

ICR Governing Board Meeting

March 13, 2020 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

<https://csupueblo.zoom.us/j/510564566>

Attendees: Cinnamon Bidwell, Ann Bennan, Chad Kinney, Timothy Mottet, Sue Sisley, Sherard Rogers, Scott McWhorter, Nicole Quartiero, Maureen Leehey

Meeting Minutes:

- I. Welcome (12:00-12:03pm)
- II. Approve minutes from 02/14/20 meeting (12:03-12:05pm) Sue moves to approve; all approved (6 voting members)
- III. Chair Updates (12:05-12:20pm)
 - a. Survey to gauge public interest with respect to RFA in development (Cinnamon Bidwell)
 - i. Input and review
 1. Dr. Bidwell conveyed that the Board is working with ICR staff to develop and issue a survey for public input. The need to gather this information is supported by Board Members as we need to engage different stakeholders to provide feedback on the types of research that we should fund.
 2. Dr. Kinney suggests we should consider a timeline for the survey with respect to the RFA timeline (release in June; finalize in May; distributed survey mid to end of March and collect responses through the end of April).
 3. The survey link will be sent out this afternoon and the Board will have one week to provide feedback. We want the survey to be brief to prioritize research in different areas, but allow for open comments. The electronic survey gives us a way to compile and curate this data. Please send feedback to Cinnamon, Chad and/or Nicole.
 4. No objections to the approach by the board.
 - b. Bylaws Review Request (Cinnamon Bidwell)
 1. Dr. Bidwell asked that the draft be distributed from the subcommittee via email and that initial feedback would be gathered via email (versus meeting time). Once that is incorporated into a final document, we will discuss as a board during a meeting.
 2. Per Ms. Bennan it is almost done, but needs to be distributed to Drs. Leedey and Hasan.
 3. The goal would be that the email review would take approximately 2 weeks.
 4. No objection to the approach by the board.
 - c. April Senate Confirmation Hearings and In-person Meeting (Cinnamon Bidwell)
 - i. A couple of important meetings are tentatively scheduled for April. One is the senate confirmation hearing for those members appointed by the Governor. The other is the in person meeting after the confirmation hearing.
 - ii. Both meetings are dependent on the current public health situation. It is too premature to know if these will occur. Dr. Bidwell will make a decision as soon as possible.
 - d. Review of Multi-year projects (Cinnamon Bidwell)
 - i. Multi-year Continuation Projects will be evaluated by a subcommittee along with the ICR staff next week. After review the team will provide an update to the rest of the board.
 - ii. No objections to the approach by the board.
- IV. ICR Conference (12:20-12:25 pm)
 - a. Updates (Chad Kinney)
 - i. The ICR 2020 conference has been rescheduled due to the public health situation.
 - ii. The new date is tentatively scheduled for August 11-13th with preconference activities happening on August 10th.

- iii. Communications will be distributed within the next day or so and the team will evaluate the feedback.
- iv. The Abstract submission portal will reopen.
- v. There have not been many cancellations thus far.
- vi. The board supports this decision.

V. ICR Budget Request and Draft FY21 Budget (12:25-12:35pm)

- a. Fundraising Subcommittee Update (Sal Pace, John Lord, Sue Sisley)
 - i. Pueblo County Budget Request update (Cinnamon Bidwell, Chad Kinney)
 - ii. One meeting has been held so far that was very positive. There is a tentative follow up meeting scheduled for next week.
 - iii. One other meeting is scheduled, and one response is pending.
 - iv. This request is moving forward positively with no concrete outcome at this point.
- b. State Budget Request Update
 - i. Update from Lobbying Subcommittee (Sal Pace, John Lord, Sue Sisley)
 - ii. Chis V. joined the call (Chris is working with Buffie the lobbyist to be contracted)
 - iii. All signs indicate that the legislature will be putting a pause on business due to the current public health situation.
 - iv. Some things had to be fast-tracked, but then it is likely the legislature will be on hold. There are some questions regarding how it affects the “120-day clock” that the legislation has to do their business by law. Likely it will compress the amount of business that has to be completed by May 6th. The only thing the legislature has to do is pass a budget each year (by June 30th). This can be done via a “special session” if needed. Many things are up in the air at this point.
 - v. Regarding the budget request, the forecast will be issued. This budget forecast is likely not accurate because of the other current fiscal constraints going on. The JBC chair is aware of the ICR and needs, however, she is concerned about the impact to the current ICR funding. If there is any funding that is unallocated, which is unknown at this point, there is a potential for additional support. We do currently have bipartisan support.
 - vi. Chris has been in communication with Elyse Contreras to learn more about the CDPHE grant progress and history. There will be discussion on how CDPHE and the ICR can potentially work together.
 - vii. This summer we should work on a proactive strategy going forward.
 - viii. Dr. Bidwell inquired if Chris has what he needs to move forward and what the short term plan will be. Chris responded that he plans to connect with other members of the JBC committee to gauge their interest and support.
 - ix. The plan for updating would be Chris communicating with the fundraising subcommittee as well as Dr. Bidwell who will then forward those updates to the larger board as relevant. Chris is comfortable with this approach.
 - x. Update on revised 1 page summary document for lawmakers (Cinnamon Bidwell)
 - xi. Chris will review in more detail and will return feedback. In general the resources need to be very general with detailed supporting documentation.

VI. CCHE Advisory Process (12:35-12:40pm)

- a. Update (Chad Kinney)
 - i. Dr. Kinney and Mr. McWhorter were asked to work with Dr. Rasmussen from CCHE and had a phone conversation to come up with ideas on what a process might look like with respect to what the CCHE might be looking for with respect to the ICR Board’s review of new cannabis-related degree programs in the state.
 - ii. Dr. Kinney developed a draft process that was distributed and he will distribute the CCHE’s revised processes that the received from Dr. Rasmussen.
 - iii. As soon as the ICR Board’s process is confirmed CCHE will issue a ‘Dear Colleague’ letter to inform IHEs of the ICR Boards’ process.

- iv. In summary, there would be a subcommittee of CCHE Board Rep, Research/Scientist member and industry member at a minimum who would receive a proposal like the white paper CSU-Pueblo that would demonstrate certain elements along with a syllabi of the new program. The subcommittee would review the material and interact with the institution to answer any questions/concerns within 30 days and the subcommittee would provide a summary to the larger ICR Governing Board. This would then be voted on and communicated back to the IHE via the letter with a copy to CCHE.
- v. President Mottet asked what grounds would the ICR Governing Board not approve a proposal. Dr. Kinney clarified that an approval would not be pertinent, but rather the ICR Governing Board will provide feedback based on the elements defined with respect to needs of the State and avoiding a duplicate of programs with respect to demand. President Mottet ask if this is a duplicative process with CCHE and Dr. Kinney responded that there is an overlap, however, there are also unique questions that the ICR Governing Board would be acting.
- vi. There is some concern from the faculty perspective with respect to the statute. Dr. Bidwell responded with some additional questions for consideration and some concerns with respect to expectations. Dr. Kinney reiterated that this is the Board's opportunity to shape this and is open to any additional feedback. Consensus was for the process to be more advisory and consultative. Dr. Kinney will go back through the document with an eye toward an advisory/consultative role for the Gov. Board. CCHE is requiring documentation of the ICR Board consultation before they will complete their review of these new programs.

VII. University of Mississippi Update (12:40-12:50pm)

a. Updates (Sue Sisley)

- i. Since 1968 the government has only allowed for one supplier for all controlled cannabis trials – at the University of Mississippi. This has been somewhat prohibitive to controlled trials. In 2016 new sites were supposed to be considered, but that hasn't happened yet. Not being able to utilize "real world cannabis" has been a barrier for research.
- ii. Dr. Bidwell expressed that Governor Polis seems to have a good grasp of this and confirmed that the ask is for the ICR and the Governor to issue support for reaching out to the federal government to consider new ways to approach this issue. Dr. Sisley agreed that this is what would be helpful and would hope to not waste Colorado taxpayer dollars by using product that is not of the quality that is needed for research. Litigation will be submitted in the next month so it would be good to get a letter from the Governor expeditiously.
- iii. Dr. Bidwell confirmed the approach should include feedback from the other board members. She asked that Dr. Sisley draft something that is distributed by email to gather feedback and support by the other board members. Dr. Sisley will share her current letter with Dr. Bidwell.
- iv. Dr. Sisley offered to provide a more in depth overview at the next in person email as well.
- v. Some members of the Board expressed support and excitement about this initiative.

VIII. Public Comment (12:55-1:00pm)

- i. No public comments were shared.

IX. Adjourn