

Membership & Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2025 @ 3pm ET / 2pm CT / 1pm MT / 12pm PT (US)
4pm (Brazil)
10pm EEST (Greece)
July 24, 2025 @ 5am AEST (Australia)
Via Zoom

Education Committee Roll Call | Attended ⊠ | Did Not Attend □ Co-Chair Christina Hughes, MD, FCTMSS Co-Chair Samir Ibrahim, OAM, MBCHB, \boxtimes MPsych, FRANZCP Member Erin Amato, MD Member Ken Goolsby, MD X \times Member Izio Klein, MD Member Theodoros Koutsomitros, MD X \times Member Nick Mischel, MD, PhD Member Ifeanyi Olele, DO X \boxtimes Member Debra Stultz, MD President Joshua Brown, MD, PhD Vice \boxtimes Tracy Barbour, MD President

Guests & Staff

Staff: Jessi Maurer, Kami Risk Guest: Ibrahim Alsherief, Eliza Brink

I. Dr. Hughes called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm (ET)

Dr. Hughes introduced Dr. Ibrahim Alsherief who will act as a liaison between FACTMS and this Committee to coordinate shared initiatives.

II. Review May 28, 2025 meeting minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes.

There was a motion to approve the May meeting minutes, Seconded, Approved.

III. Update from Board of Directors

- International Task Force
 - This is a Presidential task force charged with exploring the formation of international chapters or affiliations to address Society time zone and geographic challenges.
 - Meeting time zones and annual meeting location feasibility were discussed as barriers to international participation.
 - A proposal includes localized leadership and events, with connections to the main Society body.

[&]quot;Members are reminded to disclose any changes in Conflict of Interest (COI) information since the most recent disclosure and follow all COI policies."



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- This Committee will receive regular updates from this task force and intends to aid in initiatives such as increasing international membership.
- Communication Platforms Task Force
 - This is a Presidential task force charged with evaluating all communication tools (social media, website, conferences, newsletters) as well as new platforms.
 - The goal is to increase engagement, membership, and retention, especially internationally and with non-psychiatrist professionals.
 - Opportunities for industry partnerships and sponsorships were discussed.

IV. Unfinished Business

- 2025 conference work group
 - Attendance at the Spanish Neuromodulation Conference and the RANZCP Conference in Australia are within the remaining budget. The Committee will need to ask the Executive Committee for an increase in budget of \$8000 in order to attend the NEI Conference in Colorado Springs this year.
 - Dr. Ibrahim will act as the booth representative at RANZCP. Staff expenses are not needed.
 - Staff will be hired as booth representatives at the Spanish Neuromodulation Conference booth.
 - Future conference suggestion:
 - Add Society for Brain Mapping and Therapeutics from April 16-19 in LA to the 2026 conference list.

There was a motion to attend the Spanish Neuromodulation Conference and RANZCP Conference within the current budget and submit a proposal to the Executive Committee for additional funds to attend NEI, Seconded, Approved.

ACTION – Dr. Hughes will write a proposal for additional funds and submit to the Executive Committee before their next meeting on August 4.

ACTION – Kami Risk will make the arrangements to attend the Spanish Neuromodulation and RANZCP conferences.

V. New Business

 Review the 2025-26 Committee goals and decide what sub-committees or task forces are needed



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- o Grow membership and expand global reach
 - Discussion emphasized aligning efforts with the International task force to avoid duplication.
 - A new task force was proposed to explore M&O specific steps like adjusting meeting times and SIC liaison outreach.
 - Revisit this item to determine a plan and next steps at the next meeting.
- o Enhance member value, engagement, and retention
 - Reaffirmed support for mentorship and content strategies.
- Digital presence and communications
 - The Social Media/Website sub-committee work will continue and will align efforts with the Presidential Communication Platforms task force.
- Maximize impact through strategic outreach and conference engagement
 - Discussed strategic attendance and budget considerations for upcoming conferences.

VI. Task Force and Sub-Committee Projects, Informational Items

- Fellows Task Force
 - Prompted by a request from Past President Martha Koo, concerns were raised about:
 - The five-year consecutive membership rule.
 - Inclusion of PhDs.
 - Lack of flexibility for international members.
 - This task force will be re-established with the new scope to review and possibly revise the current Fellow criteria, timeline, procedure, and Fellow application.
 - Dr. Ibrahim will lead the task force with Drs. Hughes, Goolsby, and Koo as members.

ACTION – Dr. Ibrahim will organize meetings of this task force.

• Social Media/Website Sub-Committee

- The scope of this sub-committee will remain unchanged for now.
- Mentorship Program Task Force



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- The Committee agreed to make this a standing sub-committee to provide continuity and foster growth.
 - The sub-committee will meet every other month and give regular updates to this Committee.
 - Dr. Mischel will lead the sub-committee with Drs. Hughes,
 Alsherief, and Klein as members.

There was a motion to create a Mentorship Program sub-committee tasked with evaluating the program's structure and growth, Seconded, Approved.

- Translating Slide Deck Task Force
 - No time for a report.
- Membership Survey Data Task Force
 - No time for a report.
- Australian Membership Task Force
 - No time for a report.
- 2025 Conference Attendance Work Group
 - See unfinished business.
- Newsletter Update
 - The scope of this sub-committee will remain unchanged for now.
- Membership update report
 - See agenda packet attachment.
- Outreach update report
 - See agenda packet attachment.
- VII. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 27, 2025 @ 3pm ET / 2pm CT / 1pm MT /12pm PT / 4pm Brazil / 10pm EEST and Thursday, August 28, 2025 @ 5am AEST
- VIII. Adjourn Meeting at 4:05pm (ET)