



**Research Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting of February 21, 2017**

Attendance: Robert Griggs, MD, Chair; Eugene Scharf, MD; Ralph Sacco, MD; Shafali Jeste, MD; Raymond Roos, MD; John Morris, MD; Ira Shoulson, MD; Merit Cudkowicz, MD

Excused: Carsten Bonnemann, MD

Staff: Suzi Sherman, Jane Ransom

Dr. Griggs called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. CST. Upon his request for approval of the minutes from January 17, 2017, the committee approved unanimously.

Update on ABF CRTS fundraising

Jane Ransom reported that since taking over partial responsibility for CRTS fundraising in July, 2016. The ABF has formed four new partnerships totaling \$630,000 with:

- *International Headache Society*
- *Society of Vascular and Interventional Neurology*
- *Muscle Study Group*
- *The Mary E. Groff Charitable Trust – for CRTS in LBD*

Several ABF Board and Research Advisory Committee members have been influential and helpful in securing these. There are still some outstanding requests for 2018, and we expect 3-4 more to sign on.

Update on crowdfunding beta testing

Dr. Scharf reported that more than 30 investigators covering a cross-section of brain disease research have been invited to take part in beta testing for the crowdfunding site. Jane Ransom added that there will be two beta tests. The first, taking place in early March, will test with five fully-vetted research projects. The second, taking place in late March, will test with six unvetted projects, with the Expert Review Panels reviewing the full applications.

Dr. Griggs requested that the contents of the LOIs and applications we use for the beta tests be made available the Research Advisory Committee members.

Promoting the ABF's crowdfunding initiative to neurologists

Jane Ransom reported that the ABF will publicize the crowdfunding site at the annual meeting in the following ways: