

ICR Governing Board Meeting
December 17th, 2025, 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Meeting By Zoom

Meeting Minutes:

In Attendance: Mr. Chuck Smith, Dr. John Harloe, Dr. Jon Reuter, Ms. Elyse Contreras, Dr. Melissa Reynolds, Dr. Joanna Zeiger, Ms. Nathalie Clavette, Mr. Dieter Raemdonck, Dr. Chad Kinney, Dr. Jeff Smith, Ms. Julie Powell, Ms. Justyna Dubey, Dr. John Williamson

Absent: Dr. Gail Mackin, Mr. Michael Hennesy, Dr. Angela Bryan, Mr. Sherard Rogers

- I. Welcome (1:00-1:02pm) Dr. Reuter

- II. Consent Agenda (1:02-1:05pm) Dr. Reuter
 - a. Nov 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes
 - b. Nominees for Award of Excellence and Keynote Speaker – Advancement and Networking Dinner
 - c. Recent publication
 - d. Motion to approve consent agenda.
 - Motion passes unanimously.

- III. Government Relations Updates (1:05-1:15pm) Nathalie Clavette and Dieter Raemdonck
 - a. Nathalie Clavette: Provided JBC update.
 - b. Dieter Raemdonck: Recommends that a few board members meet with Rep. Brown in early January. January 8th is the higher education hearing with the JBC. Marijuana Tax Cash Fund discussion anticipated but delayed.
 - **Board members encouraged to volunteer for future meeting with Rep. Brown in early January or session start.**
 - **Nathalie shared legislator contact list (restricted distribution).**
 - c. Elyse Contreras: Commented on the Governor's budget that proposed to restore funding to CDPHE program that was originally the Retail Marijuana Education Program.

- IV. Advancement and Networking Dinner (1:15-1:35) – Dr. Harloe
 - a. Updates
 - Dr. John Harloe: Advancement and Networking Dinner is scheduled for May 28th at Meow Wolf. The subcommittee could use help with the ICR Award for Excellence nominees as well as the keynote speaker. Need silent auction contributions; outreach to local businesses and artists suggested.
 - b. Discuss Nominations for ICR Award of Excellence (see Consent Agenda)
 - Dr. Chad Kinney: Board member Dr. Angela Bryan provided feedback via email with some concern with the board nominating and make a decision on the award recipient without broader community input.
 - Dr. John Harloe: Suggested putting a call for nominees in the ICR newsletter.
 - There was discussion around timing due to the upcoming break with input from Dr. Chad Kinney, Ms. Elyse Contreras, and Dr. Joanna Zeiger.
 - **Request for award nominee to go out in Jan. newsletter.**
 - **Board to send auction item ideas to Chad.**
 - **Elyse to contact artist.**

- c. Discuss Nominations for the Keynote Speaker
- V. Colorado Cannabis Research Roundtable (1:35-1:50pm) – Dr. Smith
- a. Roundtable Report
 - Jeff Smith: Fountainworks provided a 30-page report covering panel discussions, breakout sessions, research priorities, and barriers to funding, regulation, and education. Revising with Fountainworks for clarity and usability. Will add highlights and improve formatting. Next step is to create a 2-page document with a survey component for legislators to encourage engagement and feedback.
 - Chad Kinney: Suggested Elyse to schedule a research subcommittee meeting in the new year to discuss use of the roundtable outcomes.
 - Elyse Contreras: Will reach out to Julie for scheduling assistance and Jeff for Research Roundtable information.
 - **Elyse and Julie will schedule a Research Subcommittee meeting for early January.**
 - b. Legislative Survey
- VI. RFA – LOI Numbers (1:50 – 1:55pm) – Dr. Kinney
- a. LOIs
 - Chad Kinney: RFA was due at midnight this past Monday. 18 LOIs were submitted. Number of LOIs has decreased compared to previous years. Policy of limiting PIs to one active project may be impacting the number of LOIs submitted.
 - b. Estimated funding request
 - Chad Kinney: \$7.2M was requested. \$2.65M was requested for FY27.
 - **Board and Research Subcommittee to review policy of limiting PIs to one active project before next funding cycle.**
- VII. Public Comment (1:55-2:00pm) Dr. Reuter
- VIII. Adjourned at 1:48PM MST