

# Minutes of the 3rd (106th in total) Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Enlarged Executive Committee

1 Date and Time Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 8:50-9:00 Meeting of the Board of Directors

Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 9:00-12:50 Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Enlarged Executive Committee

2 Venue 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), Kenji Tanaka (Director of Human Resources Development and Inter-society Liaison), Rieko Ikeda (Muramatsu) (Neuroscience News Editing Committee Chair), Shigeo Okabe (President of the 47th Annual Meeting), Hitoshi Okamoto, Fumi Kubo, Ryosuke Takahashi, Yasunori Hayashi (Brain Science Dictionary Committee Chair), Hirokazu Hirai (President of the 50th Annual Meeting), Fumino Fujiyama (President of the 48th Annual Meeting), Mariko Miyata (Chair of PIC of the Union of Japanese Societies for Biological Science), Masashi Yanagisawa (Director), Michisuke Yuzaki (Incorporation Promotion Committee Chair), Ayako M. Watabe (Diversity Committee Chair)

(Number of directors in attendance : 17 persons, All directors attended the meeting via web conference)

4 Chairperson Koji Yamanaka

5 Names of auditors in attendance (Total number of auditors: 2 persons) Yuki Goto, Taisuke Tomita (Number of auditors in attendance: 2 person)

6 Committee Chairs in attendance Jun Kunitatsu (Advisor to the President; Working Group Chair for the 50th Anniversary Event of JNS's Foundation), Ken-Ichiro Tsutsui (Advisor to the President), Junichiro Yoshimoto (Advisor to the President; Information Infrastructure Committee Chair), Tetsu Okumura (BrainBee Committee Chair), Wataru Kakegawa (Website Committee Chair), Hiroyuki Kamiguchi (President of the 49th Annual Meeting), Aya Takemura (Animal Experiment Committee Chair), Kinichi Nakashima (Altman Award

Selection Committee Chair), Thomas J. McHugh (NSR Committee Chair), 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  
Yuko Yoshida

Maya Eguchi, Akiko Kubodera, Ayuko Sampei, Shiho Jinushi,

8 Absentees

Masanori Murayama (Treasurer), Yoshikazu Isomura (Director), Kazuto Kobayashi (Director), Toshihisa Ohtsuka (Annual Meeting Committee Chair), Masahisa Katsuno (Academic Diversity Committee Chair), Azusa Kamikouchi (Japan Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award Selection Committee Chair)

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## 12 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]

Report from the Board of Directors Report on the director election (Attended by directors only)

Prior to the Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Enlarged Executive Committee, Koji Yamanaka, the President, reported to directors on the selection of candidates for the director election for 2025.

Reported Item No. 1 Report on General Affairs

Takashi Hanakawa, the Director of General Affairs, reported on the membership composition, changes in the number of members, and titles of co-sponsorship and sponsorship (Refer to the appendixes A and B). It was noted that while the total number of members has been improving and increasing in recent years, the number of Regular Members has been declining, and that the committee plans to discuss the review of overseas membership as an agenda item afterwards. Other reports were made on entities from which permission for titles of sponsorship and co-sponsorship is obtained.

Reported Item No. 2      Report on conclusion of the NEURO2024, the 47th Annual Meeting of the JNS  
Shigeo Okabe, the President of the 47th Annual Meeting of the JNS, reported on the conclusion of the NEURO2024, the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the JNS, which was held in Fukuoka. It was reported that the event was a success, including the balance of income and expenditure. The opinion was expressed that increases in the number of participants and the number of foreign and female symposiasts seemed to be influenced by the reduction in the registration fee and the commitment to subsidize symposiums, respectively.

Reported Item No. 3      Report on preparation for the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS in 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 in Niigata in 2025 that she is actively working on applying to foundations and obtaining sponsors. It was decided that any overlapped content among plans of events scheduled during the annual meeting should be coordinated by the parties concerned and then notified to the President of the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS.

Reported Item No. 4      Report on preparation for the NEURO2026, the 49th Annual Meeting of the JNS  
Hiroyuki Kamiguchi, the President of the 49th Annual Meeting of the JNS, reported that he had received informal consent from four speakers for plenary lectures. It was reported that he plans to select and decide speakers for special and educational lectures as well later.

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 the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo mark was created as well as plastic file folders and fliers were handed out in the NEURO2024. The committee indicated that it plans to make preparations for anniversary symposiums, art exhibit events, public events, etc. of the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS.

Reported Item No. 6      Report on Neuroscience Research  
Thomas J. McHugh, the Editor-in-Chief for JNS Official Journal, reported on the publication of Neuroscience Research such as the results of peer review for papers and publication of special issues submitted in 2024. Although the number of paper submissions itself has decreased due to the conversion to open access, the number of papers accepted in 2024 is expected to be similar to that of 2023. He reported that the number of paper views has been increasing, which may lead to an increase in Citation and Impact Factor. He also reported that the award ceremony for the NSR Paper Awards and the award lecture was held in NEURO2024. The Symposium sponsored by ELSEVIER and

organized by NSR as well as the booth “Meet the Editor” were also well attended. In addition, he indicated plans of activities for 2025 or beyond.

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

Koji Yamanaka, the President, reported on the selection result due to the absence of Azusa Kamikouchi, the Japan Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award Selection Committee Chair. He stated that five candidates for the award (including one woman) were selected after confirming the selection policy. In addition to an explanation of the points discussed during the review, it was reported that Professor Hidenori Yamasue from Hamamatsu University School of Medicine was elected as the next chair of the selection committee.

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

Kinichi Nakashima, the Altman Award Selection Committee Chair, reported on the administration of the Altman Award. He reported that an award ceremony and dinner had been held at the venue of NEURO2024 for the 8th (2024) award recipient and that the call for application for the 9th (2025) award is currently open, and also described the schedule.

Reported Item No. 9      Report on the preparation for and conduct of the director election

Koji Yamanaka, the President, presented on the current preparation status and schedule for the director election for 2025.

Reported Item No. 10      Report on Federation of Asian Oceanian Neuroscience Societies (FAONS)

Ken-Ichiro Tsutsui, an Advisor to the President, who is in charge of the FAONS reported on the activities and current status of the Federation of Asia-Oceanian Neuroscience Societies. Among the member countries, Japan is currently the only country with an outstandingly high contribution ratio in both operating costs and work burden. Therefore, a policy was indicated that the committee will aim to establish a new framework to optimize the sharing ratio of operating expenses of each member country in the future.

[Agenda Items]

Agenda Item No. 1      Revision of the Joseph Altman Award in Developmental Neuroscience Rules and Regulations

Koji Yamanaka, the President, presented a draft provision of the Joseph Altman Award in Developmental Neuroscience Rules and Regulations by referring to the terms “prize money”, “supplementary prize”, and “research grant” as “prize money”, adding rules regarding the reform and abolishment of the Rules and Regulations, and correcting wrong letters, and upon consultation with the floor, the proposal was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 2      Venue of the 51st Annual Meeting of the JNS (2028)

Opinions were exchanged on the venue for the 51<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of the JNS (2028), with Kobe, Fukuoka, Kyoto, and Okinawa as candidate locations. Koji Yamanaka, the President, then asked the floor to vote, and Fukuoka Convention Center was approved by a majority vote.

Agenda Item No. 3            Appointment of the next Editor-in-Chief for JNS Official Journal

Koji Yamanaka, the President, proposed that in order to maintain the current editorial structure and consider future measures, the contract term be extended until the end of December 2026, which was approved by a majority vote. This is because the terms of the current Editor-in-Chief for JNS Official Journal and editorial committee members will expire at the end of December 2025, but the current contract with Elsevier is short and the subsequent contract and its contents are yet to be determined.

Agenda Item No. 4            Reconsideration of overseas membership and enhancement of supporting member's benefit

Takashi Hanakawa, the Chair of the Working Group to Reconsider Membership, explained the current status of changes in membership fees and number of members by membership type. The recent penetration of web conferencing systems has made it possible for members to attend general meetings (councilor meetings) and meetings of the Board of Directors even from remote locations. As of a result of, after the Society become a general incorporated association in 2023, overseas members have also been able to run for councilor election and vote, thus eliminating the difference between them and domestic members. On the other hand, since the annual membership fee for overseas members is still half the price of that for domestic members, opinions were exchanged after sharing their thoughts that it is time to review the price of the annual membership fee for overseas members in light of securing membership fee income. It was decided to further gather useful information such as the ratio of overseas members who permanently live overseas (non-Japanese) and those who temporarily live overseas (Japanese) as well as overseas membership systems of societies in other countries. Also, the committee has decided to consider ways to continue support for junior members who are active overseas. Another proposal was presented that benefits be enhanced to aim for an increase in the number of supporting members (corporate members). It was decided that this issue and the overseas membership system will be discussed in the Working Group to Reconsider Membership and plans should be presented in the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

[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 committee continued to recommend members for various research grants and awards, various committee members, and academic society committee members. He explained that particularly in this term, the committee nominated additional candidates for the director election jointly with the Diversity Committee.

Reported Item No. 2            Report from Future Planning Committee

Tsuyoshi Miyakawa, the Future Planning Committee Chair, reported on the luncheon discussion held in NEURO2024 in Fukuoka and introduced a survey on problems on employer's refusal to renew the

employment contract, which was conducted mainly by the Society and the Science Council of Japan, and others. He indicated that the committee would compile suggestions based on the results of the survey, and plans to hold a luncheon discussion in the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS in Niigata in 2025 as well.

Reported Item No. 3      Report from Future Planning Committee - Working Group for Collaboration among Japanese, Chinese and South Korean Neuroscience Societies

Haruhiko Bito, the Chair of the Future Planning Committee's Working Group for Collaboration among Japanese, Chinese and South Korean Neuroscience Societies, reported that the MoU document on holding the CJK Meeting has been negotiated and compiled, and is now in the final process of signing the final version. He stated that the goal is to call for participation in the 3rd CJK International Meeting, which will be held from August 24 to 27, 2025 in Korea, and to begin considering the 4th CJK International Meeting, which will be held from July 20 to 23, 2027 in Makuhari, Japan.

Reported Item No. 4      Report from Working Group for Human Resources Development

Kenji Tanaka, the Working Group Chair for Human Resources Development, reported on the status of implementation of the Training School for Next Generation Scientists in the annual meeting. He also introduced opinions from young researchers, such as "The JNS has too many committees" and "The JNS is too subdivided to gain perspective on it." Also, it was decided to thoroughly investigate the results of the previously conducted survey on how members think about joint meetings again and report it in the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Reported Item No. 5      Report from Annual Meeting Committee

Since Toshihisa Ohtsuka, the Annual Meeting Committee Chair, was absent and unavailable, Koji Yamanaka, the President, made a report on his behalf. He reported that the committee had signed the contract with the Brain Science Foundation to cover the venue and other expenses for the Tsukahara Award lecture, which will be held in the annual meeting.

Reported Item No. 6      Report from International Collaboration Affairs Committee

Yukiko Goda, the International Collaboration Affairs Committee Chair, reported on the status of implementation of and preparations for a bilateral symposium with the Chinese Neuroscience Society, plans of a social in the SfN conference, the status of implementation of mutual Travel Awards with other international organizations, and the contents of the MoU contracted with the Australasian Neuroscience Society (ANS) and the Canadian Association for Neuroscience (CAN). Opinions were exchanged that strategic action is required considering how the Society should be involved in the Japan Night, a social, which will be held in the SfN conference.

Reported Item No. 7      Report from Information Infrastructure Committee

Junichiro Yoshimoto, the Information Infrastructure Committee Chair, reported that committee changed the outsourcing contractor who is responsible for maintenance and management of the society's website and others. It was explained that as a result, monthly expense slightly increased. He indicated that the committee plans to continue to select a new contractor to create and manage a new website in a sustainable manner and consider the time to introduce the new website.

Reported Item No. 8      Report from Neuroscience News Editing Committee

Since Rieko Muramatsu, the Neuroscience News Editing Committee Chair, was not present due to leaving the room in the middle of the meeting, Koji Yamanaka, the President, made a report on her behalf. He reported that the committee has been continuing the editorial and publication work as planned.

Reported Item No. 9      Report from Website Committee

Wataru Kakegawa, the Website Committee Chair, reported that the committee continues to engage in activities, keeping in mind to disseminate that is information useful to members and that interests the general public in neuroscience research. Since the number of the submission to neuroscience topics recently shows downward trends, he appealed the attendees for the submission.

Reported Item No. 10      Report from Outreach Committee

Kenji Matsumoto, the Outreach Committee Chair, reported about public lectures that were held in the NEURO2024 in Fukuoka. He explained that the committee is currently editing videos for release and preparing for plans for the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS in Niigata in 2025.

Reported Item No. 11      Report from Industry-Academia Partnership Committee

Kenji Matsumoto, the Industry-Academia Partnership Committee Chair, reported on the symposium on industry-academia collaboration which was held in the NEURO2024 in Fukuoka, a joint plan with the Japanese Society for Neurochemistry. He stated that the committee is planning and preparing the content of industry-academia-government collaboration in the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS in Niigata in 2025 by adding “government” to industry-academia collaboration. Also, in past annual meetings, although general abstract submitters were asked to select whether their abstracts were an “industry-academia collaboration abstract or not at the time of submission, this information is not currently being utilized. And he explained that the committee will consider measures to address this issue.

Reported Item No. 12      Report from Advocacy Committee

Tetsuya Matsuda, the Advocacy Committee Chair, reported on the ongoing discussions with the ministries and agencies for next year's budget and what the expected status is. He stated that he plans to report any information that needs to be shared at meetings of the Board of Directors.

Reported Item No. 13      Report from COI Committee

Tetsuya Matsuda, the COI Committee Chair, reported that he had received conflict of interest reports from directors and related parties. He indicated that the current title of the COI guidelines is “Basic Guidelines on Reporting a COI in Medical Research through Industry-Academia Collaboration”; however, since the subject is currently not limited to medical research alone, the committee plans to consider a draft amendment or other revisions by the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Reported Item No. 14      Report from Brain Science Dictionary Committee

Yasunori Hayashi, the Brain Science Dictionary Committee Chair, reported that the committee is considering whether it should establish a system for going ahead with committee’s work even if the editor-in-chief is unavailable due to being busy.



Reported Item No. 15      Report from Academic Diversity Committee

Since Masahisa Katsuno, the Academic Diversity Committee Chair, was absent and unavailable, Koji Yamanaka, the President, made a report on his behalf. He reported that the collaborative symposium with the Japanese Society for Neurochemistry was held in the NEURO2024 and that a symposium on the theme of “Bidirectional translational research in neuroscience” is being planned for the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS in Niigata in 2025.

Reported Item No. 16      Report from Diversity Committee

Ayako M. Watabe, the Diversity Committee Chair, reported that a lunchtime mini-symposium held in the NEURO2024 was very well organized, with a lively question-and-answer session from the participants. She explained that as a future issue, the committee is looking for ways to get more people involved and raise awareness by setting term limits for committee members.

Reported Item No. 17      Report from Ethics Committee

Takashi Hanakawa, the Ethics Committee Chair, reported that the committee is preparing to update the "Guidelines for ethics-related problems with non-invasive research on human brain function" to the "Guidelines for Ethics-related Issues in Human Neuroscience."

Reported Item No. 18      Report from Animal Experiment Committee

Aya Takemura, the Animal Experiment Committee Chair, reported that the committee conducted a survey as a follow-up to the "Guidelines for the Care and Use of Nonhuman Primates."

Reported Item No. 19      Report from BrainBee Committee

Tetsu Okumura, the BrainBee Committee Chair, reported on the details of the result of the 11th International Brain Bee in 2024. He also explained that the schedule of the 12th International Brain Bee in 2025 is expected to be announced soon. The high school students who have received the prize are supposed to participate in the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS in Niigata in 2025 and the committee plans to support them.

Reported Item No. 20      Report from PIC of the Union of Japanese Societies for Biological Science

Since Mariko Miyata, the Chair of PIC of the Union of Japanese Societies for Biological Science, had already left the meeting and was not present, Koji Yamanaka, the President, made a report on her behalf. He reported that the “Request for an increase in Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research”, which the Society also have endorsed as a member of the Union of Brain Science Associations in Japan, was successfully submitted.

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

Koji Yamanaka, the Chair of PIC of the Union of Japanese Societies for Brain Science, shared information that the committee is in the process of electing the next executive committee of the Union of Brain Science Associations in Japan. He also indicated the goal of continuing to work with the Union of Brain Science Associations in Japan to address the issues.

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.