolkit will be made available to our MNS members.

MNS Diversity committee continues to welcome new members from the MNS community! If you would like to participate in the committee feel free to be in touch with: Maggie Lanca, Ph.D. Margaret_Lanca@hms.harvard.edu or Emily Wilner, Psy.D. emilywilner@gmail.com

Committee members:

- Carmen Armengol, Ph.D., ABPP
- Yakeel Quiroz, Ph.D.
- Komal Ramchandani, Psy.D.

PAC-FLASH: Update from the Professional Affairs Committee

Jeffrey B. Sheer, Ph.D., ABPP
Chair

Another year has passed, and the MNS PAC has continued to make strides in advocacy for our members and the clients we serve. We are proud to note the following highlights:

1) **“Getting to Yes” Conference a Success!** We would like to thank everyone who was involved the joint MNS/MPA Conference, “Getting to Yes: How to Craft Effective Requests for Prior Authorization of Assessment Services” conference last October. This conference offered the opportunity for discussion regarding challenges and experiences with the pre-authorization process and allowed participants to hear directly from the heads of local insurance companies and pre-authorization reviewers about what

they are looking for when reviewing documentation.

A few themes did arise in terms of what makes a more successful authorization request. The following hints may be helpful:

a) Always be clear about WHY your assessment is necessary for the patient at the current time, and HOW the results of the assessment will have an impact on patient care.

b) Be sure to provide clear information about why an entire assessment is necessary as opposed to a clinical screening.

c) When completing the Universal Prior Authorization Form, be sure to use the provided space or submit additional documentation (a brief description of the case that will help answer the questions we mention above). Authorization requests submitted that only have a few boxes checked off, without answers to these additional questions, are not likely to lead to authorization for services.

d) When you think that there are individual differences that will affect the time to complete the assessment, be clear as to any specific situations that you might believe might have a significant impact on the amount of time necessary.

2) **Toolbox:** We are happy to say that the Toolbox Subcommittee has organized a variety of practice tools for members, which are NOW AVAILABLE on the MNS Website after several years of work! The documents are accessible after member sign in under Committees- Professional Affairs- Practice Corner. Current documents available include several important HIPAA-related documents that can be adapted for use in your private practice; sample history forms that have been generously donated by members of the Toolbox Subcommittee; and some helpful links for business practice. It is our goal to continue to build on this collection of resources over the course of coming years, and we welcome requests for information that you would like to see available for our members.

3) **Advocacy with Insurance Companies:** Members of the PAC and the Joint MPA/MNS Advocacy Committee have continued to meet with several insurance companies including BCBSMA, Tufts, and Beacon on a regular basis to discuss the concerns of our members. If you have specific concerns about barriers to care, please let us know so that we can share your concerns.

4) **HELP WANTED:** The MNS PAC continues to be, as it always was, a group of dedicated volunteers, trying to make a difference for our profession. There are an increasing number of

professional practice issues requiring our attention, so now more than ever we need your help. If you are interested in professional affairs, please feel free to contact me (jsheer@partners.org) for information about the MNS PAC.

Healthcare Reform Committee

Mary Coakley-Welch, Ph.D.
HRC Manager

The movement toward Alternative Payment Models (APM's), such as global or bundled payments rather than fee-for-service, is advancing at the state and federal level. Medicare is expanding its use of APM's and MassHealth is on the verge of a major restructuring of payment and healthcare delivery systems.

Details on MassHealth's plans and certification standards for public and commercial ACO's in Massachusetts are discussed later in this article. For Medicare details please visit: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Value-Based-Programs/MACRA-MIPS-and-APMs/NPRM-QPP-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

The MNS Healthcare Reform Committee (HRC) remains alert to news and opportunities for MNS to comment on healthcare reform policy developments related to federal law: the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and state law: Massachusetts Chapter 224.

HRC NEWS YOU CAN USE

EHR's: The Mass HIway issued updates in June 2016 regarding multi-year, phase-in plans for the MA Chapter 224 requirement that all healthcare providers will implement fully interoperable electronic health records (EHR) systems that connect through the Mass HIway. Proposed regulations to implement this requirement will be issued for public comment in upcoming months. Connectivity requirement deadlines will be staggered over several years, with the initial focus on hospitals and larger ambulatory practices. The state anticipates providing at least a year's notice before any connectivity deadline so that healthcare organizations can prepare to meet the requirements. The requirement will apply to healthcare organizations, not to individual providers within those organizations.

It is not yet known how the law will apply to solo and small-group behavioral health practices. The Mass HIway anticipates that behavioral health connectivity deadlines will be several years down the road (2019 or beyond). A behavioral health task force is working on recommendations for the MA Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) regarding EHR's and behavioral health records.

Relevant excerpts from the Mass HIway update include:

"...What is a fully interoperable EHR? As no national standard exists, EOHHS anticipates that "fully interoperable" will initially be defined as the ability to send Direct Messages over the HIway, and providers will need to attest to what EHRs are in use. ..."

"...EOHHS anticipates some Provider Organizations will be required to connect to the HIway via Direct Messaging in January 2017, while other organizations will be required to connect in January 2018 or January 2019. ..."

"...EOHHS anticipates that the remaining Provider Organizations will have a required connection date that will be determined in future guidance (e.g., behavioral health entities)...."

The MNS HRC will post additional information as it becomes available. For details on using the Mass HIway, visit:

<http://www.masshiway.net/HPP/index.htm>

Register with MassHealth: In order to comply with the ACA, MassHealth requires healthcare providers to register as either a billing or non-billing provider. For details and the application:

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/provider/insurance/masshealth/aca/aca-section-6401enrollment-information.html>

The MA Board of Registration of Psychologists announced on their

website and within license renewal materials that MassHealth registration will not be required for renewing psychology licenses in 2016, but will be in the future. The Board of Registration and MassHealth encourage psychologists to submit applications "as soon as possible."

PRIME PCMH certification: The MA Health Policy Commission (HPC) began accepting applications in early 2016 from medical practices seeking PRIME certification, which emphasizes integration of behavioral healthcare with primary care within a Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH). For more information, including the Standards required for PRIME certification and medical practices on the pathway to PRIME certification:

<http://www.mass.gov/anf/budget-taxes-and-procurement/oversight-agencies/health-policy-commission/certification-programs/pcmh-certification-program.html>

MNS Comments to state and federal agencies

MassHealth Restructuring: In the spring of 2016, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) announced details for a major restructuring of MassHealth, focused on cost containment and integrated care: "MassHealth plans to advance

alternative payment methodologies and delivery system reform through accountable care organizations and community partners for behavioral health and long term services and supports. A significant focus will be placed on improving integration and delivery of care for members with behavioral health needs and those with dual diagnoses of substance abuse disorder; as well as integration of long term services and supports and health-related social services. In addition, MassHealth plans to expand treatment for individuals affected by opioid addiction.”

Read more about these plans and Massachusetts’ pending waiver-extension request to CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) for continued funding and inclusion of innovative programs: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/eohhs/healthcare-reform/masshealth-innovations/1115waiversummary.pdf>

MNS member and HRC/PAC member Dr. Clare O’Callaghan participated in the April 20, 2016 public comment session on MassHealth restructuring in Boston. In response to a request from Massachusetts Health and Human Services Secretary, Marylou Sudders, MNS President Monaghan-Blout submitted written comments. These comments focused on the risk of a two-tiered behavioral healthcare system emerging due to MassHealth reimbursement problems. The

comments also proposed roles for neuropsychologists on medical teams in integrated care systems -- including consultation, screening & evaluation, and program evaluation.

ACO Certification Standards: Members of the HRC worked with President Monaghan-Blout in January of 2016 to submit comments to the MA Health Policy Commission (HPC) regarding their proposed certification standards for ACO’s (Accountable Care Organizations) in Massachusetts. Comments focused on one of the HPC’s stated goals of: “Enhancing market and patient protection, including increasing patient access to services, especially for vulnerable populations.” MNS comments stated and elaborated this point: “Access to the full range of behavioral health treatment services and well-coordinated care and follow-up are essential in meeting the healthcare needs of many people, especially for those within vulnerable populations.”

The HPC announced the final ACO certification standards in April:

<http://www.mass.gov/anf/budget-taxes-and-procurement/oversight-agencies/health-policy-commission/certification-programs/aco-certification-final-criteria-and-requirements.pdf>

Early Screening for Autism: The United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) sought comments in

July 2015 on their finding that insufficient evidence exists regarding the potential benefits and harm of universal screening in primary care for autism before the age of three. Like many other healthcare organizations, autism experts, and autism advocacy groups, MNS wrote in favor of universal screening. The USPSTF did not change their recommendation, but in response to the outpouring of support in favor of universal screening, the Task Force issued a video and written clarification to support screening for autism based on clinical judgment. They called for more research to weigh the benefits and harm of universal screening before age three. Read more and watch the video: <http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Announcements/News/Item/final-recommendation-statement-screening-for-autism-spectrum-disorder-in-young-children>

New Project

The HRC has begun working on the first fact sheet in the Neuropsychology Helps! Fact Sheet series. This first document is on Autism Spectrum Disorders. These fact sheets are designed as brief, user-friendly, and visually attractive explanations of when and why a Neuropsychologist is a key member of medical treatment teams for various conditions. Watch the list serv for opportunities to work on a Fact Sheet in your area of expertise.

The HRC is open to all MNS members. Please contact HRC Manager, Dr. Mary Coakley-Welch to get involved. Thank you HRC members: Christopher Malone, Katharine Hartnick, Drs. Claudia Rutherford, Tim Martin, Sandie Shaheen, Cindy Levinson, Clare O'Callaghan, Matti Kaminsky, Stephanie Monaghan-Blout, Michelle Imber, Shelly Greene, and Roger Cohen.

Education Committee
Co-chairs Rachel Orr Psy.D.
and Patricia Lee Ph.D.

The Education Committee offered six evening CE lectures from September 2015 through June 2016, which all took place at the Brighton Marine Health Center. MNS also offered other educational events such as the Getting to Yes workshop (10/2015) and the annual Science Symposium (5/2016). Typical evening CE lectures bring in around 30 people and we are excited about MNS's move to William James College, which have housed the evening lectures since September 2016.

The Education Committee was co-led by Rachel Orr and Patricia Lee this past year. Congratulations to Rachel and her adorable new baby Cody, who was born in May! She is stepping down from co-chairing the Education

Committee, and we welcome Erica Appleman as the new co-chair for the upcoming year. We also want to say farewell to Alicia Sharma, who was an integral part of the Education Committee this past year.

Speakers Bureau

Mary Coakley-Welch, Ph.D.
Speakers Bureau Committee member

The MNS Speakers Bureau presented three extremely well received talks in May, 2016 for Massachusetts Nurses' Association (MNA) continuing education programs. Dr. Lori Azzara and Dr. Clare O'Callaghan spoke to groups of 200-250 nurses at the MNA annual statewide conference. Dr. O'Callaghan's talk was entitled: ADHD: Diagnosis and Treatment. Dr. Azarra presented on Effective Bedside Interaction with Alzheimer Patients (and Other Dementias) in an Acute Care Setting.

Dr. Karen Postal spoke to a group of 100-150 nurses at a regional CE event on the topic, Where Did I Put Those #\$\$@! Keys? Telling the Difference between Dementia and Normal Aging. The MA Nurses' Association CE coordinator, Mary Sue Howlett, PhD (c), RN/FNP-BC, CEN plans to tap the MNS Speakers Bureau again for future talks for nurses in Massachusetts.

In other exciting news, Dr. Molly Colvin has assumed the role of MNS

Speakers Bureau Chair. Dr. Colvin said, "I am looking forward to continuing and expanding the role of MNS in sharing members' knowledge of issues related to brain health with the community. " Please feel free to contact her if you have ideas for talks or would like to be included in the MNS Speakers Bureau: MCOLVIN@mgh.harvard.edu

To see the speakers and topics available now, visit:

https://www.massneuropsych.org/i4a/forms/index.cfm?id=16&pageid=3312&showTitle=1&showDebugOutput=false&widgetPreview=0&page_version=

Membership Committee

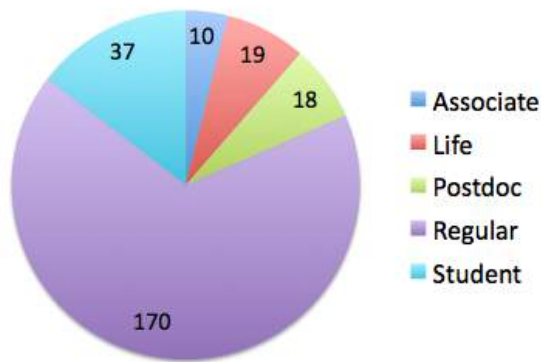
Emily Wilner, Psy.D. (chair)
Lori Azzara, Psy.D.

MNS membership continues to grow! Our membership currently consists of **254** members and we have welcomed **60** new members since July 2015. We hope to continue this trend moving forward. As most of you are aware, MNS membership applications and renewals now take place electronically via the MNS website, which has significantly streamlined both of these processes.

New members since July 1, 2015

20 Regular Members
4 Associate Members
6 Post-Doctoral Members
30 Student Members

Current MNS Membership



The Membership Committee would like to thank everyone for their outreach efforts and we encourage you to continue recruiting colleagues and students to join MNS. As you know, MNS membership has many benefits, including access to our listserv and online directory, as well as free continuing education credits through our monthly educational events. MNS routinely partners with the Massachusetts Psychological Association (MPA) in matters of advocacy, and we are delighted to offer joint membership discount to members of both organizations.

Dues for MNS support the activities of the Society, including the annual Science Symposium, monthly educational events, advocacy work, student activities, and administrative assistance, as well as MNS's membership in the Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences (FABBS). As our field continues to evolve in the era of healthcare reform, MNS is working

hard to educate and prepare our members for changes in our field.

It is exciting to have such a vibrant community of neuropsychologists in Massachusetts and the Society looks forward to continued growth in 2016 and beyond. Feel free to contact Emily Wilner or Lori Azzara with any membership related questions:

membership@massneuropsychology.org

2016 Science Symposium

Mary Coakley-Welch, Ph.D.
Science Symposium Chair

Here is what some MNS members had to say about the May 18, 2016 Science Symposium, held at the Royal Sonesta in Cambridge:

“From Dr. Iverson’s cutting edge lecture, to the high quality of the posters, and the spectacular setting, the evening could not have been better.”

“I can only add that I always feel that the night of the Science Symposium is my version of Disney World: a little bit magical. This night was no exception!”

“The night was fun and it is always nice to get together with colleagues who have busy schedules and no time to just have fun. Thank you MNS board very much!”



Nelson Butters Award Winner
Maria Dekhytar

Poster Session: MNS hosted 120 guests at this annual event which opened with twenty-four poster presenters explaining their research during an hors d'oeuvres reception, while Kevin Coakley-Welch played piano jazz and popular favorites from the forties through today.

Poster Session judges, Drs. Gail Grodzinsky, Jason Osher, and Margaret Sherman conferred the Nelson Butters Award for best overall student poster to Maria Dekhytar for her research on *Biomarker differences associated with optimal memory performance in older adults*.



Special thanks to Poster Session judges and to co-chairs Dr. Lee Ashendorf and Dr. Hope Schreiber.

MNS Speakers: A lively speaking program unfolded during dinner which was served on tables set elegantly with crisp white and bright blue linens. President Monaghan-Blout reviewed highlights from the past year and presented special recognition awards for MNS service to Drs. Anya Potter and Roger Cohen, and to departing Administrative Assistant Karen Jackson. She thanked outgoing members of the Board of Directors while President-Elect Dr. Coakley-Welch introduced incoming Board members and thanked Dr. Monaghan-Blout for her “can-do team leadership and spirit” as President this year. Dr. Coakley-Welch discussed priorities for the upcoming year, which include ongoing projects to raise the public profile of Neuropsychology – to highlight our expertise with neurologic and behavioral health conditions, as well as in the neuropsychology of health; promoting access to neuropsychological services; connecting with other organizations working toward similar goals; and supporting the work of all MNS Committees. For more on Presidential Initiatives for the 2016-17 year, please see:

<http://www.massneuropsych.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=3331>



Guest Speaker's CE Lecture: Dr. Grant Iverson riveted his audience with his research data and clinical experience in diagnosing and treating mTBI, with his talk, "*Mild Traumatic Brain Injury across the Lifespan in Sports, Daily Life, and Military Service*". His humor and his experience coming from Canada to work here in Massachusetts brought a unique and engaging dimension to his presentation.

Thank you donors! Thanks to contributions from some of our generous donors – Guilford Press, PAR, and MNS member Dr. Doug Watt, nine lucky attendees won raffle drawings for six Guilford Press books, a BRIEF2 test kit, a RIAS2 test kit, and Dr. Watt's newly published book: *The Neurobiology and Psychology of Empathy*, Watt, D.F. and Panksepp, J. (Editors)

Thank you to our other generous donors including Sponsors: Billing Advantage; Child Development Network; Neuropsychology Education & Services for Children & Adolescents (NESCA); and Beyond BookSmart – all of whom exhibited during the event – and PAR, whose representative Dr. Julie Alexander was not able to attend, but who sent along this message:

PAR has had a very busy product release year. Included are the Second Edition of the Behavior Rating Inventory of Executive Function (BRIEF2) and the Reynolds Intellectual Assessment Scales (RIAS2), both of which are being offered for raffle tonight. Also released was the Child and Adolescent Memory Profile (ChAMP), Memory Validity Profile (MVP), and two measures that assess reading and math from a neurodevelopmental perspective – the Feifer Assessment of Reading (FAR) and the Feifer Assessment of Math (FAM). All of these products offer scoring via PAR's online administration and scoring portal PAR iConnect. The BRIEF2 can be scored AND administered online.

We thank our Supporters: Child & Family Psychological Services Inc./Integrated Behavioral Associates; Contributors: Pearson; Dr. Lori Azzara; and Dr. Mary Coakley-Welch on behalf of transcriptionist Lori Gillis; and our Friend: HelpPro.

MNS Artists: Dr. Hope Schreiber's generous loan to MNS of her stunning photograph *Zakim Blue* has inspired an MNS Art Contest for Massachusetts-themed artwork to grace publicity materials for the 2017 Science Symposium. Watch the listserv for details on how to enter!

The Setting: Guests watched day turn to dusk and dusk to evening throughout dinner as the moon rose over the Charles River. The suite-length river and skyline view provided a serene backdrop for a truly memorable, informative, and enjoyable evening.



Thank you to our 2016 Poster Session Presenters:

- **Emma Weizenbaum:** Predictors of self-perceived stigma in Parkinson's disease.
- **Robert Salazar:** Spatial bias in normal aging and Parkinson's disease: Effects of a dynamic stimulus on perceived center.
- **Sarah Kark:** Sleep problems, treatment and recovery in Veterans with TBI and PTSD; and Sleep quality vs quantity: Differential

effects on cognitive and functional status in Veterans with TBI and PTSD.

- **Ryan Andrews:** Prediction of Neurobehavioral Symptom Inventory Total Score using psychological and TBI measures.
- **Hannah Franz:** Preliminary effectiveness of the STEP-Home Workshop: Facilitating post-deployment reintegration among OEF/OIF/OND Veterans.
- **Lauren Radigan:** Cardio-metabolic outcomes following close-range blast exposure.
- **Emma Gosselin:** Alzheimer's Association Dementia Care Coordination.
- **Lauren Zajac:** Brain networks involved in the aesthetic judgment of visual stimuli.
- **Chelsea Morse:** Cerebellar Cognitive Affective Syndrome: Insights from Joubert Syndrome.
- **Catherine Munro:** Mapping the metabolic correlates of subjective memory concerns in cognitively normal elderly individuals.
- **Maria Dekhtyar:** Biomarker differences associated with optimal memory performance in older adults.
- **K. Paige Sparks:** Comparative analysis of computerized and paper and pencil neuropsychological tasks in older adults.
- **Brendan Pulsifier:** Face-name association learning in autosomal dominant Alzheimer's disease.

- **Christina Kay:** Motor timing intraindividual variability and structural volumes in healthy aging and mild cognitive impairment.
- **Katharine Hartnack:** The merging of assessment and psychotherapy in neuropsychology supervision: a new model.
- **Jane Studeny:** Cognitive flexibility and resilience in the context of coming out.
- **Laura Miller:** Integrated Care: The role of pediatric neuropsychology in an integrated primary care model.
- **Haley Duncanson:** Pilot study of an internet based self-guided mindfulness program for individuals with Multiple Sclerosis.
- **Liorah Sabbah:** Cognitive engagement and dementia severity: The Aging, Demographics, and Memory Study (ADAMS.)
- **Maria Valmas:** Associations of behavioral inhibition and cognitive functioning in relation to symptom subtype and treatment response in severe OCD.
- **Lee Ashendorf:** Tobacco use and cognition in Polytrauma Veterans; and Performance validity affects the relationship between tobacco use and reported symptom severity in a Polytrauma sample.
- **Clare O’Callaghan:** Auditory and Visual Consonant Trigrams in ADHD children: Correlation with the DuPaul ADHD Rating Scale.
- **Nancy Madigan:** Factors associated with prolonged, subjective postconcussive

symptom; and Factors contributing to executive functioning symptoms in mTBI.

- **Manuel Sedo:** “Five Digit Test”: Length of breastfeeding: Automatic and strained naming as indicators of readiness, self-control and effort; and “Five Digit Test”: Early dementia screening of illiterates (and in multilinguals).

Nominating Committee

Michelle Imber, Ph.D.

The Nominating Committee would like to thank all Members who voted in the 2016 elections. We had a quorum, with 35 respondents out of the 231 active members at the time.

We would like to congratulate the Members who will be joining the Board (or shifting to new positions!) in 2016:

- President-Elect: Lori Azzara, Psy.D.
- Treasurer-Elect: Kelly Karl, Psy.D.
- Member-at-Large: Tom Laudate, Ph.D.
- Member-at-Large: Flannery Geier, Psy.D.
- Student Member: Sagar Lad, M.S.

We are very excited to have this talented team joining the leadership of MNS!

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