

Consent Agenda Feb. 2025

Agenda Item II.a.

ICR Governing Board Meeting

January 15, 2024 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Meeting By Zoom: <https://csupueblo.zoom.us/j/91807976090>

Meeting Minutes:

In Attendance: Mr. Scott McWhorter, Dr. Jon Reuter, Dr. Joanna Zeiger, Mr. Sherard Rogers, Dr. Cinnamon Bidwell, Dr. John Harloe, President Armando Valdez, Mr. Mike Hennesy, Ms. Elyse Contreras, Ms. Emma Hudson, Mr. Dieter Raemdonck, Mr. Ean Seeb, Dr. Gail Mackin, Ms. Wendy Fairchild, Mr. Michael McMaster Dr. John Williamson, Dr. Jeff Smith, and Dr. Chad Kinney

Not in Attendance: Dr. Malik Hasan and Dr. Melissa Reynolds
Welcome (1:00-1:02pm) Dr. Chad Kinney

- I. Welcome (1:00-1:02pm) Dr. Reuter
- II. Consent Agenda (1:02-1:05pm) Dr. Reuter
 - a. December Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. Pink Pepper/Cannabis genome – Manuscript and Website (Video) Links
 - Motion to approve consent agenda– Joanna Zeiger made the motion and Elyse Contreras seconded and all supported - passes.
- III. Government Relations Update (1:05-1:15pm) Emma Hudson and Dieter Raemdonck
 - Mr. Raemdonck – updates – ICR has not come up in budget discussion – will report back when they hear news.
 - JBC hard at work – December revenue forecast was good as deficit was smaller, monies to cover expense police training ballot measure— JBC is considering cash transfers
 - Ms. Hudson—staying off radar for now.
 - Key areas under consideration include High Ed, Medicaid provider rates, state reserve, possibly K-12.
 - Dr. Harloe – Please support the fundraiser, ALJ long overview, can share this with others – our company and counsel filed motions to get DEA disqualified for torpedoing process – cross examine DEA was denied – placed a stay to preserve record for an appeal – appeal will happen — Marijuana Moment article has a good summary - DEA sets rules/standards, not complying with process— DEA has 60 years of delaying – will have to sue in Federal court again to keep things moving.
 - Mr. Ean Seeb – thanks to John and Village Farms — thinks remarkable what VF was able to accomplish – with incoming administration and new DEA admin, could take a different stance – John has provided consequential advocacy to create the best possible outcome.
- IV. Fundraising Event (1:15-1:30) Dr. Harloe
 - a. Updates
 - Invites have been sent out – please share this.

- Dr. Kinney – requested update from bank – treasurer and controller are moving the process forward. Several processes to be established – completely new process
 - **Dr. Kinney – fundraiser information will be shared at the Marijuana Education Oversight Committee (MEOC) meeting tomorrow**
 - Mr. Ean Seeb – Cost of ticket is prohibitive for State Resources– inquires about seats for some state employees interested in cannabis.
 - **Mr. McMaster will investigate the concerns related to gifting tickets - so no Amendment 41 violation in the process.**
- b. Eventbrite – Registration (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-annual-dinner-for-the-advancement-of-cannabis-science-registration-1108037583239?aff=oddtcreator>)
- c. Updated Donate Page (<https://www.instituteofcannabisresearchcolorado.org/donate/>)

V. Subcommittee Updates (1:30-1:50pm) Dr. Reuter and Subcommittee Chairs

- a. Research – Ms. Elyse Contreras
- Met last week – went over items identified last summer – these will be refined – includes instructions on conflict-of-interest forms and refining GB scoring criteria – hopes to have these updated for the review process this funding cycle.
 - Meet again on Feb 12th.
 - Dr. Kinney – Reviewed the cannabis research undergraduate institutions.
 - Dr. Jon Reuter– looking at revising form to make more streamlined process for Board members to provide feedback.
 - **Will likely use a Google form that is easy to complete and updates.**
- b. Conference – Dr. Joanna Zeiger
- Executive meeting today – need individuals for the program planning committee to represent each of the 7 tracts – will ask if they will be session chair, review abstracts, etc.
 - Exec Comm discussing when to Open up call for sessions – call for abstracts
 - May 12th registration will open for the conference – abstracts can be submitted.
 - No keynote speaker yet – **ICR/Dr. Kinney selects Mechoulam speaker**
 - Standard operating procedures are done – lots of progress.
 - Dr. Kinney – Mechoulam has typically recommended speaker for his lecture series– first time not having him select. **If you know a seminal figure in ca researcher, please feel free to recommend** – Dr. Zeiger recommends Godfrey Pearlson.
 - Dr. John Williamson – plenary speaker, please let him or Dr. Zeiger know if recommendations.
 - Would like several partner agencies –from institutions. Please make recommendations.
 - Dr. Reuter –do they have to be in cannabis space? Dr. Zeiger says, yes, looking for connection to cannabis.
- c. Budget – Dr. Cinnamon Bidwell
- Spring is busy time for budget/finalization – will be ready by late April – have the draft in March for all to see.
- d. Ad hoc – Marketing and Communication (1st Business Wed of the Month at 2pm)
- Dr. Smith – **working on SWOT analysis to action items** – encourages board members to attend and offer ideas.
 - Rearranging marketing processes being considered – first Wednesday each month at 2:00PM. Please attend. John Harloe and Joanna will try and attend in

the future.

- Dr. Zeiger will attend a conference in Utah on behalf of ICR along with Dr. Park

VI. RFA Timeline and Updates (1:50-1:55) Dr. Kinney

Target Timeline:

~~RFA Launch Date – NOV. 1~~

~~LOI submission open – Nov. 15~~

~~LOI close – Dec. 16~~

~~Application submission open – Jan. 10~~

Application close – Feb 28

- Once full application has been submitted, we will review panels – made of subject matter experts.
- Moved the timeline up a month compared to last competition – gives PIs as close to a full year for first performance period as possible – time required to go from long bill, new awards, get through contract process.
- Dr. Bidwell – communication to PIs about importance of funding and the ICR.
- ICR has statutory approval to roll forward funds – first fiscal year that we can do a no cost extension for up to 25% carry forward.
- Dr. Reuter asks about funds from fundraiser and where these will be used -Dr. Kinney says resources coming in will be used to support research–look at 3 priority areas and potential support a competition in one of those areas.
- Mr. Hennesy – one possible use of donated funds could be to select highly scored from application in the current funding opportunity to fund. The most fitting and can tract this.
- Funding not tied to fiscal year – but we'd need time to see funding generated from fundraising dinner.

Distribute review assignments (Subject Matter Experts) – March 7

Expert Review panels – March 24 - 28

Board Distribution – April 2

Board Discussion – April 16 Board Meeting

Board Scores – April 23

Award Decision – May 2

Announcements – May 19

Research Contracts – May 19 – July 15

Project Start Date – AUG. 1

VII. Public Comment (1:55-2:00pm) Dr. Reuter

- Mr. Ean Seeb – wonders if actual pink pepper press release can be shared – would appreciate receiving big news so he can share – feels there is an opportunity and governor supports – his marketing team can push this news out – governor would like to reshare and promote – please send press release to Ean.
- Dr. Kinney - Press release – need to update language do to a concern that some components might be misinterpreted – **once corrected he will send on to Mr. Seeb.**
- Dr. Smith – updates on search – 3 candidates will have a first Zoom interview this Friday (1/17/25) – two public health experts and a biomedical scientist/neuroscientist. **Finalist will be invited to campus for an in-person interview.**
- Chad – registration page– includes link to “Donate” page – CSU Foundation is supporting the online donation opportunity – send folks to donate page if they can't attend the dinner.
- No one from the public
- Adjourned at 1:58