



Governance Committee
December 6, 2016
10:00 a.m. EST/9:00 a.m. CST/8:00 a.m. MST/7:00 a.m. PST

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Members

Kevin Goodno, Chair; Terrence Cascino, MD; John Mazziotta, MD;
Catherine Rydell, CAE; Gordon Smith, MD; Bruce Miller, MD

Staff

Jane Ransom; Suzi Sherman; Kristi Benson

AGENDA ITEM

PRESENTED BY

Approve minutes from October 17, 2016

Kevin Goodno

1. Recruitment Updates

At the direction of the Governance Committee, Kevin Goodno, Ben Utecht and Jane Ransom have interviewed Dan Gasby and recommend him to the committee for nomination to the Board of Directors effective Jan. 1, 2017. If the committee approves, we will put Dan Gasby's name forward to the entire Board for election at the board meeting of December 15, 2016.

- **Dan Gasby**, NYC-based television media sales executive who helped cofound B. Smith's lifestyle retail brand. Personal connection to our mission is a result of his wife's (B. Smith) early onset Alzheimer's. (Bio attached)

2. Governance Committee Goals for 2017

- Officer positions
- Replace neurologists leaving the Board
- Continuing cultivation and recruitment of public members

3. Ann Romney

Given that the 2017 annual meeting is in Boston, and that we have a continuing interest in recruiting Ann Romney to the ABF Board, we are interested in presenting our Commitment to Cures Award to Ann Romney on April 26th. Jane is looking for help from Governance Committee members to reach Romney and offer her the award.

Adjourn



**American Brain Foundation
Governance Committee Meeting
Monday, October 17, 2016
Held via Teleconference**

Call to order: Monday, October 17, 2016 at 1:03 p.m. CST by Kevin Goodno, Chair.

In attendance: Kevin Goodno, Chair; Catherine Rydell; Gordon Smith, MD

Staff: Jane Ransom; Kristi Benson; Suzi Sherman

Excused: Terrence Cascino, MD; John Mazziotta, MD

Mr. Goodno called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. CST.

1. **Approval of September 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed.

MOTION to approve Governance minutes from September 6, 2016

Approved

2. **Recruitment/Cultivation Updates:**

- **Dr. Bruce Miller** - At the last Governance Committee meeting the committee approved approaching Dr. Miller about joining ABF Board (to fill Dr. Swift's unexpired term as his first term). Ms. Ransom and Dr. Rosenfeld met with him in San Francisco in September to discuss the ABF Board and see if he was interested in joining the board. He was very interested. He also knows Susan Schneider Williams, can help to build the presence of the ABF in the Bay Area, and is an adept fundraiser.

MOTION to recommend that the ABF Board approve Dr. Bruce Miller to join the ABF Board of Directors effective immediately.

Approved

- **Dan Gasby** – Ms. Ransom recommended bringing Mr. Gasby onto the Board in January, and discussed his roles and connections to the brain disease world. He and his wife, B. Smith, will receive the 2017 PLINA and will be honored at Commitment to Cures in April at the AAN Annual Meeting. Mr. Gasby is interested in helping the ABF connect with corporations with whom he and his wife have had business relationships. The next step would be to have a representative from the Governance Committee speak with Mr. Gasby about the ABF and service on the Board. Ms. Ransom recommended including Ben Utecht on the call, as well.
No objections from the Committee to purse Mr. Gasby as a board member.

3. **Additions to Recruitment List – Public Members:** Ms. Ransom shared three names from Christopher Prusinski, DO, FAAN as prospective public members of the ABF Board

The next step is to have exploratory discussions with each of them to see if the board would be a good fit. Dr. Smith shared that moving too quickly without being mindful of what we are looking for in a board member could be a negative aspect.

- **Chris Apgar**
- **Steve Feldman**
- **Walter Gatti**

4. Updates on Other Prospects: Dr. Mazziotta was not in attendance to share updates on Vivek Murthy, MD; Ann Romney; Kate Hudson; or Steve Osterle. Mr. Goodno will be reaching out to Michael Keenan; Terry Newmyer; and Steve Sabatini.

- **Vivek Murthy, MD**
- **Ann Romney** – Dr. Smith has a connection to Ann. He will follow up with Dr. Mazziotta on where he is at in recruiting Ann.
- **Kate Hudson**
- **Steve Osterle**
- **Michael Keenan**
- **Terry Newmyer**
- **Steve Sabatini**

5. Revised Board Agreement Letter (see attached documentation in the meeting materials): The revised board agreement letter was shared. Mr. Goodno asked for feedback. There were no objections and this will be shared with the board at the October 20th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m. CST.