

Agenda Item III.b.

ICR Governing Board Meeting

Minutes April 17, 2024 1:00 – 2:00

pm

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Meeting Minutes:

In Attendance: Dr. John Harloe, Dr. Cinnamon Bidwell, Dr. Joanna Zeiger, Mr. Sherard Rogers, Ms. Elyse Contreras, Dr. Melissa Reynolds, Mr. Dieter Raemdonck, Ms. Amber Valdez, Mr. Ean Seeb, Mr. Michael McMaster, Dr. Jeff Smith, Dr. John Williamson, and Ms. Wendy Fairchild

Absent: Dr. Jon Reuter, President Armando Valdez

- I. Welcome (1:00-1:02pm) Dr. Bidwell.
- II. Review and approval of the Consent Agenda (1:02-1:05pm) Dr. Bidwell.
 - a. Dr. Reuter reviewed the consent agenda and emphasized the importance of board member participation in the upcoming proposal review process and the need for board members to provide names and contact details for potential donors to help with the ICR's fundraising efforts.
 - b. It was noted that the previous meeting minutes were not available for this meeting and will be reviewed as part of the next consent agenda.
 - c. A motion to approve was made by Dr. John Harloe, seconded by Sherard Rogers. The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

New Business

- III. Review of government Relations (1:07-1:17pm) Amber Valdez and Dieter Raemdonck.
 - a. Mr. Raemdonck provided an update on the proceedings at the capitol surrounding the budget for next year. He indicated that it appears that the ICR could expect to receive the same funding as was allocated last year.
 - b. Amber Valdez said we will receive full budget request but this might be more difficult next year so mentioned importance of engaging legislators in the JBC, and inviting them to the conference to show importance of ICR.
 - c. House bill 158, which proposed that social media companies must create policies that explicitly prohibit selling and advertising illicit substances, was discussed as possibly interfering with ICR and other research dissemination activities, however, the bill has been amended to remove the word "promoted" which appears to have resolved the concern. Ean Seeb indicated that he would double check the language as it's a concern for the governor's office and the support of dissemination of scientific research.
- IV. Discussion of the 2025 fiscal year Budget (1:17-1:30pm) Dr. Bidwell and Dr. Smith.
 - a. The Budget Subcommittee's recommend budget for fiscal year 2025 was

distributed as a pre-read and was reviewed. Highlights included \$2.6 million to support research. The ICR lobbyists requested an increase to \$34,000 which was not reflected in the pre-read.

- b. Mr. Seeb asserted that the Governor's office is projecting a flat budget for 2025 and that there would be no opportunity for any agency to ask for additional funds.
 - c. Dr. Zeiger motioned to approve the proposed 2025 budget with the added funds for lobbying, Dr. Harloe seconded the motion and the budget was unanimously approved as amended.
- V. Discussion of the upcoming in-person Board Meeting (1:30 – 1:40pm) Dr. Reuter – Dr. Bidwell led the discussion in Dr. Reuter's absence.
- a. The location and date is still being determined however it will likely be at CU Boulder.
 - b. The possibility of hiring a meeting moderator was discussed and it was agreed that **Kyle Blakely should be asked to do this again.**
 - c. Board members suggested that a **SWOT analysis and assessment of accomplishments** from last years analysis should be part of the agenda.
- VI. Subcommittee Updates (1:40-1:50pm).
- a. The Conference Subcommittee reported on activities.
 - Planning is moving along to the abstract phase.
 - A planned fundraising event on the second evening of the conference with a reception for potential donors involving short talks or poster presentations from ICR funded researchers, involvement of board members, possible involvement of persons from the CSU SPUR Campus in Denver, and a presence by key legislators was discussed. – reception may include a slide show highlighting research and researchers funded by the ICR – adds more social opportunities.
 - Dr. Smith reminded the board of the importance of identifying possible donors to participate in this event.
 - Mr. Seeb offered to discuss this with his contacts.
 - b. The Fundraising Subcommittee reported on activities.
 - Further discussion was made about the conference fundraising event and that the board member meet-and-greet should integrate with the fundraising event.
 - Michael McMaster from the attorney general's office reported he is working with the state controller's office on banking concerns and that the process is ongoing and no firm outcome as of yet.
 - Mr. Seeb expressed excitement at seeing the ICR's fundraising engagement and is working to help with the banking issues and apologized for the length of time this has taken.
 - c. The Research Subcommittee reported.
 - Dr. Zeiger discussed the rubric for the board to score proposals and the need for better participation from the Governing Board in this activity.

- Changes to Emerging Scholars student awards (described in the consent agenda) were reviewed.

Old Business (1:50-1:55pm)

- VII. NIH U24 Application (Resource Center for Cannabis and Cannabinoid Research)
- Dr. Williamson reported that the application was submitted with the ICR taking key roles in collaboration with other cannabis institutes from around the nation. This grant will create a national cannabis center to serve as central location to facilitate cannabis research, licensure, research standards, data bases on regulations, dissemination of information to help reduce research barriers and seed grants for new researchers. Decisions will be made by November and the start date is January 2025. **Dr. Williamson will share a condensed version of the submission with the board.** It was clarified that there is minimal board obligation with this grant if funded. Also, an impaired driving portion to this proposal was discussed.
- VIII. Discussion of Research Dissemination Strategies was tabled for the next meeting since Dr. Reuter was absent.
- IX. There was no public comment and the meeting was adjourned at 1:56pm.