



**American Brain Foundation
Governance Committee Meeting
April 24, 2017
9:30 a.m. ET**

In Person – Boston Convention and Exhibition Center

In attendance: Kevin Goodno, Chair; Terrence Cascino, MD; Catherine Rydell, CAE; Gordon Smith, MD; Dan Gasby

Staff: Jane Ransom, Shelly Collins Rucks, Natalie Baumgartner

Excused: John Mazziotta, MD; Bruce Miller, MD

Mr. Goodno welcomed everyone and discussed the agenda for the meeting.

Minutes: Minutes from February 21, 2017, Governance meeting reviewed.

MOTION to approve the ABF Governance Committee minutes from February 21, 2017.

Approved (Unanimous).

1. **Officer Positions:** Mr. Goodno informed the Committee that, during the annual meeting, he is meeting with current officers of the Board personally, to discuss whether they are willing to continue serving.
2. **Public & Neurologist Positions:** Mr. Goodno noted that the Foundation is making progress in developing the Board, especially with new public members. He reminded members that we also need to start adding new neurologists to the Board, because there is a large group whose terms expire at the end of 2019. We should aim to add two neurologists and two public members to the Board of Directors every year beginning in 2018. The matrix presented in the Governance meeting materials highlights the qualities that the Governance Committee identified for the ideal board member.

Committee members agreed to send an online survey to key stakeholders, asking them to help source potential new board members. The survey will be sent after the annual meeting to the AAN Board, ABF Board, AAN Executive Staff, ABF Staff, ABF Research Advisory Committee and ABF Ambassadors.

The Committee discussed potential confusion around a personalized approach to finding board members (i.e. individuals might think they've already gotten on the board through personal invitation). They also want individuals who are marketing and fundraising focused. The board tasked Ms. Ransom and Ms. Rydell with working on how to approach the AAN.

The geographic diversity of the Board was discussed, and it was suggested that there are concentrations of wealth in North and South Carolina where we should be looking for potential Board members.

3. **Next Steps:** The ABF needs to get the Survey out to find new board members.

4. Adjourned: 10:00 a.m. ET