

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