President’s Report

Sandra Shaheen, Ph.D., ABPdN

After two decades of building its membership and its educational and scientific mission, MNS is making strides in community outreach, networking, and educating others of the role of neuropsychological research and practice. Here are a few new directions in which the Society has been expanding:

Speakers Bureau: Board members Stephanie Monahan-Blout and Mary Coakley Welch are working with MNS member Stephanie Craig to organize an outreach to the community on specialty topics. Now, members are educators, expanding the educational mission of MNS to be bi-directional. Join the Speaker’s Bureau, or make suggestions for outreach. To date, talks on Parkinson’s and on Sports concussion have been scheduled. Neuropsychologists are effective educators, and this outreach serves both as community service, and opportunity to explain the role of neuropsychology in managing a variety of illnesses and behaviors.

Science symposium: This tradition has always involved opportunity for meeting and renewing connections with colleagues in a social environment. To improve our program, we are continuing to secure outside sponsorship and provide access for students. We thank Pearson Corporation which is continuing to provide generous support for this important event, and we welcome the new support of PAR and ImPact corporations who have also pledged support this year. John J. Ratey, M.D., will present a talk entitled, What’s All the Fuss about Physical Exercise: Is It Really a Panacea for Mind/Brain As Well As Body? We expect that his talk will have cross-disciplinary interest and spur new dialogue. As thanks to John Ratey for agreeing to address our group, MNS is sponsoring a special award for best poster addressing this important topic. Volunteers Lee Ashendorf and Malissa Kraft are supporting BOD members Mike Cirillo, Mary Coakley Welch, Carol Leavell, and Cindy Levinson, by aiding in the fund-raising and poster submission aspects of this project.

Education program: MNS is an APA approved sponsor of continuing education programs for psychologists. It is hard to think of a year of more wide ranging topics—from brain changes accompanying systematic use of guided meditation, to the cumulative effects of sports related concussions on brain, to the use of adaptive technologies, to the comorbidity of psychiatric features in Asperger’s disorder. Members are welcome as volunteers for new workshops and talks planned for the fall.

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Communication: In addition to the new, increasingly interactive website, MNS is exploring opportunities to use Facebook and Twitter for timely communication. Electronic dues payment and program registration continues to increase our efficiency and saves thousands of dollars annually on mailing costs. Mike Cirillo, has done an exceptional job with consolidated reporting of Society activities with the bi-annual newsletter. The annual Open Meeting has offered opportunity for members to consult with attorney Robin Johnson on matters related to electronic records and correspondence, insurance regulations, and more. Thanks to Jenn Turek Quelly for her initiative on the website transition project, and to members who are approaching the board with additional ideas about timely communication of events and ideas. Thanks to Randy Otto for quick turnaround with new member applications, and for publicizing ever increasing benefits to members.

Professional Affairs: Collaboration is ever increasing on a number of levels. The MNS PAC is working with MPA, NAN, and APA on a number of initiatives. MNS is representing all neuropsychologists at Massachusetts Department of Health Hearings on the new Sports concussion management regulations, to help the commission clarify the important role of the neuropsychologist. MNS is contributing to FABBS efforts to petition for greater NIH research funding at a time of federal budget uncertainty. MNS is working with test publishers to contribute to new test development, and to help publishers understand the relationship between the reported administrative time for tests and insurer reference to these hours in estimating time needed for assessment. The PAC-Flash is a terrific new resource for reporting on PAC efforts, relevant actions, and practice tools. More than a dozen MNS members are working on PAC matters, with Michelle Imber as Chair and tireless coordinator of these efforts. Member ideas continue to be welcome.

Student Mentoring: Be part of this newest project! Yelena Bogdonova is taking the lead, and organizing a new effort to match members and students for clinical and research mentoring. MNS student members Maria Valmas and Colleen Casey have lent great ideas about current student needs, and Maxine Krengel continues to lend assistance.

Your turn. As the work of MNS is expanding to organize outreach, to collaborate nationally, with the publishers of the tools we use, and with our sister organizations, meetings are just one part of our mission. Help us reach ALL neuropsychologists in the state. As we work to keep costs low while expanding programs, the benefits of MNS membership, and representation of our profession within the state has never been more important. Help make new programs grow, and help define the mission of neuropsychology in these changing times. Encourage all your colleagues to join MNS.

Membership coordinator Randy Otto is responsive to suggestions to encourage new membership.

**2011 MNS Science Symposium**

**Michael A. Cirillo, Ph.D., ABPP-CN**  
**Mary Coakley Welch, Ph.D.**

**Members of the MNS Science Symposium Committee**

The MNS Board of Directors is excited to announce the 2011 Science Symposium to be held at Anthony’s Pier 4 on Tuesday, June 7. We will be hosting the poster session, hors d’oeuvres reception, and our featured speaker in the spacious Boston Room, overlooking Boston Harbor. Throughout the evening, we will enjoy harbor vistas from two, floor-to-ceiling windows that span the length and breadth of the room. Visit [www.pier4.com/directions.cfm](http://www.pier4.com/directions.cfm) for driving directions and public transportation details. Plenty of free parking is available on site.

Preferred registration is on-line at the MNS website:  
http://www.massneuropsych.org/continuing-education-lectures/science-symposium  
Or by mail: MNS 125 Nashua Street Boston, MA 02114  
Attn: Science Symposium

As part of this year’s Symposium we are pleased to again host a poster session which will provide a forum for young researchers in neuropsychology to share their work with local scientists and clinicians and an opportunity for our membership to keep abreast of current neuropsychological research.

We are now calling for submission of poster abstracts from any area of neuropsychological research. Research that represents a collaborative effort and/or work that has been previously presented at other meetings is welcome. Accepted posters will be displayed from 6:00 PM until about 7:15 PM at Anthony’s. Please plan on a 48” by 48” maximum size. An MNS review committee will enter all posters having a student or fellow as senior author into a judging competition. One student/fellow will be awarded the Nelson Butters Award for Scholarship in Neuropsychology for best poster, along with a cash prize of $250.00. Please note: Poster submissions are welcomed from all; BUT, only student/fellow first authors will be eligible for the Nelson Butters Award. Also new this year we will present the Ratey award for the best poster addressing the neuropsychological impact of exercise.

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS IS:** Friday, May 13, 2011.

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Please submit poster abstracts electronically to Dr. Lee Ashendorf at Lee.Ashendorf@va.gov. Additional documentation and a poster abstract submission form was distributed to all members in an earlier email. Feel free to e-mail Dr. Ashendorf or Dr. Michael Cirillo at michaelcirillo@hotmail.com if you have any questions. Please encourage all your colleagues to submit abstracts.

We are fortunate to welcome John J. Ratey MD as our speaker. Author of *Spark: The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain*, Dr. Ratey now brings his expertise regarding the neurobiology of the benefits of exercise to schools, businesses, government agencies, and medical practices across the country and throughout the world. He will address the MNS Science Symposium on the topic of: *What's All the Fuss about Physical Exercise: Is It Really a Panacea for Mind/Brain As Well As Body?*

You can read more about Dr. Ratey and his foundation at [www.sparkinglife.org](http://www.sparkinglife.org).

The evening’s events will unfold as follows:

- Poster Presenters set-up: 5:00PM - 6:00PM
- General Check-in: 5:30PM
- Poster Session and Reception: 6:00PM – 7:15 PM
- Speaker: 7:15 – 8:15
- Awards and Acknowledgements: 8:15 – 8:45
- The event ends at 9 PM.

Please join us...this is sure to be an evening to remember!

**Continuing Education Update**

**MNS Continuing Education Program Committee**

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

We are very excited to announce the Spring 2011 lecture series, already underway, which includes cutting edge topics in adult and pediatric neuropsychology, oncology, sports concussión, psychiatry and professional affairs.

On April 5, Karen Janowski MS. Ed. conveyed her passion about providing innovative technology solutions to reach all learners in her CE lecture, *Assistive Technology for Struggling Learners: What Every Neuropsychologist Needs to Know*. Participants learned about technology tools that compensate for and by-pass problems with reading and writing. Ms. Janowski provided a link to free resources she has reviewed and recommends to address a variety of learning needs. She explained federal Special Education requirements regarding access to Assistive Technology. She discussed how Universal Design for Learning Principles, (which are based on neuroscience findings that indicate variability in how people learn), can facilitate equal access to learning for all students. Her presentation fostered discussion regarding how students growing up in age of Web 2.0 read and access information differently and can produce content in a wide range of ways (written, video, audio); collaborate; and interact via the internet. Ms. Janowski, who earned her BS in Occupational Therapy at Tufts University and her MS Ed at Simmons College Graduate Program in Assistive Specialized Technology, is a frequent presenter and key note speaker at conferences and workshops across the country. Her publications include journal articles and book chapters on technology tools to support literacy and learning. She maintains a private Assistive Technology consulting practice in Reading, MA (EdTech Solutions, LLC). Additionally, she is an Adjunct Professor at Simmons College Graduate School of Special Education and is an Assistive Technology Specialist in the Newton Public Schools. If you missed her talk, you can read about her work and about Assistive Technology tools at her online publication: [http://teachingeverystudent.blogspot.com](http://teachingeverystudent.blogspot.com).

On Tuesday, May 3, Dr. Gagan Joshi will speak on the topic of “The Heavy Burden of Co-morbidity in Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Dr. Joshi will discuss the prevalence of psychiatric conditions such as Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder and Bipolar Disorder in these individuals and the impact on functioning and response to treatment. Dr. Joshi is the director of the Autism program in the Clinical Research Program in Pediatric Psychopharmacology at Massachusetts General Hospital.

On Tuesday June 7 we are looking forward to our annual science symposium. Full details are available in another section of the newsletter.

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 using our NEW website!

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MNS Speakers Bureau

The MNS Speakers Bureau is now open for business. In April, our premier presentation featured MNS member Alex Taylor addressing the April Showers Senior Women’s Hockey Tournament on: Sports Concussions in Adult Recreational Athletes. The opportunity allowed recreational athletes (who are also parents of child and teen athletes), to learn about prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and management of sports concussions.

We have had a great response from members about speaking to the community and have begun to advertise this service. This opportunity is open to any MNS members who would like to be available to speak to groups in the community on Neuropsychology topics.

The Speakers Bureau will connect MNS members with organizations (education, legal, medical, mental health, service, parent groups, community groups, etc.) who are seeking speakers on Neuropsychology topics.

We have speakers ready to give talks on a wide range of topics including: normal aging vs. dementia; cognitive strategies for older adults; LD/ADD: diagnosis & treatment in children and in adults; forensic neuropsychology; how to understand Psychological and Neuropsychological Evaluations; when to request a Neuropsychological Evaluation; differential diagnosis and reducing confusion about NLD/PDD/Asperger’s; neurophilosophy; and much more. We are ready to add your topics to the list.

Our speakers are ready to give talks across the state from Western MA to Cape Cod to Concord to the Northern Suburbs to the South Shore to Boston and to the Western Suburbs.

To add your name, topics, and contact information; OR to get involved in running the Speakers Bureau; OR if you know of a potential audience or hear of a request for a Speaker, please call Mary Coakley-Welch at 781-368-9020.

At anytime, if you hear of an opportunity/request for a Speaker, let us know or refer the group to www.massneuropsychology.org: Public Resources button; Speakers Bureau button.

Mary Coakley-Welch and Stephanie Monaghan-Blout are the MNS Board Speakers Bureau Coordinators. They are delighted to be working with Stephanie Craig, MNS Member/Speakers Bureau Committee Member

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. We recently completed and submitted our Annual Review, a big undertaking which was successfully completed thanks to many board members working together. This ensures that we remain in good standing with APA and can continue to offer the quality programs we strive for.

Member Participation

We are always interested in feedback and comments about our programming as we strive to meet your needs. 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!

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 Mau-reen K. O’Connor at maureen.oconnor@va.gov.

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!

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

MNS at INS: Kaplan Symposium, Reception and Hospitality Suite

Sandra Shaheen, Ph.D.

For the second time in a decade, the annual February INS meeting took place at the Boston Marriott Copley Hotel February 2-5. MNS used this venue to present a symposium in honor of Edith Kaplan, a founding MNS member, mentor and more to many practicing researchers and clinicians throughout the country. Sandra Shaheen organized the symposium, entitled Building Bridges in Neuropsychology: Evolution of the Discipline and Remembering Edith Kaplan.

The MNS annual Edith Kaplan award went to Russ Bauer, professor at University of Florida and incoming INS president. His talk “Disconnection, Dissociation Logic, and the Legacy of the Process Approach,” was a cornerstone of the symposium. The award is presented annually and honors the work of a neuropsychologist who has furthered development of the process approach through teaching, writing, or research. Russ was joined at INS by previous Kaplan award winners Rhoda Au, Bill Barr, and Dean Delis. Deborah Fein, University of Connecticut Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor served as discussant.

When Carmen Armengol had the foresight more than a dozen years ago to set up the Kaplan fund and work with Edith to establish criteria for the award, she may have envisioned a celebration, a reunion, an incentive for students of the process approach to think of how the approach could apply to new problems, or how the approach could be standardized for wider use. If so, the Kaplan symposium and reception at

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INS could be described as successful on all counts. Add that to a fabulously rich birthday cake decorated with the famous “clock” test, and an elegant champagne toast, and you can envision how celebration and collegiality were appropriate ways to celebrate what would have been Dr. Kaplan’s 88th birthday.

Over a hundred folks from as far away as Finland, Florida, Syracuse, and California arrived to contribute to the Kaplan fund, honor the Kaplan speaker, and exchange stories about their fabled mentor. MNS greeted Dr. Kaplan’s granddaughter and received well wishes from Michael Kaplan, her son. Paul Spiers shared a delightful slide show of photos featuring many of the attendees at other stages of life, along with Edith. As emcee, Paul introduced Cheryl Weinstein, Amy Weinstein, Lis Moes, and Carmen Armengol who along with Maxine Krengel, Sandie Shaheen, and Yelena Bogdonova organized the reception and invitations. MNS Board member Stephanie Monaghan Blout was indispensable in organizing both the hospitality room at the Marriott, and keeping track of registrations for the reception.

The MNS hospitality room was a success in a number of ways. The room served as a touch point for individuals who were meeting up, interviewing folks, planning book chapters together, and needed a rest stop. Information about Society activities spurred interest and some new members for the Society. INS was most generous in supporting our use of space during the conference, with Marriott staff providing gracious and flexible service.

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Report on Federation of Associations of Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FAABS)

Linda Zoe Podbros, Ph.D.

On December 06, 2010, I once again attended the annual meeting of FAABS, a coalition of scientific societies, as well as academic organizations and corporations, that share an interest in advancing the sciences of mind, brain, and behavior. The FAABS website (http://www.fabbs.org) lists the following ways that the Federation tries to meet the interests of its scientific societies:

- Educating federal representatives and Congress about the importance of research in the sciences of mind, brain, and behavior
- Advocating for legislation and policy that enhance training and research
- Providing sources of expertise and knowledge to federal agencies, Congress, and the media
- Encouraging the sound use of science in the creation of public policy
- Fostering effective interaction between agencies and organizations that fund research and the community of scientists and scientific societies
- Facilitating information exchange among constituent societies as well as other scientific organizations

MNS joined FAABS in 2007, in order to more fully represent the interests of MNS scientists via the legislative advocacy work, education, and communication of information carried out by the FAABS organization. MNS is the first and only regional society accepted into The Federation. I urge anyone who is interested to sign up for the FABBS Newsletter on their website.

At each annual meeting, the FAABS organization invites speakers from various Federal agencies to talk about the mission of their respective department, what monies they have for research in the behavioral and brain sciences, what kind of research projects they look for, and how they select what projects will get funded. This year, invited speakers were Katherine Nassauer, PhD, Program Manager, U.S. Army Medical Research, Susan E. Brandon, PhD, Chief of Research for the High Value Detainee Interrogation Group, an interagency...

Thanks Rus Bauer!

Following his well received presentation at the Kaplan symposium at INS in February, Dr. Rus Bauer made a large donation to MNS in honor of Edith Kaplan. Dr. Bauer graciously thanked the Society for our efforts in promoting exchange of ideas within the Society and at the international conference. Dr. Bauer is the most recent recipient of the Edith Kaplan award. Rus is incoming President of INS as well as Professor and Chair of the Department of Clinical and Health Psychology at the University of Florida, Gainesville. He is well known to many of us as co-editor of *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*.

In our most recent membership renewal campaign, MNS provided an opportunity for donations to be made to the Society. The MNS Board of Directors wants to thank those members and friends who have contributed thus far. Over $1500 has been received to apply to general MNS activities. In this way, we can continue to expand activities without raising dues. MNS is a 501c3 organization, and contributions may be made to further the educational mission and other activities of the organization. Contributions can still be made on the membership dues page.
group of the Department of Defense, Myron P. Gutmann, PhD, Assistant Director of the National Science Foundation with responsibility for the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Directorate, and William Klein, PhD, Associate Director, Behavioral Research Program, National Cancer Institute.

The FAABS Foundation has recently published a book, *Psychology and the Real World*, http://www.worthpublishers.com/newcatalog.aspx?disc=Psychology&course=IntroductoryPsychology&isbn=1429230436, a compilation of readings designed for an Intro to Psychology course as an accompaniment to the more standard textbook. This paperback book has essays by leading Psychologists across a variety of areas.

I have a couple of books that I could lend out to anyone who is interested.

The FAABS website will highlight research coming from members of the FAABS societies. This provides for increased exposure, on a national level, to the work of the members of our society. Currently, as a sample of our research, I have provided them with the names of the presentations at our Science Symposium, and this is listed under the Mass Neuropsychological Society. We can also list recently published articles/books from MNS members. If you are interested in doing so, please send them to me, so I can forward them onto the Federation.

Remember, that as a benefit of FAABS membership, MNS members get a dual membership discount on APA dues, a substantial savings.

Please feel free to e-mail me, lpodbros@neuropsy.us with any questions regarding the FAABS organization or if interested in seeing a copy of the book of readings.

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**Membership Update**

*Jennifer Turek Queally and Randy Otto*

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 2011 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 October, 2010. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming MNS events.

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“My 2 Cents”
A Word from the MNS Treasurer

Sigmund Hough, Ph.D., ABPP/rp

Thank you for your continued support through membership, donations, attendance, and most importantly active involvement. We all know that MNS stands for Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society but M also stands for membership...so let’s keep MNS strong together...it’s our profession and our organization.

My term as MNS Treasurer 2008-2011 has transitioned quickly and productively. We remain a strong and financially sound professional organization. Within the larger picture of national and world economy, we are appreciative for our current financial stability and activity as a professional society. We have maintained our nonprofit status and high quality events such as the Annual Symposium and lectures. We have not increased membership dues or the costs for continuing education. In fact, we have included some free continuing education lectures as a membership benefit (more to come, stay tuned). Membership satisfaction, retention and recruitment, along with professional community awareness, provide future directions for continuing efforts as an organization. Inherent in those efforts are facilitating sound fiscal management efforts, planning and cost containment.

I am appreciative of the foundation, guidance and support from the previous MNS Treasurer Gail Grodzinsky, Ph.D. The MNS Board Members have been great to work with over the years. I now take comfort in knowing that Yelena Bogdanova, Ph.D, MNS Treasurer-Elect will be taking over as MNS Treasurer later this year, bringing her expertise, commitment and energy in this capacity.

In parting, I leave you with a near quote from Star Trek (sorry if you are not a fan) in reference to being a Treasurer of an organization in these economic times ...“I take it the odds are against us and the situation’s grim”... “You could say that” ...If Spock were here, he’d say that I was an irrational, illogical human being for going on a mission like this...“Sounds like fun!” AND IT HAS BEEN FUN, signing off (for now, but the journey continues...).
Membership Benefits

- Membership vouchers for two free CE lectures per year, discount at all other monthly CE lectures, and select reciprocity discounts with other organizations’ events
- Professional Affairs Advocacy
- MNS List serve
  - Up to date practice advisory notices
  - Stay in touch with current issues
  - Connect with colleagues
  - Get referrals
- MNS Website
  - Information on MNS happenings and other local events
  - Website resources
  - Online Membership Directory
  - Simple dues payments
  - One click access to Board Members
  - Members-only section
- Receive information on national grants and other research funding opportunities through newsletters available exclusive through our association with Federation of Association in Behavioral and Brain Sciences.
- Free parking at Monthly Lectures- just show your membership card to waive parking fees
- MNS newsletter-two issues sent yearly
- We continue to work on providing discounts, such as APA membership dues and HP products