



**American Brain Foundation
Research Advisory Committee Meeting
March 22, 2019**

**3:00 p.m. ET/ 2:00 p.m. CT/ 1:00 p.m. MT/ 12:00 p.m. PT
Conference Call**

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Robert Griggs, MD, Chair; Jose Cavazos, MD; James Grotta, MD; Mark Mehler, MD; John Morris, MD; Ralph Sacco, MD; Ira Shoulson, MD; Phyllis Zee, MD

Staff: Jane Ransom, Suzi Johnson, Natalie Baumgartner

Excused: Raymond Roos, MD, Vice Chair; Carsten Bonnemann, MD; Merit Cudkowicz, MD; Christy Phelps, Deputy ED AAN; Sue Rodmyre, Director ED AAN; Natalia Rost, MD; Eugene Scharf, MD, Catherine Rydell, CAE

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Griggs at 2:00 pm CT. The meeting minutes of January 25, 2019 need edits and will be sent via email for digital approval by the Research Advisory Committee.

1. **Mendell Prize:** The Foundation has decided to give Dr. Mendell the Cure One, Cure Many award at Commitment to Cures on May 8, 2019, for his work in spinal muscular atrophy. Dr. Mendell's work is a great example of research's impact. There are over 100 other diseases that could be impacted directly by his research findings. Dr. Mendell will also be presenting during the spinal muscular atrophy section.

The RAC is encouraged to purchase their ticket to the Commitment to Cures event.

2. **Research Program Breakfast at Annual Meeting:** The Committee should RSVP to Ms. Johnson if they would like to attend the Research Program Breakfast on Tuesday, May 7 from 7:00 – 8:30 am. This is an opportunity to meet the funded CRTS/CSDA researchers and learn about their project. Ms. Johnson will be preparing a document about the 2019 awardees and asks that the RAC members come prepared to ask questions after each presentation.

This is the first time that the Committee has been invited to attend the Research Program Breakfast. The Foundation's funding partners and AAN leadership will also be in attendance.

Ms. Johnson will send another email reminder with information on Commitment to Cures and the Research Program Breakfast.

3. **Section Presentations at Annual Meeting:** If possible, RAC members should attend section meetings to promote the Foundation's research program. There are several

awards that have not received as many applications, such as the ALS awards, neuromuscular, and Tourette's. It would be great to boost the interest in these awards for the 2020 round of applications.

Ms. Johnson will provide promotional materials and schedule calls with volunteers to discuss talking points.

Adjourn 2:16 p.m. (Central).