



**American Brain Foundation
Governance Committee Meeting
April 15, 2019**

**10:00 a.m. ET/ 9:00 a.m. CT/ 8:00 a.m. MT/ 7:00 a.m. PT
Conference Call**

In attendance: Kevin Goodno, Chair; David Dodick, MD; Dan Gasby; John Mazziotta, MD; Catherine Rydell, CAE;

Staff: Jane Ransom, Natalie Baumgartner

Excused: A. Gordon Smith, MD

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Goodno at 9:05 a.m. CT. The minutes of the meeting of March 18, 2019, were approved unanimously. The remainder of the meeting focused on bylaws revisions and term limits.

1. **Board Recruitment for terms beginning 1/1/2020:** The Committee reviewed lists of suggested candidates organized alphabetically by the qualities the Foundation is looking for in its incoming Board members, and at their bios. Kevin Goodno asked the Committee members to help compile a short list of people we should talk with.
 - a. **Public Board Member Recommendations:** The Committee developed a short list including **Sean Sansiveri, Cindy McCain, and Jeffrey Lurie**, all of whom have connections with Dr. Dodick. Mr. Sansiveri is an excellent fundraiser, and Ms. McCain and Mr. Lurie would make excellent public members for the board.

Others for future consideration:

- **Julia Wallace**, an author and former media executive, has extensive contacts in the media and has been serving on the national board of the Alzheimer's Association.
- **Dr. Dean Ornish**, a non-neurologist, professor of medicine at UCSF. He started a wellness program based on diet, nutrition and exercise, which is highly popular. He talks about the links between wellness, the heart, stroke, and Alzheimer's. He has several connections with wealthy clients who have used his services and believe they have benefited. He would be considered a "public" member even though he is a medical professional.
- **Nihal Satyadev**, a young entrepreneur, founder and CEO of Youth Movement Against. His work engages groups of young people who will volunteer their time to take care of Alzheimer's patients and give caregivers a break. The Foundation should get to know him better.

The committee decided to add Julia Wallace to the short list, so as it stands now, the list is: Jeffrey Lurie, Cindy McCain, Sean Sansiveri, and Julia Wallace.

- b. Neurologist Board Member Recommendations:** The Committee agreed to short list **Dr. Frances Jensen, Dr. Terrance Cascino, and Dr. Jacqueline French.**

Others for future consideration:

Dr. Koroshetz would be a good addition but might not be allowed to serve due to his position at NINDS. Dr. Dodick will reach out to him informally to gauge his interest and availability. Mr. Goodno will follow up with Dr. Cascino to gauge his interest and determine if he would be a good fit for the Foundation.

Dr. Steve Hauser was on the short list for 2019 but declined because he did not have time. Jane Ransom will follow up to see if he'd be interested in 2020.

The committee agreed that some members should review the graduates of the AAN's Diversity Leadership and Women's Leadership programs to look for excellent candidates who would also bring needed diversity to the Board.

The Foundation will compile the short lists and Board members will be called upon to help establish connections.

Adjourned at 9:31 a.m. CT