

President's Report
ICOC Meeting
December 6, 2005

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President



Appointments

- Scott Tocher, Interim Associate Legal Counsel
 - On loan, Fair Political Practices Commission
- Dan Bedford, Interim Legal Counsel
 - Pro bono, Orrick Herrington and Sutcliffe

All recruitments currently deferred



Working Groups

- Grants: Teleconference meeting (11/28) to consider Interim Grants Administration Policy for Training Grants
- Standards: Meeting (12/1) to continue development of Draft Ethical and Medical Standard



Assessment of Medical Risk to Egg Donors

- Focus on scientific issues
 - What do we know?
 - Identify gaps in knowledge
 - Identify best practices
- In discussion with the Institute of Medicine and the National Academies Life Sciences Board
- We would sponsor meeting
- The NA and IOM will organize and run the meeting independently of CIRRM



Scientific Strategic Planning

- Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chairs, Scientific Strategic Plan Sub-Committee
- Choose a consultant
- Work to develop a plan for the process
- Hire additional scientific personnel



Budget

- Budget through June 30, 2006, end of fiscal year
- Will depend on BANs for administrative funding beyond July 1, 2006
- Have removed scientific activities from the CIRM budget; will raise money for scientific and administrative activities separately from BANs
- Implementation of our scientific plans will depend on when funds are available

