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### News from the President

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Plans for the upcoming SSIB annual meeting at the Homewood Campus of the Johns Hopkins University are completed and, hopefully, everyone has received the program. We have 150 oral and poster presentations on the schedule and it looks like it will be a terrific meeting. Due to the generosity of our corporate sponsors, we have been able to make 18 Young Investigator Travel Awards this year. We will also be honoring George Collier with our SSIB Distinguished Career Award at our Awards Banquet. In conjunction with the meeting, a number of our members will be taking advantage of our proximity to Washington and pay visits to their congressional representatives to inform them of the benefits of excellent research into the controls of ingestive behavior and to encourage their continued support for funding of work of this kind. If you had not planned to attend the annual meeting and are now tempted by the outstanding program, contact Gary Schwartz and arrangements can still be made. I look forward to seeing as many as possible at the meeting.

I am pleased to report that the results of our annual election are in. Ralph Norgren, the chair of the nominating committee tells me that many of the races were extremely close. Harvey Grill is our new President Elect. Joe Vasselli was elected Treasurer and Suzanne Sunday is our new Secretary. Ilene Bernstein and France Bellisle were both elected to the

board. Congratulations to the winners and I want to thank all the candidates for their interest in the future of the society and their willingness to run for office.

Over the past several months, NIH and its Division of Research Grants (DRG) have begun the reevaluation of the scientific review of neuroscience related grant proposals. This will impact a significant proportion of the applications from our membership. The original plan for this reevaluation involved identifying neuroscience related applications that had been assigned for potential funding to any of the five major neuroscience funding institutes and using the abstracts from those applications to identify new review panels and the scientific expertise they would require. Consideration for the review requirements of neuroscience related grants that were assigned to other institutes, such as NIDDK and NHLBI, would not have occurred as a part of this process. Thus, new review panels would have been constituted and the panels that had traditionally reviewed these grants would have ended, without a

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