

ICR Governing Board Meeting
May 20th, 2026, 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Meeting By Zoom:

In Attendance: Ms. Julie Powell, Dr. Chad Kinney, Mr. Chuck Smith, Dr. Joanna Zeiger, Dr. Jon Reuter, Dr. David Lehmpuhl, Ms. Sara Bellamy, Dr. John Williamson, Mr. Michael Hennesy, Mr. Dieter Raemdonck, Ms. Elyse Contreras, Dr. Jeff Smith, Dr. John Harloe, Ms. Justyna Dubey, Ms. Emma Hudson, Ms. Nathalie Clavette, Dr. Angela Bryan

Absent: Dr. Melissa Reynolds, Mr. Sherard Rogers

Meeting Minutes:

- I. Welcome (1:00-1:02pm) – Dr. Reuter
- II. Consent Agenda (1:02-1:05pm) – Dr. Reuter
 - a. Meeting Minutes: April Board meeting and May special Board meeting
 - b. Gala Updates
 - i. Online Silent Auction
 - ii. Schedule
 - c. National Cannabis Research Conference Updates
 - i. Abstracts
 - ii. Sponsors
 - iii. Preliminary Program
 - d. Cannabis Research at Colorado Undergraduate Institutions (CRCUI)
 - e. Marketing and Communications updates
 - f. Motion to approve consent agenda passes unanimously
- III. Introduction (1:05 – 1:10) – Dr. Kinney
Sara Bellamy from the Office of the Attorney General – new Primary Counsel for the ICR.
 - a. Introductions by all attendees
- IV. Government Relations Updates (1:10-1:15pm) - Emma Hudson, Dieter Raemdonck, & Nathalie Clavette
 - a. Dieter's Update

Mr. Dieter Raemdonck: The legislative session is over, and the long bill was signed into law. The plan for the summer is to meet with candidates and elected officials based on who is in your geographic location. Link to find elected officials in your area:
<https://leg.colorado.gov/find-my-legislator>
 - b. Emma's Update

Ms. Emma Hudson: Discussed the structure of the state budget. Encourages board engagement with candidates and legislature during the campaign season.
- V. ICR Director Search – (1:15-1:25pm) – Dr. Lehmpuhl
 - a. Updates on the search process
 - i. Dr. David Lehmpuhl: The position description was posted on the state website, and we got a good pool of applications. Minimum qualifications have been assessed, and the next step is for the board to evaluate candidates in NeoGov based on the preferred qualifications.
 - b. Next steps
 - i. Board Scoring – completed by (6/3/26)

- ii. Interview Questions (6/3/26)
 - iii. Target window for search committee meeting – Week of June 8th
 - iv. Target window for Zoom or Teams interviews (June 17 – 26)
 - i. Target window for finalist(s) interviews (Week of July 20th)
 - ii. Target start dates: Aug 3, Aug 17, Sept 1.
- VI. Advancement and Networking Dinner (1:25-1:35pm) – Dr. Harloe and Dr. Kinney
- a. Silent Auction
 - i. Dr. John Harloe: Reminder that the gala is May 28th 6:00-10:00PM. The silent auction went live today. The link to the silent auction can be found on LinkedIn or email John Harloe for it.
 - b. Board Participation
 - i. Dr. John Harloe: Thank you to those who donated items to the silent auction.
 - ii. Dr. Chad Kinney: Asks that board members be present at the event and talk with neighbors at your table and other people who are attending. Be sure to share the good work that the ICR does and share information about the silent auction. The online silent auction is a mechanism for individuals who can't attend the event to still support cannabis research in Colorado.
 - c. Use of donations
- VII. RFA 2026 and Budget (1:35-1:48 pm) – Dr. Kinney
- a. RFA Outcomes
 - i. Dr. Chad Kinney: We have budgeted for just under \$600,000 for new research projects starting this next fiscal year. We have reached out and notified the individuals and institutions of three applications and have started the process of getting a research agreement in place so they can start their projects no later than August 1st.
 - b. CRCUI (Program description included in the consent agenda)
 - i. Dr. Chad Kinney: Proposes that a fourth project be funded with the remaining budget funds to support an application from a predominantly undergraduate institution in Colorado.
 - c. FY26 Carryforward
 - i. Dr. Chad Kinney: The ICR was notified by one of the current PIs that they would not be able to spend 75% of their awarded dollars this fiscal year. During the last special board meeting, we moved dollars into research funding for next fiscal year in response to this notice. But it's not just impacting next fiscal year, it also impacts the current fiscal year. There are also other PIs that aren't spending 75% of their awards and there is budget for cost-of-living increases that were not realized by employees at CSU Pueblo, including ICR staff. In response, we have moved expenses such as those of the conference, JCR, and the student awards. I would recommend that we fund a fifth project with some of the carryforward, which would require an additional \$110,000 next fiscal year.
 - ii. Discussion between Dr. Reuter, Dr. Kinney, and Ms. Contreras around funding the CRCUI program and how to support the fifth application in FY28.
 - Motion to approve funding the fourth application passes.
 - d. Resources to support research
 - i. Dr. Kinney outlined available resources budgeted for new research projects and opportunities to supplement that with resources derived from the Institute's fundraising events as well as dollars carried forward from the current fiscal year into FY27.
- VIII. Fall Board Retreat (1:48-1:55) – Dr. Reuter (tabled)
- a. Scheduling
 - b. Agenda ideas and Format
 - c. Location
- IX. Public Comment (1:55-2:00pm) – Dr. Reuter
- a. Adjourned at 2:06PM