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Dear Friends,

Spring is here – hooray!! I hope this finds you all well. While it may seem like we just had the 2022 ACNP meeting, we are already getting ready for our ACNP 62nd Annual Meeting this December '23, at the JW Marriott Tampa Water Street and Tampa Marriott Water Street in Tampa, Florida. Our volunteers, Committees, Council, and Executive Council members have been hard at work developing new plans and initiatives and putting together a truly outstanding scientific meeting. Thanks to all who have already submitted panels, mini-panels, and study groups reflecting your latest research.

We are once again planning for a terrific hybrid meeting. Thankfully, this year the choice for hybrid is less due to a pandemic, but in recognition of this important flexible option to make the meeting accessible for those unable to travel. The decision this year was also to provide the most options for a breadth of important safety concerns in our current challenging social climate - related to this, please stay tuned for more communications soon from Council related to our planning and considerations for future ACNP meetings. We do encourage, for those who can, to please attend in person; we've worked hard to create a safe, friendly, and exhilarating environment, and there's nothing like meeting in person for sharing our latest data and forging new collaborations.

As you know, the annual meeting is also when we welcome travel awardees and elect new associate and full members. Please take a few moments to think of worthy and deserving individuals to promote to Associate Member and full Member status. The ACNP has always drawn the best and brightest, in large part because our members have always taken the time to thoughtfully nominate such individuals. Recruiting the best and brightest awardees often goes hand in hand with increasing diversity within our College - so please remember that if you nominate an underrepresented minority or woman for associate or full membership, you can submit a second nomination. Also, please remember to nominate deserving members, in particular women and underrepresented minorities, for our 2023 Honorific Awards!

Thank you for all you do for the ACNP. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Award Nominations: We are now accepting nominations for the 2023 Honorific Awards. This is a great opportunity to honor and recognize individuals who have made an impact on neuropsychopharmacology and/or the College. The Honorific Awards Committee urges you to nominate a deserving colleague and **encourages the nomination of women and minorities.**

- ***NEW*** The **Women's Advocacy Award** is presented to an individual and/or program (e.g., department, initiative, institute, etc.) who has had outstanding success in the promotion and support of women to address the gender imbalance within the field of brain and behavior disorders. This award is intended to be an expression of appreciation from the College to honor individuals and/or programs for their outstanding work supporting women through role modeling, allyship, leadership, and sponsorship. We encourage nominations of all genders. Nominations of individuals and programs will be considered separately, so an award may be given in both categories in any one year.
- The **Daniel H. Efron Research Award** honors the recipient for excellence in basic research, the **Joel Elkes Research Award** for excellence in clinical research, and the **Eva King Killam Research Award** for excellence in translational research. Nominees for the Efron, Elkes, and Killam Awards must be within fifteen (15) years of their terminal training position as of December 31, 2023 (i.e., post-doctoral training; residency or fellowship training for M.D.'s who did not do post-doctoral training). Nominees can request extensions based on work interruptions due to parental leave, dependent care, illness, or other extenuating circumstances. Recipients who have had a significant life event may include background information in their nomination about the life event for the committee to consider (e.g., birth of a child, childcare, illness of individual, care for an ill family member, personal or family tragedy, etc.).
- The **Barbara Fish Memorial Award** is presented to an ACNP member who has made an outstanding contribution to basic, translational, or clinical neuroscience. The award is named in honor of Dr. Barbara Fish, a pioneering researcher who was a founding member of ACNP. The award is open to all full and emeritus ACNP members; the nominator must also be an ACNP member. The selection of the nominee is based on a mature body of work, notable for its impact, innovation, and depth. The body of work should further the mission of the College by advancing the understanding of causes, prevention, and treatment of diseases of the nervous system.
- The **Julius Axelrod Mentorship Award** is presented to an ACNP member who has made an outstanding contribution to neuropsychopharmacology by mentoring and developing young scientists into leaders in the field. Previous winners of the Dolores Shockley Diversity and Inclusion Award are not eligible.
- The **Dolores Shockley Diversity and Inclusion Award** is presented to an individual and/or program (e.g., department, initiative, institute, etc.) that has had outstanding success promoting Diversity and Inclusion within the fields of basic, clinical, or translational neuroscience. Nominations of individuals and programs will be considered separately, so an award may be given in both categories in any one year. Previous winners of the Julius Axelrod Mentorship Award are not eligible.

- The **ACNP Media Award** may be given annually to a member of the print or electronic media, advocacy organization, or public education initiative that promotes increased awareness of brain research and who has made a major contribution to the education of the public about mental illness and substance abuse research and the positive impact of research on treatment.
- The **ACNP Public Service Award** may be given annually to a member of the government, an advocacy organization or a public education initiative that promotes increased awareness of brain research and the impact it has on people's lives. The award is intended to be an expression of appreciation from the College toward outstanding public leaders who provide complete, accurate, and unbiased information to our society about brain diseases.
- The **Paul Hoch Distinguished Service Award** is presented to an ACNP member who has made unusually significant contributions to the College.

All nominations are due by **June 22, 2023**. Instructions for award nomination are available on the ACNP website, <https://acnp.org/annual-meeting/honorific-grants/>.

Membership Nominations: Please nominate individuals from academia, government and industry who will contribute to the mission of the College and continue to enrich our association. In keeping with the desire to keep diversifying our membership, please remember that each ACNP Member, Fellow, and Emeritus may nominate two candidates for Associate Membership and/or Membership each year. At least one of the nominations in each category must be a woman or underrepresented minority defined as: African American, Hispanic, Native American, and Pacific Islander. Nomination materials for new Member, Associate Member and Fellow promotion candidates are available under the Membership tab on the ACNP website.

<https://acnp.org/membership/applications-nominations/>