

MINUTES OF 4/10/07 ICOC MEETING

**Sacramento Convention Center
1400 J Street, Room 204
Sacramento, CA**

Ricardo Azziz Alternate David Meyer	Present
David Baltimore	Present
Robert Birgeneau & Alternate Bob Price	Present
David Brenner	Present
Susan V. Bryant	Present
Marcy Feit	Present
Michael A. Friedman Alternate Alexandra Levine	Present
Michael Goldberg	Absent
Brian E. Henderson Alternate Frank Markland	Present
David A. Kessler	Present
Robert Klein	Present
Sherry Lansing	Present
Gerald S. Levey	Absent
Ted W. Love	Present
Richard A. Murphy	Absent
Tina S. Nova	Present
Ed Penhoet	Present
Philip A. Pizzo	Present
Claire Pomeroy	Present
Francisco J. Prieto	Present
John C. Reed Alternate Jeannie Fontana	Present
Duane Roth	Present
Joan Samuelson	Absent
David Serrano Sewell	Present
Jeff Sheehy	Absent
Jonathan Shestack	Absent
Oswald Steward	Present
Janet Wright	Present

Agenda Item # 5: Chairman's Report.

Chairman Klein spoke briefly about the momentum in California with the CIRM becoming the lead funding agency in the world for embryonic stem cell research and the

inspiring progress of the researchers, some of whom had presented a Spotlight on Peripheral Vascular Disease earlier in the morning. He also highlighted the fact that, for the first time in anyone's memory, a medical science bill was one of the top priorities for the United States Senate in early 2007, with its Senate Bill 5/House Bill 3 to advance stem cell research. He briefly detailed Senate Bill 30, put forward the weekend before this ICOC meeting, that created confusion around stem cell research and brought about responses against the bill from scientific leaders across the country. This bill was discussed by the ICOC later in the meeting (see below).

Agenda Item # 6: President's Report.

President Hall provided highlights on the IOM report on oocyte donation, the progress of the shared facilities RFA process. He also updated the ICOC on details of the grants administration process for the SEED and Comprehensive grants, and briefly covered plans for future RFAs.

To view Dr. Hall's presentation, view this URL:

http://www.cirm.ca.gov/meetings/pdf/2007/041007_item_6.pdf

Agenda Item # 7: Consideration of ICOC position on SB 771.

Dr. Penhoet provided details of the work he, his team and the IP Task Force had done to find solutions with respect to pricing and access for inclusion in the CIRM's Intellectual Property Policy. He also updated the ICOC on the ongoing dialogue he and his team were having with the state legislature, and their feeling that SB 771 was premature given that our policy is still in the process of being finalized.

Motion:

- Dr. Prieto made a motion for the ICOC to oppose SB 771 as currently written, on the basis that it is premature, and, instead, encourage the legislature to participate with us in the process the CIRM has set in motion to refine and develop its Intellectual Property Policies.
- Ms. Lansing seconded the motion.

Vote:

- This motion carried unanimously.

****Proposed Additional Agenda Item: Consideration of federal legislation/ Senate Bill 30****

Motion:

- Mr. Roth made a motion for the ICOC to consider a position on Senate Bill 30.
- Dr. Wright seconded the motion.

Vote:

- This motion carried unanimously and the item was added to the agenda.

Additional Agenda Item: Consideration of federal legislation/Senate Bill 30

Motion:

- Mr. Serrano-Sewell made a motion for the ICOC to oppose Senate Bill 30.
- Dr. Wright seconded the motion.

Vote:

- This motion carried.

Agenda Item # 8: Consideration of CIRM Merit and Professional Development Program.

Governance Subcommittee Chair Sherry Lansing brought this item to the ICOC for approval as recommended by the Governance Subcommittee.

Motion:

- Mr. Klein moved for approval of the CIRM Merit and Professional Development Program.
- Dr. Wright seconded the motion.

Vote:

- The motion carried.

Agenda Item # 9: Presentation of survey description and Concept Plan for Large Facilities.

Dr. Hall presented his concept plan for the Large Facilities RFA, including the purpose of the program, and update on progress with respect to previous plans and also some questions for the ICOC about how to proceed.

The ICOC provided direction on some of the items among Dr. Hall's questions and it was suggested others would be discussed by the Facilities Working Group.

To see the plan as presented, see this URL:

http://www.cirm.ca.gov/meetings/pdf/2007/041007_item_9.pdf

Agenda Item # 12: Review and consideration of the 2005-06 Annual Financial Audit.

Heather Jones from financial audit firm Macias, Gini and O'Connell (MGO) presented the ICOC with the results of her team's audit of the CIRM's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 2006. The presentation included review of 3 documents. The first was MGO's opinion on the CIRM's financial statements, the second was their report on the CIRM's internal controls and compliance, and the third was MGO's report to management.

MGO issued an unqualified opinion, otherwise known as a clean opinion, on CIRM's financial statements. They made no significant audit adjustments, and had no disagreements with management.

To see the auditor's reports, see these URLs:

http://www.cirm.ca.gov/meetings/pdf/2007/041007_item_12a.pdf

http://www.cirm.ca.gov/meetings/pdf/2007/041007_item_12b.pdf

Agenda Item # 17: Presentation and review of conflicts of interest laws.

Agenda items tabled for future meetings included items 10/ Consideration of revisions to Interim Procedures and Criteria for Conducting Review of Shared Space Laboratories Applications (now titled "Shared Research Laboratory and Techniques Course" Applications), 11/ Consideration of Governance Subcommittee Standing Orders, 13/ Policy and Regulations for Travel for ICOC members and 14/ Consideration of report from Presidential Search Subcommittee.

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