



AMERICAN BRAIN FOUNDATION
Governance Committee
July 24, 2017

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; Dan Gasby; John Mazziotta, MD; Bruce Miller, MD; Catherine Rydell, CAE, Gordon Smith, MD
Staff	Jane Ransom; Shelly Rucks; Natalie Baumgartner

<i>AGENDA ITEM</i>	<i>PRESENTED BY</i>
Approve minutes from July 24, 2017	Kevin Goodno
1. Progress on Filling Officer Positions	Kevin Goodno
2. Progress on Filling Board Positions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neurologists • Non-Neurologists 	Jane Ransom
3. Nominations & Communications with Nominees	Jane Ransom



**American Brain Foundation
Governance Committee Meeting
July 24, 2017**

**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; John Mazziotta, MD; Bruce Miller, MD; Gordon Smith, MD

Staff: Jane Ransom, Shelly Collins Rucks, Natalie Baumgartner

Excused: Dan Gasby, Cathy Rydell

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

Minutes: Minutes from June 19, 2017, Governance meeting reviewed.

MOTION to approve the ABF Governance Committee minutes from June 19, 2017.

Approved (Unanimous).

- 1. Officer Positions:** Dr. Griggs will not continue the Vice Chair position due to term limits. All other officers have agreed to renew for another term. There is a consensus that there should be another non-neurologist on the Executive Committee. Kevin Goodno will be discussing this with Susan Williams and inviting her to consider the Vice Chair position.
- 2. Board Member Positions:** Jane Ransom reported that every Board member who is eligible for another term has agreed to renew. Reports on discussions with prospects were then provided:

Neurologists

Brad Worrall, MD: Gordon Smith and Jane Ransom talked with him on June 26th. He is interested in being a Board member. He does not have experience on a governing board; however, he's smart, enthusiastic and a great ambassador for the CRTS program. He will be in Australia for the first half of 2018, but could participate by phone or join the board in 2019.

Edgar Kenton, MD: Cathy Rydell and Jane Ransom talked with him on July 18th. He is keenly interested. He said that he would be very interested in pursuing strategies for increasing AAN member donations as a Board member.

Anthony Alessi, MD: Jane Ransom spoke with him on July 18th. He is very honored to be considered, but cautious about his time. He is going to look at our materials and tentative calendar.

Non-Neurologists

Steve Benjamin: Cathy Rydell and Jane Ransom spoke with him on July 25th. He is very interested and passionate about our mission. He would need permission from his organization to join the Board and is not sure if it will be granted. He is checking into it.

Jim Essey: Jane Ransom and Shelly Rucks visited him at his NYC office on July 19th. He is interested but cautious about his time. He believes in our mission and would love to carry on his father's legacy.

Conversations with the other candidates are continuing and will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Mr. Goodno adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

ABF Board Candidate Meeting Schedule

Governance Committee Attendees	Neurologist Candidate	Scheduled Meeting	Interested?
Jane Ransom & Gordon Smith, MD	Brad Worrall, MD	June 26, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. CT	Yes
Jane Ransom & Catherine Rydell, CAE	Edgar Kenton III, MD	July 18, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. CT	Yes
Jane Ransom & Catherine Rydell, CAE	Anthony Alessi, MD	July 18, 2017 at 1:45 p.m. CT	No

Governance Committee Attendees	Non-Neurologist Candidate	Scheduled Meeting	Interested?
Jane Ransom & Catherine Rydell, CAE	Stephen Benjamin (PSAV)	July 25, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. CT	Maybe
Jane Ransom & Shelly Rucks	Jim Essey	July 19, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. ET	Maybe
Jane Ransom	Michelle Obama	<i>Cathy is working on this with Mondale.</i>	
Jane Ransom & Bruce Miller, MD (also Susan Williams)	Ryan Watts	Aug. 1, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. PT	Maybe

Other: Jane Ransom and Susan Williams had an introductory meeting with **Dr. David Eagleman** on August 1. Although he is not on the priority list, his name did come up on our survey. We talked with Eagleman about how the ABF and he might be able to partner in the future and the idea of board membership did come up. I'll report on this at the meeting. He does a lot in the public sphere. Here's an example coming up this Monday.

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