



ICR Governing Board Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2023 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Meeting By Zoom:

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In attendance: Dr. Jeff Smith, Dr. Cinnamon Bidwell, Dr. Jon Reuter, Ms. Elyse Contreras, Dr. Tim Mottet, Mr. Kyle Blakely, Dr. Malik Hasan, Dr. Chad Kinney, Ms. Amber Valdez, Mr. Sal Pace, Dr. John Williamson, and Ms. Wendy Fairchild

Absent: Scott McWhorter, Mr. Sherard Rogers and John Lord

- I. Dr. Bidwell welcomed the governing board members and Ms. Fairchild called role.
- II. Dr. Mottet made the motion, to approve the current consent agenda and the consent agendas from December, January and February. Dr. Zeiger seconded the motion and the group voted unanimously to pass the consent agendas.
- III. Mr. Blakely provided an update on the marketing project. The board discussed the tag lines he shared and decided that “Advancing Cannabis Science” was the most popular. Mr. Blakely reported he recently submitted a national press release to distribute the ICR’s call for abstracts for the conference, and shared a distribution report. There were several Media recipients who picked up the release for redistribution and 205 in-state organizations received this release. He is updating the navigation and design of our webpage and making some graphic tweaks to our logo to create better balance. Dr. Smith shared the news of Dr. Mechoulam’s recent passing and pointed out that he offered our first keynote lecture at our first conference and has since appointed the lecturer for each of the ICR’s annual conferences. CRC23 will host the last person that he has selected for this role. Dr. Mechoulam is considered the founding researcher in the cannabis science field and his obituary is being prominently on the ICR’s webpage. The ICR will highlight Dr. Mechoulam at the conference. Dr. Smith discussed Mr. Blakely’s proposed role as facilitator at the Board Retreat and shared the proposal from Mr. Blakely. Dr. Mottet suggested references be checked for this and Dr. Smith agreed to do so and present results for a vote at the next meeting.
- IV. An update on the lobbying efforts was presented by Ms. Valdez who reported that the JBC will meet soon regarding Higher Education. Governor Polis placed \$1.1 million into our budget request, and we are hoping to keep the money though staffer Amanda Bickel did not recommend money for ICR however the JBC voted to keep this level of funding. Dr. Smith mentioned that we have requested \$800,000 in new funding for new research projects and received a total ask for research dollars exceeding \$8 million. Ms. Valdez suggested members of the board should reach out to the members of JBC by making phone calls before the budget is introduced to the full legislature on March 27th. Dr. Smith offered to forward his JBC-presentation to everyone on the board for reference and Dr. Bidwell offered to provide talking points. Mr. Raemdonck mentioned that the JBC members believe the ICR is doing

great research, but the proposal may not be fully funded. Dr. Hasan suggested the ICR seek other funding within state revenues and Mr. Raemdonck offered to contact Ms. Bickel to find where else funds might be available. Ms. Valdes indicated the legislature and governor's office would like the ICR to become self-sufficient and not rely on state funds within the next few years. Dr. Smith pointed out that research funding for the projects at the ICR-CSU-Pueblo is strategic to achieve this. Ms. Valdez suggested the ICR invite a legislator to the board retreat to discuss issues.

- V. Dr. Smith reminded the board that the retreat will be held May 1 from 1 to 5 pm at the Occhiato Center Monarch room at CSU Pueblo. He reminded the board members that they are each responsible for providing a topic that they will champion at the retreat and asked members to e-mail them to him by the end of the month. Dr. Bidwell suggested that strategic vision, long-term planning, fundraising, and alternative funding be part of the agenda. Dr. Smith added that increased board member engagement should be a topic, and also that the Research, Budget, and Fundraising subcommittees should also be prepared to report. Dr. Zeiger suggested that the current vision for the ICR be reviewed.
- VI. The review of the bylaws, discussion of quorum and attendance, was tabled.
- VII. Board members were reminded that they are needed to serve on the Fundraising Subcommittee. Volunteers are requested and will present at the retreat.

Board members were notified that the replacement of Sue Sisley is in Ian Seeb's hands and that he is still interviewing for this position.

Dr. Smith reported that 57 letters of interest for submitting proposals for new research funding were received from a number of qualified Colorado institutions.

- VIII. The Meeting was adjourned.