



**American Brain Foundation
Governance Committee Meeting
May 20, 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; A. Gordon Smith, MD

Staff: Jane Ransom, Natalie Baumgartner

Excused: Catherine Rydell, CAE

The meeting was called to order by at 9:05 a.m. CT. The meeting focused on board prospects, bylaws revisions, and term limits.

1. Review of Short Lists:

- a. **Public:** The Committee agreed to move forward with the short-listed prospects, Sean Sansiveri, Cindy McCain, Jeffrey Lurie, and Julia Wallace. The Committee also decided to reach out to Jimmy Erwin, founder of the Will Erwin Foundation for Headache Research, to gauge interest.
- b. **Neurologists:** The Committee decided to move forward and have discussions with the short-listed prospects, Dr. Frances Jensen, Dr. Jacqueline French, and Dr. Stephen Hauser.

Dr. Smith recommended discussing the list of diversity and women's leadership scholars with Dr. Jeff McClean to determine who might be a good fit from these lists. The Committee also agreed that Dr. McClean should be a prospect for a role on the Foundation's Board. Dr. Smith and Ms. Ransom will discuss this opportunity with him.

Dr. Dodick spoke to Dr. Koroshetz about involvement in the Foundation's Board, and Dr. Koroshetz is interested but cannot participate in any fundraising due to his current governmental role. Dr. Koroshetz might be a good Research Advisory Committee member. Ms. Ransom will discuss this with Dr. Griggs, the Research Advisory Committee Chair.

- 2. Recruitment Assignments:** The Committee agreed to the following list of assignments:
- a. Jeffrey Lurie/Dodick
 - b. Cindy McCain/Dodick & Ransom
 - c. Sean Sansiveri/Dodick & Ransom
 - d. Julia Wallace/Sirven & Ransom
 - e. Jimmy Erwin/Dodick & Ransom

- f. Frances Jensen/Goodno
 - g. Jacqueline French/Smith & Ransom
 - h. Matthew Stern/Dodick & Ransom
 - i. Jeff McClean/Smith & Ransom
- 3. Term Limits:** The Committee agreed that existing term limits, as set forth in the bylaws, should be respected. The Governance Committee has been implementing a multi-year plan that anticipates five Board members term-limiting out at the end of 2019.

It will be important to continue engaging former Board members with the American Brain Foundation as ambassadors. ABF bylaws do not preclude former Board members or other non-Board members from serving on ABF committees. This may be a good way to engage former Board members. This will be an ongoing discussion.

- 4. Proposed Bylaw Revisions:** The proposed bylaw change would eliminate the automatic position of the ex-officio positions for Brain & Life (formerly NeurologyNow) and the AAN President Elect. The Foundation will continue to have the CEO of AAN and President of AAN on the board as ex-officio positions. These changes will be brought to the Board for approval on June 23, 2019 and be effective January 1, 2020.

Dr. Sirven will be elected as a regular member of the Board for January 1, 2020. The Committee unanimously agreed on this course of action.

The minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2019, were approved unanimously.

Adjourned at 9:30 a.m. CT