

## Physiology, Behavior, Genomics and Society Minutes – 2015 Annual Conference

The meeting was called to order on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:30 AM. Dr. Linda Janusek opened the meeting by asking members present to introduce themselves to each other and describe their research interest.

Dr. Polly Hulme gave a report of the RIG meeting.

- 2015-2016 Goals were discussed and identified:
  - Explore themes for either the 2018 PBG&S guaranteed symposium, as well as for submission for a symposium to be submitted at large.
  - Increase communication and collaborative opportunities (e.g., publications, ‘meet the member’) among members.
- PBG&S members are encouraged to join MNRS fundraising efforts by utilizing SmileAmazon.com
- PBG&S members were asked to volunteer for MNRS grant review committee (primary member and two alternates). These will be 2-year appointments.
- PBG&S members were informed about the NLN/MNRS education grant opportunity, and encouraged to apply and inform others of this grant mechanism
- PBG&S members were reminded that the section 2015 symposium (*Epigenetic Discovery*) is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 at 11 AM.

### **2015 awards were announced by Dr. Janusek, as follows:**

Dissertation Award – Emilie Drykstra Goris, Ph.D., RN, Assistant Professor, Hope College, Hope, MI received the dissertation award. Dr. Goris was unable to attend the 2015 MNRS conference due to the very recent birth of her son, and her mentor Dr. Debra Shutte accepted the award for her. Dr. Goris successfully defended her dissertation, *Apathy, Genetics, and Functional Status in Persons with Alzheimer Disease*, in May 2013. Her PhD was awarded from Michigan State University.

Early Investigator Award – Chao-Pin Hsaio, Ph.D., RN, Assistant Professor, School of Nursing, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, received the Early Investigator Award. Dr. Hsaio gave a brief description of her investigation of changes in expression of genes related to mitochondria function and fatigue in patients with prostate cancer receiving external beam radiation therapy. Dr. Hsaio also conducted postdoctoral work at the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR). She was the recipient of an NIH Post-doctoral Intramural Research Training Award.

Distinguished Scholar Award – This was a new award initiated this year. No applications were received.

### 2016 Awards

- The 2016 Call for Research Section Awards will include:
  - Dissertation Award (given annually)
  - Early Investigator Award (given annually)
  - Distinguished Scholar Award (given in even years)

### Research Snapshots

- Dr. Lou Fog described his work mathematical modeling and research design in nursing research.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 AM.