



To: Members, Governing Board
From: Kevin Marks, General Counsel
Date: June 27, 2022
Re: Recommendation to Amend ICOC Bylaws to Expand Decision-making Authority of Application Review Subcommittee

The California Stem Cell Research, Treatments, and Cures Act of 2020 requires the Board to perform the function of making final decisions on any grant awards. Cal. Health & Saf. Code, § 125290.40(c). In Article III of the Board's Bylaws, the Board is also required to make, or delegate, the task of making the final decisions on any grant awards. In Article VI of the Board's Bylaws, the Board has delegated the decision-making authority for research award recommendations arising from the Scientific and Medical Research Funding Working Group (GWG) to the Application Review Subcommittee (ARS). However, no current delegation of authority exists with respect to any grant award recommendations arising from either the Scientific and Medical Research Facilities Working Group (FWG) or the Treatments and Cures Accessibility and Affordability Working Group (AAWG).

To achieve consistency across the grant award approval process, we recommend amending Article VI of the current Board Bylaws to reflect an expanded delegation of grant approval authority over both the FWG and AAWG recommendations to the ARS.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the proposed amendments to Article VI(b)-(d) to expand the ARS' decision-making authority over all grant award recommendations from the GWG, FWG, and AAWG.