Qualities of the New Chairman

A view from CIRM Management

The qualities and skill sets of the next Chair should reflect the current status of CIRM

- CIRM is still a young agency, but it is no longer in start-up mode
  - Regulations, standards and processes have been developed.
  - A highly trained, professional staff has been assembled
  - Considerable experience and institutional knowledge have been acquired

- CIRM’s focus is shifting
  - Since its inception efforts concentrated on building infrastructure, a workforce and a knowledge base
  - Efforts are now concentrating on moving basic research findings toward development and pushing the most promising candidates into human trials

- Critical qualities for the new Chair
  - Committed to CIRM’s mission
  - Able to work with persons of disparate viewpoints to move mission forward
  - Scientific training or a good understanding of the financial issues embedded in research and clinical application
  - A deep understanding of the drug development pipeline and the challenges facing cellular therapeutics
  - Knowledge of strategic financing and healthcare economics

- Desired qualities for the new Chair
  - Strategic thinker, operationally experienced
  - Inspirational and innovative
  - Able to manage a balance between board oversight and agency implementation
  - Willing to empower management with the responsibility to perform and meet CIRM’s mission
  - Unquestionable integrity
  - Universally respected and admired
  - Collaborative