

Agenda Item # 5

**Biography:
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R. Alta Charo (AB, Biology, Harvard 1979; JD, law, Columbia 1982) is the Elizabeth S. Wilson Professor of Law and Bioethics at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, where she is on the faculty of the Law School and the Medical School's Department of Medical History and Bioethics. She offers courses on health law, bioethics and biotechnology law, food & drug law, medical ethics, reproductive rights, torts, and legislative drafting. In addition, she has served on the UW Hospital clinical ethics committee, the University's Institutional Review Board for the protection of human subjects in medical research, and the University's Bioethics Advisory Committee. Professor Charo serves on the expert advisory boards of several organizations with an interest in stem cell research, including the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, WiCell, and the Wisconsin Stem Cell Research Program. In 1994 Professor Charo served on the NIH Human Embryo Research Panel, and from 1996-2001, she was a member of President Clinton's National bioethics Advisory Commission. Since 2001 she has been a member of the National Academy of Science's Board on Life Sciences, and serves as liaison to or member of several NAS and IOM committees working in the areas of research ethics, public health ethics and stem cell policy.