

# Minutes of the 4th (107th in total) Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Enlarged Executive Committee (Draft)

1 Date and Time	Wednesday, June 4th, 2025, 13:00-16:40
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), Masanori Murayama (Treasurer), Kenji Tanaka (Director of Human Resources Development and Inter-society Liaison), Rieko Ikeda (Muramatsu) (Neuroscience News Editing Committee Chair), Yoshikazu Isomura, Shigeo Okabe (President of the 47th Annual Meeting), Fumi Kubo, 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, 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)

Taisuke Tomita (Number of auditors in attendance: 1 person)

6 Committee Chairs in attendance Toshihisa Ohtsuka (Annual Meeting Committee Chair), Jun Kunimatsu (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), Ayumu Yamashita (Acting Chair of Information Infrastructure Committee), Tetsu Okumura (BrainBee Committee Chair), Hiroyuki Kamiguchi (President of the 49th Annual Meeting), Azusa Kamikouchi (Japan Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award Selection Committee Chair), Aya Takemura (Animal Experiment Committee Chair),

	Kinichi Nakashima (Altman Award Selection Committee Chair), Haruhiko Bito (Working Group Chair for Collaboration among Japanese, Chinese and South Korean Neuroscience Societies), Thomas J. McHugh (NSR Committee Chair), Tetsuya Matsuda (Advocacy Committee Chair; COI Committee Chair), Kenji Matsumoto (Outreach Committee Chair; Industry-Academia Partnership Committee), Tsuyoshi Miyakawa (Future Planning Committee Chair)
7 Observers (new directors)	Noriko Osumi, Hiroshi Kawasaki, Sayaka Takemoto, Kiyoto Kasai, Akiko Hayashi
8 Secretariat in attendance	Maya Eguchi, Akiko Kubodera, Ayuko Sampei, Shiho Jinushi, Yuko Yoshida
9 Absentees	Yuki Goto (auditor), Hitoshi Okamoto (Director), Kazuto Kobayashi (Director), Ryosuke Takahashi (Director), Wataru Kakegawa (Website Committee Chair), Masahisa Katsuno (Academic Diversity Committee Chair), Kenichi Ohki (New Director), Kumi Kuroda (New Director)
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Reported Item No. 5	Establishing a fixed annual schedule
Reported Item No. 6 (FAONS)	Report on Federation of Asian Oceanian Neuroscience Societies
Reported Item No. 7	Final Financial Report for the NEURO2024 held in 2024
Reported Item No. 8 held in 2025	Report on preparation for the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS to be
Reported Item No. 9 of the JNS, to be held in 2026	Report on preparation for the NEURO2026, the 49th Annual Meeting
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### 13 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 transmitted to other attendees in real time, enabling them to express their opinions to each other as if they were all in the same room, and then began deliberations on the agenda.

#### [Reported Items]

Reported Item No. 1      Report on minor revisions to the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board of Directors

Koji Yamanaka, the President, reported that some wording was revised in the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board of Directors, which was approved by the Board of Directors via email discussion on January 31, 2025. The omitted content from the reported items was added; however, the decisions and other items themselves remained unchanged. If any revisions need to be made in the English version of the report, it was requested to contact the secretariat by June 10. It was explained that if there are no revisions, the report will be posted on the website as it is.

Reported Item No. 2      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. The number of members has reached a record high; however, the number of Regular Members has been declining when broken down by membership category. It was explained that members without academic domain registration would be discussed as an agenda item.

Reported Item No. 3      2025 Fiscal Year Business Plan and Income and Expenditure Budget Statement

Koji Yamanaka, the President, presented the business plan and income and expenditure budget for the fiscal year 2025. It was explained that both documents had been approved by the Board of Directors through e-mail discussion by the end of March in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation.

Reported Item No. 4      List of committee chairs under the new organizational structure and handover of duties

Koji Yamanaka, the President, reported that, as the operation of the society under the new

organizational structure will commence once the appointment of new directors is approved at the ordinary general assembly scheduled for June, current proposals for the chairs of each committee were presented. In addition, it was requested that appropriate handovers be conducted between the current and incoming committee chairs.

Reported Item No. 5      Establishing a fixed annual schedule

Koji Yamanaka, the President, explained that, since ordinary meetings of board of directors and ordinary general assemblies must be held at the times stipulated by the Act on General Incorporated Associations and General Incorporated Foundations and the Articles of Incorporation, it is the policy to fix the schedule as much as possible.

Reported Item No. 6      Report on Federation of Asian Oceanian Neuroscience Societies (FAONS)

Ken-Ichiro Tsutsui, an Advisor to the President, reported on the activities of FAONS. A question was raised regarding the difference in roles between CJK and FAONS. It was explained that while CJK aims to promote collaboration among neuroscience societies in China, Japan, and Korea, FAONS seeks to foster cooperation among neuroscience organizations in the Asia-Oceania region and, in particular, to contribute to the development of neuroscience in economically developing countries and regions within this area. This constitutes the difference in their respective roles.

Reported Item No. 7      Final Financial Report for the NEURO2024 held in 2024

Shigeo Okabe, the President of the NEURO2024, presented the final financial report. It was reported that the accounts closed in balance, resulting in only minimal payments of corporate and consumption taxes.

Reported Item No. 8      Report on preparation for the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS to be held 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 to be held in 2025. While the number of general abstract submissions and pre-registrations exceeded targets, the conference faced challenges securing package sponsorships, luncheon seminars, and sponsorships, including equipment displays. However, it was reported that the conference ultimately met its overall sponsorship goals.

Reported Item No. 9      Report on preparation for the NEURO2026, the 49th Annual Meeting of the JNS, to be held in 2026

Hiroyuki Kamiguchi, the President of the 49th Annual Meeting of the JNS, reported on the status of the preparation of NEURO2026, a joint meeting of the 49th Annual Meeting of the JNS, the 69th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Neurochemistry, and the 36th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Neural Network Society. It was announced that the speakers for special lectures, educational lectures, and the Brain Prize Lecture had been selected following the plenary lectures, and that the conference organization, including the Program Committee and Executive Committee members, had been established.

Reported Item No. 10      Report on preparation for the 50th Annual Meeting of the JNS to be held in 2027

Hirokazu Hirai, the President of the 50th Annual Meeting of the JNS, reported on the status of the preparation of the 50th Annual Meeting of the JNS to be held in Makuhari in 2027. It was reported that, for the 50th and 51st Annual Meetings of the JNS, the contractor for the congress secretariat was publicly recruited under a two-year consecutive contract, and A & E PLANNING CO., LTD. was selected.

Reported Item No. 11      Report on Neuroscience Research

Thomas J. McHugh, the Editor-in-Chief for JNS Official Journal, reported on the decision on the recipients of the 2025 Neuroscience Research (NSR) Paper Awards as well as the NSR Best Paper Award lectures and symposium by Elsevier and NSR to be held at the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS. Regarding the publication of Neuroscience Research, a report was presented on the peer-review outcomes for papers submitted in 2024 and 2025, as well as the publication status of special issues. Although the decrease in submissions caused by the conversion to open access has shown little fluctuation, the proportion of submissions from Japan has not declined significantly, and the number of accepted papers has increased modestly. It was stated that, to further activate Neuroscience Research, submissions from JNS members are essential. In addition, he indicated plans for activities for 2025 or beyond.

Reported Item No. 12      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 50th Anniversary Event of JNS. It was explained that the preparations, such as anniversary symposiums, art exhibit events, and public events, are underway for the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS in Niigata.

[Agenda Items]

Agenda Item No. 1      2024 Fiscal Year Business Report

Koji Yamanaka, the President, presented the business report for the fiscal year 2024, which was approved by a majority vote.

Agenda Item No. 2      2024 Fiscal Year Draft Financial Statements

Masanori Murayama, the Treasurer, reported on the draft financial statements and balance sheet for fiscal year 2024, and they were approved by a majority vote.

Agenda Item No. 3      The President of the 52nd Annual Meeting of the JNS to be held in 2029

Koji Yamanaka, the President, stated the intention to select Dr. Takashi Hanakawa from Kyoto University as the president of the 52nd Annual Meeting to be held in 2029 and submitted it to the assembly for approval. The motion was approved by a majority of the voting rights.

Agenda Item No. 4      Replacement of half of the Japan Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award Selection Committee members

Koji Yamanaka, the Nomination Committee Chair, explained that, since four of eight members of the Japan Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award Selection Committee will step down at the end

of the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS to be held in Fukuoka in 2025, and one continuing member wished to resign upon retirement, five new members needed to be appointed. He stated the intention to appoint Dr. Hidenori Yamasue from the Hamamatsu University School of Medicine as the new Selection Committee Chair from the continuing members, and Dr. Fumi Kubo from the RIKEN, Dr. Yoko Sugiyama (Yazaki) from the OIST, Dr. Yoshitaka Nagai from the Kindai University, Dr. Takayuki Yamashita from the Fujita Health University, and Dr. Masanori Murayama from the RIKEN as the new members, and submitted it to the assembly for approval. The motion was approved by a majority of the voting rights.

Agenda Item No. 5      Selection of election commissioners for the councilor election and the election schedule

Koji Yamanaka, the President, stated that it is necessary to select election commissioners and determine the election schedule for the election to select the next councilors. He stated the intention to select Dr. Nambu Atsushi from the National Institute for Physiological Sciences as the Chair of the Election Committee, as well as Dr. Nobuhiko Hatanaka from AICHI GAKUIN UNIVERSITY and Dr. Satomi Chiken from the National Institute for Physiological Sciences as the committee members. He submitted it to the assembly for approval. The motion was approved by a majority of the voting rights. In addition, the voting period and the date for confirming the results were proposed as follows, and the proposal was approved by a majority of the voting rights.

Voting period of the councilor election: December 19, 2025, to January 8, 2026

Date of confirmation of voting results: the third week of January 2026

Agenda Item No. 6      Revision to Article 5 of the detailed regulations for selection (election commissioners)

With respect to Article 5, Paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 of the "bylaws for selection of councilors and directors," Koji Yamanaka, the President, stated that, because the number of qualified candidates is limited and the selection tends to be difficult, he wished to revise the detailed regulations. The proposed amendment was put to the floor and approved by a majority of the voting rights.

Agenda Item No. 7      Filling a vacancy of councilors

Koji Yamanaka, the President, explained that a vacancy had arisen among the council members and needed to be filled. As this was the first vacancy to be filled since incorporation, draft internal regulations for future reference were presented and approved by a majority vote.

Agenda Item No. 8      Issues on members without academic domain registration

Takashi Hanakawa, the Director of General Affairs, explained that he wished to determine how to handle those who have not yet registered an academic domain for the upcoming councilor election. A proposal was presented to automatically assign those who have not registered an academic domain as follows: former Panel 1 to Domain A, Panel 2 to Domain B, and Panel 3 to Domain C. For the existing Panel 4 "Other Neuroscience," the Director of General Affairs would determine the appropriate domain for assignment, notify the member concerned, and report at meetings of the Board of Directors. This proposal was submitted to the assembly and approved by a majority of voting rights.

Agenda Item No. 9 Conclusion of a memorandum of understanding with the Chinese Neuroscience Society

Yukiko Goda, the International Collaboration Affairs Committee Chair, expressed the intention to formalize the international exchanges with China that had previously been conducted as customary practice including mutual travel awards and Japan-China joint symposiums as well as to conclude a memorandum of understanding. The proposed memorandum was submitted to the assembly for deliberation and was approved by a majority of the voting members.

Agenda Item No. 10 Revision to Guidelines for Ethics-related Problems

Takashi Hanakawa, the Ethics Committee Chair, presented a revised draft removing the term “non-invasive” from the current ethical guidelines and replacing it with “Guidelines for the Ethical Design and Implementation of Human Neuroscience Research.” The policy to revise the guidelines was approved by a majority vote. The final version incorporating minor wording adjustments will be decided through email deliberation.

Agenda Item No. 11 Establishment of the regulations and bylaws for committees

Takashi Hanakawa, the Director of General Affairs, proposed establishing detailed regulations and provisions for committees to clarify the role of each committee. This aims to facilitate smooth handovers between old and new committees in preparation for the dissolution and reorganization of committees following the first board election after the Society became a general incorporated association. Regarding the detailed regulations, amendments to the wording were proposed, and the matter was deferred for further deliberation. The provisions were approved as proposed by a majority vote.

Agenda Item No. 12 Regulations for the purchase of items and approval of expenses

Takashi Hanakawa, the Director of General Affairs, explained that, regarding the purchase of supplies and approval of expenses, which had been handled in accordance with customary practice, the scope of responsibility would be clarified and documented to streamline and expedite administrative procedures. The proposal was approved by a majority vote as presented.

Agenda Item No. 13 Reappointment of two auditors

Koji Yamanaka, the President, explained that the current auditors' terms would end at the ordinary general assembly scheduled for June, necessitating the nomination of candidates for the next term. He proposed selecting Dr. Taisuke Tomita from Tokyo University and Ms. Yuki Goto, a certified tax accountant, and submitted it to the assembly for approval. The motion was approved by a majority of the voting rights.

Agenda Item No. 14 Holding of an ordinary general assembly

Koji Yamanaka, the President, made the following proposal regarding the date, time, venue, and agenda of the 2nd ordinary general assembly, which was unanimously approved by all members.

Date and time: Friday, June 27th, 2025, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Venue: 9F Hongo Bldg, 7-2-2 Hongo, Bunkyo, Tokyo, Japan (Online meeting attendance is encouraged.)

Agenda:

[Reported Items]

Reported Item No. 1 Business report for the 2nd Fiscal Year 2024 from April 3, 2024 to March 31, 2025

Reported Item No. 2 Business plan and income and expenditure budget for the 2nd Fiscal Year 2025 from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

[Items for resolution]

Agenda Item No. 1 Appointment of 20 directors

Agenda Item No. 2 Appointment of two auditors

Agenda Item No. 3 Approval for the financial statements for the 2nd Fiscal Year 2024 from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025

[Reports on Activities from Each Committee and Working Group]

Reported Item No. 1 Report from Japan Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award Selection Committee

Azusa Kamikouchi, the Japan Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award Selection Committee Chair, reported that five candidates for the 2025 Japan Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award submitted papers to the NSR and all were accepted for the award. In addition, it was reported that as part of the promotion of the Japan Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award, a new "Japan Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award Winners Poster" corner will be established at the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS to be held in Niigata. She reported that the committee reviewed internal nominations and selected the winners of the Toshihiko Tokizane Memorial Award for Excellent Graduate Study in Neuroscience as well. There was a suggestion that it might be worthwhile to establish a new award to recognize educators, and the Society decided to explore this possibility.

Reported Item No. 2 Report from Altman Award Selection Committee

Kinichi Nakashima, the Altman Award Selection Committee Chair, reported on Joseph Altman Award in Developmental Neuroscience. It was reported that as a result of the selection process, the award winner for 2025 has been successfully selected and the award winner would be speaking at the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS to be held in Niigata.

Reported Item No. 3 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. The goal was expressed that the committee will continue to recommend members on request in response to external requests and the academic society's needs.

Reported Item No. 4 Report from Future Planning Committee

Tsuyoshi Miyakawa, the Future Planning Committee Chair, reported that, following the survey results on the issue of non-renewal of employment contracts, the committee is continuing to introduce itself to various parties, exchange opinions, and discuss. It was also reported that the committee is

considering submitting an application regarding the concept and roadmap for future academic promotion plans, in collaboration with organizations such as the Union of Brain Science Associations in Japan. In addition, it was reported that a luncheon discussion is also planned for the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS in Niigata.

**Reported Item No. 5      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, reported on the details of the program for the 3rd CJK International Meeting, which will be held from August 24 to 27, 2025 in Korea. It was stated that the committee would proceed with preparations for the 4th CJK International Meeting, which will be held from July 20 to 23, 2027 in Makuhari, Japan, in coordination with Hirokazu Hirai, the President of the 50th Annual Meeting of the JNS.

**Reported Item No. 6      Report from Working Group for Human Resources Development**

Kenji Tanaka, the Working Group Chair for Human Resources Development, reported on activities such as providing support for the Training School for Next Generation Scientists. While the Training School for Next Generation Scientists enjoys a good reputation and popularity among young people, it also places a significant burden on the organizers. Therefore, it was pointed out that efforts should continue to be made to reduce the burden on young people and the executive committee of annual meetings.

**Reported Item No. 7      Report from Annual Meeting Committee**

Toshihisa Ohtsuka, the Annual Meeting Committee Chair, reported that support had been provided to secure sponsors for the annual meeting. Additionally, he stated matters to be handed over to the next annual meeting committee.

**Reported Item No. 8      Report from International Collaboration Affairs Committee**

Yukiko Goda, the International Collaboration Affairs Committee Chair, reported on the implementation status of the mutual Travel Awards with FENS, SfN, and CNS, as well as introduced the Networking Event scheduled by SfN. In addition, she reported that the memorandum of understanding (MoU) was contracted with the Canadian Association for Neuroscience (CAN).

**Reported Item No. 9      Report from Information Infrastructure Committee**

Since Junichiro Yoshimoto, the Information Infrastructure Committee Chair, was not present due to leaving the room in the middle of the meeting, Koji Yamanaka, the President, made a report on his behalf. It was reported that the committee addressed website access errors that appear to have been caused by excessive access from bots and web crawlers, and our society's application for Slack's NPO support program was approved.

**Reported Item No. 10      Report from Neuroscience News Editing Committee**

Rieko Muramatsu, the Neuroscience News Editing Committee Chair, reported that the committee has been steadily continuing its editorial and publication work. It was stated that the committee would

continue publication as planned.

**Reported Item No. 11 Report from Website Committee**

Since Wataru Kakegawa, the Website Committee Chair, was absent, Koji Yamanaka, the President, made a report on his behalf. It was reported that the committee was conducting peer reviews and publications of neuroscience topics, as well as posting quick updates on neuroscience via a social media platform. Furthermore, due to the continued low number of submissions to neuroscience topics, a call for submissions was made.

**Reported Item No. 12 Report from Outreach Committee**

Kenji Matsumoto, the Outreach Committee Chair, reported that archiving the "Master of Brain Science 2024" held in NEURO2024 in Fukuoka has been completed. It was also reported that preparations are underway for the "Master of Brain Science 2025" scheduled for the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS in Niigata as a special 10th-anniversary event. Furthermore, it was announced that it would be published as a book in collaboration with the 50th-anniversary celebrations.

**Reported Item No. 13 Report from Industry-Academia Partnership Committee**

Kenji Matsumoto, the Industry-Academia Partnership Committee Chair reported that archiving the symposium on industry-academia collaboration held in the NEURO2024 in Fukuoka has been completed. It was stated that preparations are underway for a symposium with the theme of career paths in the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS in Niigata. In addition, it was reported that the committee provided support for the Consortium for Applied Neuroscience.

**Reported Item No. 14 Report from Advocacy Committee**

Tetsuya Matsuda, the Advocacy Committee Chair, reported that the committee continues to exchange views with ministries, the Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED), and others. It was reported that the committee is considering measures to formulate guidelines on neurotechnology and to stabilize budgets for brain science, in consultation with the Union of Brain Science Associations in Japan, as well as relevant ministries and agencies.

**Reported Item No. 15 Report from COI Committee**

Tetsuya Matsuda, the COI Committee Chair, stated that the committee will continue to confirm conflicts of interest among directors and will address any actions that require review or confirmation as they arise. This term, revisions were limited to wording adjustments in guidelines on conflict of interest; however, it was stated that the matter would be handed over to the incoming committee for consideration if necessary.

**Reported Item No. 16 Report from Brain Science Dictionary Committee**

Yasunori Hayashi, the Brain Science Dictionary Committee Chair, reported that the committee is continuing to add terms and request writing. A case of suspected dictionary plagiarism was reported, and the committee dealt with it.

**Reported Item No. 17 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. An introduction was given for a Basic and

Clinical Neuroscience Collaboration Symposium "Bidirectional translational research in neuroscience," which is scheduled to be held in the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS.

Reported Item No. 18      Report from Diversity Committee

Ayako M. Watabe, the Diversity Committee Chair, reported on the status of cooperation with the Japan Inter-Society Liaison Association Committee for Promoting Equal Participation of Men and Women in Science and Engineering, and introduced the content of the "Career Development Support Program," which is scheduled to be held as a lunchtime mini-symposium in the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS.

Reported Item No. 19      Report from Ethics Committee

The report on activities from the committee was omitted since it had already been covered in Agenda Item No. 10 "Revision to ethical guidelines."

Reported Item No. 20      Report from Animal Experiment Committee

Aya Takemura, the Animal Experiment Committee Chair, reported that, as a follow-up to the "Guidelines for the Care and Use of Nonhuman Primates," a survey targeting the users of macaque monkeys was conducted to consider future actions. It was stated that plans are under consideration to conduct a survey for marmoset users as well.

Reported Item No. 21      Report from BrainBee Committee

Tetsu Okumura, the BrainBee Committee Chair, reported on the status of the implementation of the 12th International Brain Bee in 2025. The examination results showed improved performance compared to last year, with 10 participants selected to represent Japan. Additionally, the future schedule for the 48th Annual Meeting of the JNS in Niigata was presented.

Reported Item No. 22      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. In addition to the agenda of the regular meeting of the Union of Japanese Societies for Biological Science, the activities of the Union of Japanese Societies for Biological Science were also reported.

Reported Item No. 23      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, reported on the activities 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 via the web conference system went smoothly from start to 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.