

issues upon which we can work together. There has been particularly valuable camaraderie and rapprochement in collaborations between our Professional Affairs Committee (under the leadership of Dr. Kira Armstrong) and the Massachusetts Psychological Association's Assessment Committee (co-led by our MNS colleague, Dr. Roger Cohen). We had the pleasure of hosting Dr. Elena Eisman (Executive Director, MPA) and Dr. Karen Postal (President Elect, MPA and now MNS member) to discuss topics of mutual concern where we can work together and to recognize topics that need to be addressed independently. Your Board of Directors received an invitation to attend an MPA Board Meeting in the future in reciprocity and to encourage continued and appropriate collaborative work.

We have actively informed the membership of regional threats to our profession, as well as legislative and professional achievements and successes. We believe it important for us to know and share what is going on nationally and internationally so that we can keep you apprised of what is occurring and allow you, as proactively as possible, the chance to consider whether or not you want to take part in action and/or even want us to take action on particular issues. Also, when we can come together to supportively assist our colleagues in other regions on concerns that impact them, we establish a stronger advocacy network for collaboration on future mutual concerns, while we also establish a stronger support network for future advocacy on issues that may impact us more directly.

We continue to build our relationship with NAN and APA Division 40 on a variety of professional affairs related issues that impact us all, including but not limited to addressing access to care issues with several HMO's and lowering of Medicare reimbursements regionally (7%), even in the context of the agreed 10.1% roll-back of previous nationally mandated planned reductions from January 2008 until June 2008 when further congressional reconsideration is planned. We have also met with Blue Cross/Blue Shield to advocate for our members directly, especially in the context of continued concerns about recent reductions in reimbursement that were not advertised in a timely fashion to allow for discussion as well as continued concerns regarding implementation of their TOPS Outcome Initiative.

Perhaps of greatest importance, I have emphasized over this year the need for us to remain involved with the education and training of our most valuable resource, the students of Neuropsychology. Our student Board of Directors representative, Daniel Seichepine, MA has been an extremely active board member representing the needs and activities of our students. He has been working tirelessly on several projects, one of which is to establish a Training Directory for local students. We are hoping to post this directory on our website soon.

Our membership continues to grow under the helm of our membership director, Dr. Sara Hoffschmidt. The Society remains financially strong under the guidance and watchful eye of our treasure, Dr. Gail Grodzinsky. In sum, MNS is a healthy society that has never been in a better position politically and fiscally to serve our membership and grow.

Finally, let me remind you all that June 13, 2008 is our Annual Scientific Symposium with 3 plenary speakers (Dr. Donald T. Stuss of The Rotman Institute, Toronto; Dr. John D. Gabrieli of MIT;

and, Dr. Jane Holmes Bernstein, Children's Hospital, Boston) followed by our 20th Anniversary Gala Dinner and Festivities, including special honors to Dr. Edith Kaplan and other activities that will make this a truly fun and memorable event. In advance, I wish to thank the Board of Directors for their concerted work on the Gala, with particular accolades to Drs. Paul Spiers, Sandra Shaheen, Raquelle Mesholam-Gately, Dana Penney, and Gail Grodzinsky. Please reserve the date.

I thank our editor, Dr. Raquelle Mesholam-Gately, and hope you enjoy this edition of the MNS Newsletter.

~Get Connected 2008 MNS Membership Drive~

FREE CEs

Invite a lapsed MNS member to re-connect with MNS and receive a coupon good for *Free CEs for any 1 regular lecture in January, February, or March 2009*, when the lapsed member is reinstated as a Full Member and names you as their "MNS Connection."

THE RULES

- Both the current member and the lapsed member need to complete the brief entry form at the www.massneuropsychology.org membership page, so we know who recommends whom.
- To receive Free CEs you have to be listed in the MNS database as a paid 2008 member.
- The lapsed member needs to be listed in the MNS database archive or able to verify prior membership, for example via dues payment record.
- Entries need to be completed by December 15, 2008.
- Coupons will be e-mailed to members before the January 2009 lecture.
- Only one entry per member please.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DISCOUNT

Invite a friend to start a connection with MNS and receive a coupon good for \$20 off your 2009 membership renewal when your friend is accepted as a Full Member and names you as their "MNS Connection."

THE RULES

- The MNS Applicant needs to complete the regular membership application found at the www.massneuropsychology.org membership page and needs to name a current member as their connection.
- The current MNS member needs to complete the brief entry form found on the membership page and name the applicant as their connection.
- The member needs to be listed in the MNS database as a paid 2008 member to receive the discount coupon.
- Entries need to be completed before January 1, 2009.
- Only one entry per member please

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THE FINE PRINT

- MNS will make considerable effort to help you verify your membership status. However, we're sorry that discounts cannot be given out in the absence of prior listing in the MNS database or other concrete verification.
- Winners are responsible for saving their coupons; misplaced coupons cannot be reissued.
- Membership drive applies to Full Members only.

MNS 20th Anniversary Gala

Hard to believe that it was 20 years ago when I heard that a new professional organization was starting up that was to be called the Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society (MNS). Not hard to believe, however, that it was Edith Kaplan who told me about it, and who made it abundantly clear to me that I had to join!

Since then MNS has grown to become a voice for neuropsychologists, not only for clinicians, and not only in Massachusetts, but a voice for all of us, and one that is now being heard on a national level. Many excellent presentations have been heard at the monthly conferences and the annual scientific symposia. Renowned clinicians and researchers have been honored and have become a part of our history. In keeping with this tradition, the MNS Board wishes to invite you to join us for what we hope will be a truly exceptional celebration of our first twenty years.

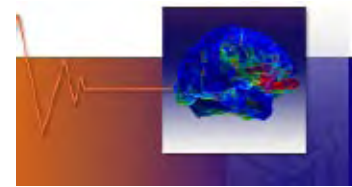
Join us for a very special afternoon of presentations by three superb neuropsychologists, Drs. Jane Holmes Bernstein, John Gabrieli, and Donald Stuss. This exciting program will take place in the intimate atmosphere of the MIT Faculty Club. We will just have to draw the curtains until the reception and dinner, so as to avoid being distracted by the wonderful views of Beacon Hill and the Charles River.

Following the presentations, we will adjourn to another room for cocktails, appetizers and our annual poster session with the judging of the fiercely contested Nelson Butters Student Research Award. Returning to the main rooms, dinner will be served with complimentary wine and we will invite everyone to share their favorite stories and reminisce together about our past. We will also honor a scientist-clinician who is really the mother of modern neuropsychological assessment by celebrating Dr. Edith Kaplan's INS Lifetime Achievement Award, which was presented to her this February in Hawaii.

While the cost this year is a little more than usual, I personally guarantee that you will more than get your money's worth. We are also very grateful to our friends at Psych Corp/Harcourt and PAR for helping to sponsor our anniversary celebration. Their support will help to make this an even more special day and evening.

Please join us. And get your reservation in early, because once capacity is reached, the fire marshal will close the faculty club doors. I look forward to seeing you on Friday the 13th!

Paul Spiers, Ph.D.
Gala Co-Chair
MNS Board of Directors



20th Anniversary Celebration



Friday, June 13th, 2008

MIT Faculty Club

Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society

Scientific Symposium & Gala Celebration

Presented by

The Psychological Corporation -Harcourt Assessment

- 1:30 Scientific Symposium
(Fee includes 3 CE Credits)
Jane Holmes Bernstein *Children's Hosp. Boston*
John D. E. Gabrieli *MIT, Cambridge*
Donald T. Stuss *Rotman Institute, Toronto*
- 5:30 Reception & Poster Session
Sponsored by Psychological Assessment
Resources, Inc (PAR)
- 7:00 Gala Dinner & Festivities

For more information, to receive a brochure,
or to register for this program,
visit the MNS website at

<http://www.massneuropsychology.org/index.htm>

MIT Faculty Club
50 Memorial Drive
Cambridge, MA 02139

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CALL FOR POSTERS

**MNS 20th ANNIVERSARY GALA AND SCIENCE
SYMPOSIUM**

MIT Faculty Club, 6th Floor
50 Memorial Drive
Cambridge, MA 02139

Registration: 1:30 PM
Lectures: 2:30 – 5:30PM
Poster Session and Reception: 5:30PM
Dinner and Festivities: 7:00PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2008

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

*Jane Holmes Bernstein, Ph.D., John D.E. Gabrieli, Ph.D.,
and Donald T. Stuss, Ph.D.*

The Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society (MNS) is pleased to announce its 20th Anniversary Gala and Science Symposium. The poster session 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. Detailed information about the gala and symposium, as well as the location site, the **MIT Faculty Club**, will be mailed separately or can be viewed on our website: www.massneuropsychology.org.

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 during the reception period at 5:30pm. Standard 4' X 8' format will be used. 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; however, *only student/fellow first authors* will be eligible for the Nelson Butters Award.

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS IS:
Friday, MAY 16, 2008.**

Please submit poster abstracts electronically to Raquelle Meshulam-Gately, Ph.D., at rmeshola@bidmc.harvard.edu. If you do not have an electronic version of the abstract form, be sure to include the information requested on the form (see pg. 5). Feel free to e-mail or call 617-626-9409 if you have any questions.

Please encourage all your colleagues to submit abstracts. Don't forget to block off Friday, June 13, 2008 on your calendars!

MNS Continuing Education Report

Sandra Shaheen, Ph.D

CE program Coordinator

20th Anniversary Gala Symposium: "The Past informs the Future"

As you have read, MNS will be celebrating its 20th anniversary with a special gala program on June 13, 2008. While the schedule of events and other details about the gala has already been enumerated in this newsletter, as well as in mailings and on our website, I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with more information about our three illustrious keynote speakers. Founding member, Dr. Jane Holmes Bernstein, will lead members to a Gala Dinner with a talk on "Things change; do they stay the same? Twenty years of neuropsychology in Massachusetts." Dr. Bernstein will review changes in neuropsychological practice in the last two decades—from scientific knowledge to clinical practice strategies and reimbursement models, and consider future directions and persisting challenges in the development of scientific knowledge and the delivery of clinical services. Dr. Bernstein is currently dividing her time between teaching and research responsibilities at the Children's Hospital and providing professional consultation services in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in the West Indies. She is Senior Associate in Psychology / Neuropsychology at Children's Hospital Boston and on the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. She was director of the Neuropsychology Program at the Children's Hospital from 1987 to 2004. She is also a member of a team helping to establish the Collaborative Child Development Programme and is working to develop a service learning network that brings US and Canadian students to Trinidad to provide professional services to the Immortelle School for Children with Special Needs and the Preschool Programme of the Cotton Tree Foundation, a community based non-governmental organization serving a disadvantaged community.

Earlier in the afternoon, we will welcome Dr. John Gabrieli to speak on "Inducing Plasticity in the Human Brain: Evidence from fMRI." Dr. Gabrieli is the Grover Hermann Professor of Health Sciences and Technology and Cognitive Neuroscience at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Director of the Athinoula A. Martinos Imaging Center at the McGovern Institute for Brain Research, and Co-Director of the MIT Clinical Research Center. His research examines normal brain functions and diseases of those functions that occur in Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, autism, dyslexia, and attention deficit disorder. He also studies how changes in brain functions underlie the growth of mental abilities in children and the decline of some abilities in normal aging. He will discuss how plasticity can be measured and how it can be enhanced by reward and by biofeedback.

We are also pleased to welcome Dr. Donald Stuss who will travel from Toronto to address the Society with a review entitled "Thirty-Five Years of Frontal Lobe Research: Anything New?" Dr. Stuss will outline an approach to focal lesion research, present experimental and clinical neuropsychological data demonstrating the existence of three distinct attentional processes within the frontal lobes, and demonstrate evidence that these processes unfold in an

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MNS 20th Anniversary Gala And Science Symposium June 13, 2008

Please use the box provided or send an abstract of similar length with the information requested below. Use single line spacing. Poster format: 4'x 8'. E-mail to Raquelle Mesholam-Gately, Ph.D. at rmeshola@bidmc.harvard.edu or mail to Raquelle Mesholam-Gately, Ph.D., Massachusetts Mental Health Center, Shattuck Hospital Campus, 180 Morton Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 by **May 16, 2008**. You will receive notification of acceptance by e-mail or phone. Call Raquelle Mesholam-Gately at 617-626-9409 if you have questions.

Title of Poster: _____

Author(s): _____

Is the Presenting Author a Student or Research Associate?: Yes No

Affiliation(s): _____

Mailing address: _____

Daytime Telephone/Fax and Email address: _____

Abstract:

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integrated neural network in real time. Dr. Stuss is the Reva James Leeds Chair in Neuroscience and Research Leadership and Professor of Psychology and Medicine (Neurology and Rehabilitation Science) at the University of Toronto, as well as the Vice President of Research and Academic Education, and Director of the Rotman Research Institute at Baycrest. Dr. Stuss' emphasis is on the understanding and rehabilitation of the functions of the frontal lobes in patients with focal lesions, in dementia, and in normal aging.

The MNS Board, and event speaker program co-chairs, Drs. Paul Spiers and Sandie Shaheen, think each talk will provide an unusually stimulating perspective on our field for each of us. See you there!

Spring meetings attracted large numbers

The May 5, 2008 meeting featured 2007 Edith Kaplan Award winner, Dr. Carmen Armengol, Associate Professor in the Department of Counseling and Applied Educational Psychology at Northeastern University. Dr. Armengol spoke on "Neuropsychological Services for Alternative Populations: Cross Cultural and Ecological Perspectives." Her presentation highlighted the needs of non-English speaking populations for reliable assessment of brain-based injuries. She introduced instruments for assessment and resources for intervention for non-English speaking populations or individuals raised in other cultures.

Our April 1st meeting featured MNS Board Member, Dr. Paul Spiers, and his colleague, Dr. Jim Doyle, veteran litigator and writer, whose cases have ranged from death row appeals and murder trials to will contests and path-breaking civil liberties cases. Attorney Doyle is the author of *True Witness: Cops, Courts, Science* and *The Battle Against Misidentification: A Narrative History of the Struggle to Mobilize Psychological Science in Eyewitness Prosecutions*. He has taught on the faculties of Georgetown Law Center, Boston University School of Law and the Roger Williams University School of Law. Jim lectures nationally to lawyers and general audiences, and he has appeared as a commentator on NPR, CNN, and Court TV. He was a member of the Planning Panel for the National Institute of Justice's pioneering Technical Working Group on Eyewitness Evidence. Dr. Doyle practices with the Boston firm of Carney & Bassil. His presentation with Dr. Spiers was entitled "Prosopagnosia in the Courtroom."

Following an open meeting in which board members reported on budget status and plans for the society, pediatric neuropsychology researcher, Dr. Nadine Gaab of the Children's Hospital Division of Developmental Medicine engaged nearly 50 members in a March presentation on "Linking Music, Language, and Dyslexia: Evidence from Behavioral and Imaging Studies." Dr. Gaab described an innovative methodology for engaging young children in fMRI and presented evidence on the use of music training to enhance reading in young children.

Questions about preparation for Board Certification in Neuropsychology were fielded at our January meeting by Dr. Kira Armstrong, MNS Secretary and Chair of the MNS Professional Affairs Committee. Dr. Armstrong is about to publish a book with co-authors Drs. Beebe, Hilsabeck, and Kirkwood called *A Step-by-Step Guide to ABPP/ABCN Certification in Clinical Neuropsychology: How to Become Boarded Without Sacrificing Your Sanity*. Dr. Erin Hill served as discussant.

As the 2008-2009 program begins in September 2008, look for presentations on Autism by Dr. Nouchine Hadjikhani of the Martinos Center at MGH and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology. Also planned is an update on cognitive factors in Bipolar Disorder with Dr. Tony Guiliano. Our annual Cermak and Kaplan lectures are also planned as are workshops on the newly revised WAIS-IV. "Stay tuned" and look for advance announcements on our website, www.massneuropsychology.org.

APA Accreditation: MNS is pleased to announce that our APA sponsorship renewal has been approved for another 5 year period. MNS offers high quality, affordable lectures and other programs to members and other professionals in the fields of neuropsychology science and practice. We are interested in ideas brought to us by our member colleagues, and have incorporated many of these into programming in the last two years. If you have an idea, or would like to participate in any way in the Continuing Education programming, please contact Drs. Sandie Shaheen or Maxine Kregel through the website.

Update from the Membership Director

Sara J. Hoffschmidt, Ph.D.

Our membership continues to grow. Thanks to everyone who participated in the "Get Connected" program and referred new members or encouraged former members to re-join.

The Board of MNS would like to welcome the following people, and we look forward to seeing you at MNS events!

Regular Members

Anne Bellefeuille, PhD
Robyn Kervick, PhD
Susan McLaughlin-Beltz, PhD
Andrea Piatt, PhD
Karen Postal, PhD

Student Members

Veronica Bordes, MED
Jennifer Cromer, PhD
Kristy Klein, MA
Karen Mikolic, MS
Anya Potter, BS
Karina Stavitsky, BS

CONNECT WITH COLLEAGUES THROUGH THE LISTSERV

The MNS Listserv is a vibrant discussion group in which you can learn the latest news, pose professional questions to colleagues, and stay connected with the society.

Email admin@massneuropsychology.org for instructions to join the listserv. Be sure to include your full name in the email so the administrator can verify your membership in MNS.

MNS Member Spotlight: Edith F. Kaplan, Ph.D.

To kick off our new "MNS Member Spotlight" feature, we present the following article on our new Board of Directors member, Dr. Paul Spiers. We invite similar submissions highlighting accomplishments of other MNS members (noteworthy publications, humanitarian endeavors, kudos, etc.) - send us an e-mail via the MNS website at www.massneuropsychology.org (select "contact us").

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Lifetime Distinguished Career Award Awarded to Dr. Edith Kaplan By Dr. Dawn Bowers, International Neuropsychological Society

On February 6, 2008, The International Neuropsychological Society in Hawaii (Big Island) was presented to Dr. Edith Kaplan the Lifetime Distinguished Career Award. Edith F. Kaplan is among a distinguished group of individuals who played a pivotal role in establishing neuropsychology as a distinct clinical and professional discipline. As founder of the Boston Process Approach to neuropsychological assessment, she initiated a movement in the United States that offered a radical alternative to strictly quantitative assessment batteries by highlighting the importance of cognitive strategies and error pattern analysis versus sole reliance on outcome scores. Dr. Kaplan was born and raised in NYC, spoke German until beginning kindergarten, and graduated in 1949 from Brooklyn College with a degree in Psychology under the tutelage of Heinz Werner. She received her Ph.D. in developmental psychology from Clark University and began working, in 1956, at the Boston VAMC, where she and her neuropsychology colleagues created an ambience of intellectual excitement over several decades that came to be known as the "golden era of neuropsychology".

Among her early contributions were a study of the development of word meanings (Werner & Kaplan 1952), a study of normal praxis (Kaplan, 1968), and a pivotal case study of a patient with a human disconnection syndrome (Geschwind & Kaplan, 1962), which in 1998 was cited by the journal *Neurology* as a "landmark case" in the field of behavioral neurology/neuropsychology. In 1976, she became director of the neuropsychology service of the Boston VAMC, took charge of the neuropsychology internship training program, and went on to train large cadres of interns, graduate students, and post-doctoral fellows who themselves have gone on to train others in the Boston process approach.



Dr. Kaplan has been one of the most productive and influential teachers in the practice of clinical neuropsychology. She is author or co-author of some of the most widely used neuropsychological tools in the field including the Boston Naming Test, the Boston Diagnostic Aphasia Exam (the first of its kind for systematically classifying the aphasia subtypes), the California Verbal Learning Test, The Delis-Kaplan Executive Function System, Clock Drawing, qualitative analysis of the Rey Osterreith, the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale-Revised as a Neuropsychological Instrument, Wechsler Intelligence Scale in Children as a Process Instrument. She served as President of the International Neuropsychological Society in 1979, as President of Division 40 of APA, and as a board member of the Academy of Aphasia. Over the years, she has received numerous accolades for her accomplishments. Currently, Dr. Kaplan defies all ageist stereotypes and remains active as Professor of Psychology at Suffolk University as well as Boston University School of Medicine.

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

The Federation of Behavioral, Psychological & Cognitive Sciences: Report on December 3, 2007 *Linda Zoe Podbros, Ph.D.*

On December 3rd, I represented MNS at The Federation's 2007 annual meeting in Washington, DC. The day long meeting included talks and discussions held in the conference room of the APA building, a beautiful building right in the midst of Capitol Hill. Attending this meeting, not only did I gain a greater understanding of the mission and workings of The Federation and its associated Foundation, but also provided some reality as to how our APA dues are spent.

The meeting began at 7:30 with a hearty buffet breakfast. At 8:00, the Federation President welcomed the participants with opening remarks. Participants mostly included reps and some directors from the 22 societies and also officers and staff of the Federation and the Foundation. The 22 societies of The Federation are as follows:

- American Educational Research Association
- American Psychological Association
- Association for Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback
- Association for Behavior Analysis
- Behavior Genetics Association
- Cognitive Science Society
- Human Factors and Ergonomics Society
- International Behavioral Neuroscience Society
- International Society for Developmental Psychobiology
- Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society
- National Academy of Neuropsychology
- Psychonomic Society
- Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology
- Society for Computers in Psychology
- Society of Experimental Social Psychology
- Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology
- Society for Judgment and Decision Making
- Society for Mathematical Psychology
- Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology
- Society for Personality and Social Psychology
- Society for Psychophysiological Research
- Society for Research in Psychopathology

I list the individual societies to give you an idea of the wide spectrum of interests represented by the Federation. MNS is the first ever regional society accepted into The Federation. The Federation came into existence in December 1980 with eight charter members, its mission being to represent the interests of scientists in behavioral, psychological and cognitive sciences through legislative advocacy, education to the public, and communication of information to scientists. The Federation's interest is to identify problems and to address them.

After opening remarks, each organization representative was given up to three minutes to say a few words about the organization they represent. When it came my turn, I distributed copies of last year's newsletter and also the MNS informational flier. I provided

some of the early history of MNS, beginning in the mid 80's and described MNS's strong CE program covering new developments in assessment as well as representing basic research. I described the active involvement of our Professional Affairs Committee in state-wide and national professional affairs. I mentioned how every year, MNS selects a student as recipient of the Nelson Butters' Award for excellence in research, invites a speaker who has shown excellence in memory research to present the Laird Cermak lecture, and selects a recipient for the Edith Kaplan Award for significant contribution to neuropsychological assessment. Many of the individuals around the table were well aware of the extraordinary contributions of these individuals. Massachusetts is certainly unique in the legacy it has given to Neuropsychology. It was gratifying later on, during the break, when several individuals approached me to hear more about our organization and its constituent members.

Following the introductions, Barb Wanchisen, Executive Director, presented The Federation's annual report. Her overview described the work of The Federation in representing the behavioral sciences at various Federal Hearings and Congressional Briefings. Next on the agenda was a presentation and roundtable discussion led by Howard Egeth, Federation Past-President and Jim Pomerantz, current Foundation President, on designing an X-Prize in the behavioral sciences.

Following a luncheon buffet, there were presentations from three invited guests. Dr. Grover Whitehurst, Director of the Institute of Education Sciences, spoke about the need to improve quality and positive outcomes in education. Dr. Chester Gipson, Deputy Administrator, United States Department of Agriculture, spoke on animal care in research. He discussed the difference between animal welfare, which is their responsibility, and animal rights, which is not under the province of the Federal government, although they are contacted all the time by animal rights groups. He addressed what inspectors can do and what they cannot do. It was interesting to learn that the Federal government only mandates rules about conducting research with large animals, such as primates and horses, but not about small animals, such as rats. Dr. Gipson addressed issues raised by some of the societies, which had been submitted to him prior to the meeting. Lastly, Dr. David Shurtleff, Director of the Division of Basic Neuroscience and Behavioral Research, National Institute of Drug Abuse, presented funding opportunities now available through NIDA for behavioral scientists.

After another short break, the next three hours consisted of the Business Meeting. There was open discussion regarding Council Representatives' issues, the day's presentations, future planning and programming ideas, and society concerns. There was a report from the Foundation's President on the Foundation's activities over this past year. The Foundation, better known as FABBS, stands for Foundation for The Advancement of Behavioral and Brain Sciences. FABBS, begun two years ago, is an educational, non-profit organization established as a supporting organization to The Federation to assume the educational and communication function of The Federation so that The Federation can focus on advocacy. As I learned, The Federation, identified as a C6 organization, is restricted with respect to the exchange of money. FABBS is a C3 organization and is free of these restrictions. Current fund-raising activities of FABBS are

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the publication of a book, tentatively entitled *Psychology and the Real World: Essays Illustrating Fundamental Contributions to Society*, due to come out next year, which is expected to bring in much revenue, an In Honor program, which is the main fundraising stream, and science cafés.

The In Honor program is a donation program through which individuals are able to make donations that recognize a special person for his or her achievements, contributions, or good works, or honor someone who is celebrating a milestone. It is a great way to not only pay tribute to distinguished individuals, but to also demonstrate support for the behavioral and brain sciences. 2006 Honorees include Endel Tulving and William K. Estes. Certainly, if there is an individual who MNS would like to add to the In Honor program, I would be glad to submit the name. Science Cafés are special events intended to present the public with unique opportunities to learn about behavioral and brain sciences in an interactive and social environment. They feature lectures given by leading researchers in conjunction with hands-on activities. Cafés are hosted in the evenings and on weekends in DC-area museums and other prestigious venues. Three recent cafés were reviewed, all deemed highly successful. *Propaganda and Persuasion: Psychology's Use in Intelligence*, held at the International Spy Museum, creatively reviewed the six universal principles of influence. *How Do I Love Thee? The Biology and Psychology of Attachment*, held at the Smithsonian National Zoological Park, defined "love" and "attachment" from the scientific perspective. *Unraveling the Mysteries of the Brain & Mind in the Aftermath of Terri Schiavo and Related Cases*, held at the American Association for the Advancement of Science, addressed the issue of consciousness from neurological and psychological perspectives.

The Federation and FABBS's Treasurer Judith Albino reviewed the budgets and discussed a dues increase proposal, which was voted in. For MNS, this will involve an increase of \$1.00/member for 2009. Lastly, Executive Committee Parting Awards were given, and brief comments from the Federation President-Elect Leaetta Hough.

The meeting ended at 6:00. Participants later converged for dinner at Buccca di Beppo, which gave opportunity for representatives from societies and Federation/Foundation staff to socialize in a more informal atmosphere.

I have been asked by some of you whether there was anything I learned about advocacy and influence that can be brought home to MNS. The answer to that is twofold. One is that it was instructive to see how The Federation/FABBS goes about meeting various needs of behavioral scientists and behavioral research. Problems are often identified by constituent societies; The Federation/FABBS has the know-how and the political connections to address these issues, and are doing a very good job influencing people who make decisions. However, this does not happen without money, and being in the right place. It takes about \$10,000 to put on a Café; the budget of FABBS is small, and hence this would require the individual society or societies to raise a large proportion of this money. Also, being in the DC area is also critical, close to those individuals or government agencies who dictate policy and direct decisions. In my opinion, over the years, MNS, through the work of its Board of Directors and the Professional Advisory Committee, has done a remarkable job influencing policy decisions which affect Mass. neu-

ropsychologists. Perhaps, one direction we might consider is how to reach out and utilize the assistance of additional members, asking them to take a role but not a lot of time, in order to not overly burden the relatively few members who sit on the BOD and the PAC. Also, the BOD turns a different shape from year to year, as people leave and others come on. I personally like the idea of establishing regional representatives, neuropsychologists who are most familiar with the issues within their own region, and the practice of the other neuropsychologists near them. For example, the regional representatives can identify issues/topics to bring to MNS and be part of the process to address them. Having a mechanism in place that allows for some consistency and also a greater distribution of involvement may put MNS in a more secure place in the future, not only to take on emerging issues in a timely and cost-effective manner, but also to better meet the needs of members throughout the State.

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*For more details, please see p.3 of this newsletter as well as our website,
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