

Call to Order / Roll Call

a. Number of voting committee members: 14

b. Number of voting members for quorum: 8

Co-Chair	Mehmet Dokucu, MD, DFAPA, PhD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Co-Chair	Sarah Parsons, DO, FAPA, FACLP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
President	Joshua Brown, MD, PhD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	President-Elect	Tracy Barbour, MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Member	Mo Abgelghani, M MBBCh, MSc, FRCPsych, FCTMSS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Member	Bhavani Kashyap, PhD, MBBS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Member	Linda Carpenter, MD, FCTMSS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Member	Johnny O’Reardon, MD, FCTMSS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Member	Michelle Cochran, MD, DLFAPA, FCTMSS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Member	Randy Pardell, MD, DLFAPA, FCTMSS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member	Kim Cress, MD, FCTMSS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Member	Richard Pitch, MD, FCTMSS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Member	Maria Davila, MD, DFAPA, FASAM, FCTMSS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Member	Jonathan Schwartz, MD	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member	Karen Giles, MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-Voting Member	Rebecca Allen, MD, MPH, FCTMSS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Member	Todd Hutton, MD, DLFAPA, FCTMSS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Staff

Staff	Jesse Howard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Staff	Rebecca Renner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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I. Call to Order

M. Dokucu called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM EST.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 21 committee meeting duly made, seconded and approved.

III. Discussion Items:

The committee was advised that the confirmed invited speakers have been added to the conference website. This includes Leanne Williams, Joseph Taylor, Saydra Wilson, and Daniel Ciampi de Andrade. The Executive Office has not received a headshot or bio from Alvaro Pascual Leone. Committee members also discussed Linda Carpenter’s invitation and which topic her session should cover. L. Carpenter advised that her talk could be another literature review like the one she did for the 2025 meeting or a review of her maintenance data that will be published by the 2026 Annual Meeting. Committee members decided to leave the decision to L. Carpenter on what her talk should cover.

The committee then discussed lengthening the Annual Meeting from a two-day conference to a three-day conference. It was noted that if the meeting was extended, this would not go into effect until the 2028 meeting as the 2027 contract is currently being finalized. Members agreed that an additional day would allow the Annual Meeting to have more networking time, more scientific content, and a less rushed experience. The committee also discussed whether the conference should be lengthened at the front end or at the back end of the already existing schedule. It was noted that if the conference was extended at the front end, this would affect any pre-conference options, such as PULSES and Pain Academy. Additionally, if the meeting was extended at the back end, it would affect the Board Meeting that typically occurs the day after the conference ends.

It was suggested that there be a “business day” that is added to the meeting where any business meetings could be held, but also include committee meetings, SIC’s, and networking opportunities. The committee decided to hold off on discussing the way content should be distributed for a three-day conference but rather determine whether it would be of interest to the committee members. The Executive Office will put together 3 different schedule options with an extended Annual Meeting. It was noted that the Executive Office will also determine the estimated expense increase to ensure the committee and leadership are comfortable with this. Additionally, it was noted that lengthening the conference would likely result in the need to increase the cost of registration.

The committee then discussed potential locations for the 2028 Annual Meeting, with J. Brown highlighting the society’s interest in Taiwan. Committee members were excited about this location, but it was emphasized that this is not finalized, and the RFP will be sent to other cities as well. Some members expressed concerns over the need for a visa or difficulty traveling from China. It was noted that travelers from the United States do not currently need a visa to travel to Taiwan.

IV. Adjournment

M. Dokucu advised that the committee meetings will occur monthly following the December 2nd meeting. M. Dokucu adjourned the meeting at 6:41 PM EST.

The next committee meeting will be held on December 2nd at 3pm PT / 5pm CT / 6pm ET / 11pm BST.