

Report of the 104th Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Enlarged Executive Committee

- 1 Date and Time December 20th, 2023, 13:00-17:30
- 2 Location Conference Room, 9F Hongo Bldg, 7-2-2 Hongo, Bunkyo, Tokyo, Japan
- 3 Names of directors in attendance (Total number of directors: 20 persons) Koji Yamanaka (President; Nomination Committee Chair), Tadafumi Kato (Vice President), Yukiko Goda (Vice President; International Collaboration Affairs Committee Chair), Takashi Hanakawa (Director of General Affairs; Ethics Committee Chair), Masanori Murayama (Treasurer), Kenji Tanaka (Director of Human Resources Development and Inter-society Liaison), Yoshikazu Isomura, Shigeo Okabe (President of the 47th Annual Meeting), Hitoshi Okamoto, Fumi Kubo, Kazuto Kobayashi (President of the 46th Annual Meeting), Ryosuke Takahashi, Yasunori Hayashi (Brain Science Dictionary Committee Chair), Fumino Fujiyama (President of the 48th Annual Meeting), Mariko Miyata (Chair of PIC of the Union of Japanese Societies for Biological Science), Rieko Ikeda (Muramatsu) (Neuroscience News Editing Committee Chair), Michisuke Yuzaki (Incorporation Promotion Committee Chair), Ayako M. Watabe (Diversity Committee Chair)

(Number of directors in attendance : 18 persons, All directors attended the meeting via web conference system.)
- 4 Chairperson Koji Yamanaka
- 5 Names of auditors in attendance (Total number of auditors: 2 persons) Taisuke Tomita (Number of auditors in attendance: 1 person)
- 6 Committee Chairs in attendance Jun Kunimatsu (Advisor to the President; Working Group Chair for the 50th Anniversary Event of JNS's Foundation), Junichiro Yoshimoto (Advisor to the President; Information Infrastructure Committee Chair), Toshihisa Ohtsuka (Annual Meeting Committee Chair), Tetsu Okumura (BrainBee Committee Chair), Wataru Kakegawa (Website Committee Chair), Aya Takemura (Animal Experiment Committee Chair), Thomas J. McHugh (NSR Committee Chair; Working Group Chair for a Contract Renewal of JNS Official Journal), Haruhiko Bito (Working Group Chair for Collaboration

among Japanese, Chinese and South Korean Neuroscience Societies), Tetsuya Matsuda (Advocacy Committee Chair; COI Committee Chair), Kenji Matsumoto (Outreach Committee Chair; Industry-Academia Partnership Committee), Tsuyoshi Miyakawa (Future Planning Committee Chair)

7 Secretariat in attendance Maya Eguchi, Akiko Kubodera, Ayuko Sampei, Shiho Jinushi, Yuko Yoshida

8 Absentees Hirokazu Hirai (Director), Masashi Yanagisawa (Director), Yuki Gotoh (Auditor), Masahisa Katsuno (Japan Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award Selection Committee Chair; Academic Diversity Committee Chair)

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10 Summary of proceedings and results

Koji Yamanaka, the President, took the chair at the appointed time, convened the meeting of the Board of Directors using a web conference system consisting of a web line and a web conference device, declared the meeting open, and stated that this meeting of the Board of Directors was duly convened because there was a quorum of Directors present as described above. He also confirmed that the web conference system allows attendees' voices to be immediately transmitted to other attendees, and that attendees are in a position to express their opinions to each other in a timely and accurate manner as if they were all in the same room, and then began deliberations on the agenda.

[Reported Items]

Reported Item No. 1 Report on General Affairs

Takashi Hanakawa, the Director of General Affairs, reported on the membership composition, membership trends, and sponsorships. The name of research fields was changed from the 'panel' to the 'domain' when our society became a general incorporated association; however, it has been found that many members had not yet registered their domains. He stated a policy that encourages the registration

of domains for the elections to be held next year (Refer to the appendixes A and B). He also reported on the high-level discussions with the SfN that took place during the SfN2023 meeting.

Reported Item No. 2 Report on conclusion of the 46th Annual Meeting of the JNS (2023)

Kazuto Kobayashi, the President of the 46th Annual Meeting of the JNS, reported on the conclusion of the 46th Annual Meeting of the JNS, which was held in Sendai in 2023, and its closing accounts. He reported that the number of participants and abstracts had recovered to the level before the COVID-19 pandemic. In terms of the balance of income and expenditure, he reported that the conference ended in the black and that the conference contributed to the financial balance of the main body of the society, by supporting the activities of the main body of the society with the conference budget.

Reported Item No. 3 Report on preparation for the 47th Annual Meeting of the JNS (2024)

Shigeo Okabe, the President of the 47th Annual Meeting of the JNS, reported on the status of the preparation of the NEURO2024, the 47th Annual Meeting of the JNS, which will be held in Fukuoka. A policy was indicated that the annual meeting will mainly be held in an on-site format and online presentations will be accepted depending on the presenter's preference. In addition, he reported that all symposiums have been finalized.

Reported Item No. 4 Report on preparation for the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS (2025)

Fumino Fujiyama, the President of the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS, reported on the status of the preparation of the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS, which will be held in Niigata. She reported that the organizational structure and conference operator have been decided, and that some plenary lectures and special lectures have already been informally accepted.

Reported Item No. 5 Report on preparation from Working Group for the 50th Anniversary Event of JNS's Foundation

Jun Kunimatsu, the Working Group Chair for the 50th Anniversary Event of JNS's Foundation, reported on the status of the preparation of the event. Since the Society will mark the milestone of the 50th anniversary of its foundation in 2024, a proposal was presented to plan and implement an event to commemorate this milestone.

Reported Item No. 6 Report on Neuroscience Research

Thomas J. McHugh, the Editor-in-Chief for JNS Official Journal, reported on Neuroscience Research. He explained the results of peer review for the 506 papers and publication of special issues submitted in 2023, as well as plans for publication of special issues in 2024 and beyond. In addition, he indicated plans of activities for 2024 or beyond.

Reported Item No. 7 Report from Japan Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award Selection Committee

Fumino Fujiyama, a former Japan Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award Selection Committee Chair, reported on the selection result due to the absence of Masahisa Katsuno, the Committee Chair. She stated that five candidates (including one woman) for the award were selected from a pool of 13 candidates (including three women and two foreign nationals) after careful review of the selection policy. She also explained the points discussed during the review, future issues, and the

next chair of the selection committee (Professor Azusa Kamikouchi from Nagoya University).

Reported Item No. 8 Report on Joseph Altman Award in Developmental Neuroscience

Takashi Hanakawa, the Director of General Affairs, reported on Joseph Altman Award in Developmental Neuroscience. He reported that an award ceremony and dinner had been held for the 2023 award recipients and that the call for application for the 2024 award is currently open, and also described the schedule for the future.

Reported Item No. 9 Report from Incorporation Promotion Committee

Michisuke Yuzaki, the Incorporation Promotion Committee Chair, reported that the transition to a general incorporated association is almost complete. He stated a policy that the committee will prepare for the transition to a public interest incorporated association.

[Agenda Items]

Agenda Item No. 1 Revision of Event Guidelines for the Japan Neuroscience Society

Takashi Hanakawa, the Director of General Affairs, stated that he would like to revise "Guidelines for 'Organize', 'Co-organize', 'Cooperate', and 'Endorse'" to "Event Guidelines for the Japan Neuroscience Society", and upon consultation with the floor, the proposal was approved unanimously. The Board also unanimously approved a proposal to allow the Board of Directors to collectively approve in advance proven events that the Society has sponsored or co-sponsored on an ongoing basis each year, so that the secretariat can give an approval response on behalf of the Society in the future.

Agenda Item No. 2 Accounting matters

Koji Yamanaka, a former Treasurer, presented the proposed financial statements of the main body of the Society as a voluntary organization and the NSR account for the period from January to March 2023, both of which were approved by a majority of voting rights. The proposed financial statements for the accounts of continuing meetings of voluntary organizations for the period April 2022 to March 2023 were also approved by a majority of the votes cast. In addition, the balance of income and expenditure of the main body of the general incorporated association for the period from April 2023 to March 2024 was again discussed and approved by a majority of the voting rights. This action was necessary because this was the first time for the Board of Directors of a general incorporated association to be notified about the balance even though it had already been approved by the Board of Directors of a voluntary organization. The proposed financial budget for April 2023 to March 2024 of the general incorporated association's continuing meeting was also approved by a majority vote. It was confirmed that this will be combined and displayed with the accounting of the main body of the Society in the future.

Agenda Item No. 3 Discussion items regarding annual meetings of the Japan Neuroscience Society

Koji Yamanaka, the President, stated that he would like to select Dr. Hiroyuki Kamiguchi from RIKEN CBS as the president of the 49th Annual Meeting (2026) and the venue of the 50th Annual Meeting (2027), and upon consultation with the floor, the proposal was approved unanimously. The Board

unanimously approved the proposal to hold the 49th Annual Meeting (2026) as a joint meeting of the three societies with the Japanese Society for Neurochemistry and the Japanese Neural Network Society and to approach both societies about the format. All members unanimously approved the selection of Makuhari Messe as the final candidate for the 50th Annual Meeting (2027), taking into consideration the fact that the annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the 4th CJK International Meeting, space, cost, and other factors. The annual meeting is scheduled from July 19 to 23, 2027, including preparation days.

Agenda Item No. 4 Revision of the Japan Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award Rules and Regulations

Fumino Fujiyama, a former Chair from the Japan Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award Selection Committee, proposed the revision of the Rules and Regulations on behalf of Masahisa Katsuno, the current Chair. There was an opinion that the draft the Rules and Regulations needs to be further improved to make it easier to understand and more in line with the purpose. The discussion was concluded by acknowledging that the Japan Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award Selection Committee will continue its deliberations about the wording of the document.

Agenda Item No. 5 Revision of Rules and Regulations of Toshihiko Tokizane Memorial Award for Excellent Graduate Study in Neuroscience

Koji Yamanaka, the President, made a proposal to revise the Rules and Regulations of Toshihiko Tokizane Memorial Award for Excellent Graduate Study in Neuroscience, which was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 6 Contract renewal of Neuroscience Research and future plans official journals

Koji Yamanaka, the President, gave a progress report and made a proposal on the renewal of the contract with Elsevier for the publication of NSR. Many questions were raised about the future of the journal and the content of the contract. The Board of Directors shared the opinion that the next contract term should be for three years and that JNS should organize our thinking on the future of the journal as soon as possible. Given this, the contract was approved unanimously as proposed. It was unanimously approved that the Working Group for a Contract Renewal of JNS Official Journal be entrusted with the responsibility of making minor changes to the details prior to finalization.

[Reports on Activities from Each Committee and Working Group]

Reported Item No. 1 Report from Nomination Committee

Koji Yamanaka, the Nomination Committee Chair, reported that the former “Nominating Committee” has been renamed "Nomination Committee" this term. He stated plans to work with clarifying the role of recommending members for various research grants and awards, various committee members, and academic society committee members.

Reported Item No. 2 Report from Future Planning Committee

Tsuyoshi Miyakawa, the Future Planning Committee Chair, listed the following goals for the current term: hold a luncheon discussion at the annual meeting, discuss what JNS official journals should be,

consider what major research funds should be, and consider cross-disciplinary issues.

Reported Item No. 3 Report from Future Planning Committee - Working Group for a Contract Renewal of JNS Official Journal

Reports from the Working Group for a Contract Renewal of JNS Official Journal of Future Planning Committee was omitted because the goals and others have already been reported in the NSR report.

Reported Item No. 4 Report from Future Planning Committee - Working Group for Collaboration among Japanese, Chinese and South Korean Neuroscience Societies

Haruhiko Bito, the Working Group Chair for Collaboration among Japanese, Chinese and South Korean Neuroscience Societies of Future Planning Committee, reported on the 2nd CJK International Meeting, and also described plans for the future 3rd and 4th meetings.

Reported Item No. 5 Report from Working Group for Human Resources Development

Since Kenji Tanaka, the Working Group Chair for Human Resources Development, was out of the room and unavailable, Koji Yamanaka, the President, made a report on his behalf. He explained that this committee was newly established this term, and that its mission is to develop human resources, and to gather the needs of young members and reflect them in the management of the society. Regarding the fact that there are too many societies and the burden on younger members is increasing, it was decided to conduct a survey of members who are members of more than one society in the future to determine their status and their opinions on holding joint annual meetings.

Reported Item No. 6 Report from Annual Meeting Committee

Toshihisa Ohtsuka, the Annual Meeting Committee Chair, reported that the committee plans to consider obtaining sponsors for annual meetings and the continuity of annual meetings.

Reported Item No. 7 Report from International Collaboration Affairs Committee

Yukiko Goda, the International Collaboration Affairs Committee Chair, reported on the status of collaboration with neuroscience societies from various countries and international organizations. Regarding the large number of applications for travel expense support to attend the SfN annual meeting, a policy was indicated that makes the public aware of applications to Trainee Professional Development Award, which the SfN supports through a general call for applications.

Reported Item No. 8 Report from Information Infrastructure Committee

Junichiro Yoshimoto, the Information Infrastructure Committee Chair, reported that switchover of the rental server is almost complete. As future plans, he explained that the committee plans to consider a communication tool to replace Slack, review the management and maintenance system of the society's website, and hand over to the next chair.

Reported Item No. 9 Report from Neuroscience News Editing Committee

Rieko Muramatsu, the Neuroscience News Editing Committee Chair, stated that the goal is to publish Neuroscience News in a stable manner and that the committee will also consider the possibility of converting it to HTML. She also reported that since it became necessary to specify the location of the copyright of Neuroscience News, it was noted on the website, and that Neuroscience News has also been clearly stated since the fourth issue of 2023.

Reported Item No. 10 Report from Website Committee

Wataru Kakegawa, the Website Committee Chair, stated that the committee's goal is to continue to provide useful information and disseminate research results to members.

Reported Item No. 11 Report from Outreach Committee

Kenji Matsumoto, the Outreach Committee Chair, reported that the public lecture "Master of Brain Science" will be celebrating its 10th anniversary, and that plans are being made for book publication and other activities. The Board of Directors suggested that this committee promote SNS collaboration between the Neuro Navigator and the Website Committee members.

Reported Item No. 12 Report from Industry-Academia Partnership Committee

Kenji Matsumoto, the Industry-Academia Partnership Committee Chair, mentioned plans for an industry-academia partnership symposium to be held in NEURO2024 as well, and the goal of supporting certification examinations of the Consortium for Applied Neuroscience.

Reported Item No. 13 Report from Advocacy Committee

Tetsuya Matsuda, the Advocacy Committee Chair, presented the goal of establishing a system that can appropriately provide information to ministries and agencies as well as political circles and convey opinions from academia, in cooperation and exchange of views with related organizations.

Reported Item No. 14 Report from COI Committee

Tetsuya Matsuda, the COI Committee Chair, presented the mission of the committee, including checking the conflicts of interest of officers of the society and annual meetings and dealing with any serious conflict of interest situations in accordance with the guidelines.

Reported Item No. 15 Report from Brain Science Dictionary Committee

Yasunori Hayashi, the Brain Science Dictionary Committee Chair, explained the goals of the committee, including completing terms that have not been written, moving forward with the selection of new terms, and talking about book publication.

Reported Item No. 16 Report from Academic Diversity Committee

Since Masahisa Katsuno, the Academic Diversity Committee Chair, was absent, Koji Yamanaka the President, made a report on his behalf. He explained that the name of the committee was changed from the Clinical and Related Societies Collaboration Committee from this term. He stated that a symposium on collaboration with basic and clinical neuroscience will be held in NEURO2024 as well.

Reported Item No. 17 Report from Diversity Committee

Ayako M. Watabe, the Diversity Committee Chair, indicated that the committee plans to organize related events at the NEURO2024, while taking charge of coordination with the Japan Inter-Society Liaison Association Committee for Promoting Equal Participation of Men and Women in Science and Engineering.

Reported Item No. 18 Report from Ethics Committee

Takashi Hanakawa, the Ethics Committee Chair, explained the committee's goal of aiming to correct and improve the Guidelines for ethics-related problems with non-invasive research on human brain function (revised in 2022) to include the use of invasive techniques such as neurosurgery, and to revise

them broadly as the Guidelines for neuroscience research on human brain function.

Reported Item No. 19 Report from Animal Experiment Committee

Aya Takemura, the Animal Experiment Committee Chair explained the committee's plans to grasp the situation surrounding animal experiment and to work on measures related to the revision of the Act on Welfare and Management of Animals.

Reported Item No. 20 Report from BrainBee Committee

Tetsu Okumura, the BrainBee Committee Chair, stated the policy for holding the International Brain Bee. He also reported on how the previous competition in Japan was.

Reported Item No. 21 Report from PIC of the Union of Japanese Societies for Biological Science

Mariko Miyata, the Chair of PIC of the Union of Japanese Societies for Biological Science, reported on the activities of the Union of Japanese Societies for Biological Science. She indicated that the committee will continue to cooperate with the Union of Japanese Societies for Biological Science's surveys and other activities.

Reported Item No. 22 Report from PIC of the Union of Japanese Societies for Brain Science

Koji Yamanaka, the President, reported on the current activities of the Union of Brain Science Associations in Japan, and stated the goal of the PIC of the Union of Japanese Societies for Biological Science to contribute to society through the development and dissemination of brain science by responding as a society to various matters for discussion and proposals from Union of Brain Science Associations in Japan.

The meeting of the Board of Directors using the web conference system went smoothly from the start to the end, and the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned, stating that the agenda for today's meeting was concluded.

In order to clarify the above resolutions, these minutes shall be prepared, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Auditors present at the meeting shall affix their names and seals thereto in accordance with the provisions of Article 41 of the Articles of Incorporation.