



**American Brain Foundation
Governance Committee Meeting
August 1, 2019**

**10:00 a.m. EST/ 9:00 a.m. CST/ 8:00 a.m. MST/ 7:00 a.m. PST
Conference Call**

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

Staff: Jane Ransom, ED; Lisa Deutsch

Excused: A. Gordon Smith, MD, John Mazziotta, MD

Kevin Goodno, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. CT. The minutes of June 17, 2019 were approved unanimously. The next agenda item was the Officer's Slate.

1. 2020 Directors Slate

The committee reviewed non-neurologist and neurologist candidates. Five people can potentially be added to the Board—three non-neurologists and two neurologists in order to meet benchmarks.

The committee reviewed the status of discussions with short-listed candidates. There are two people who are still deciding whether they have time to join the Board. We're hoping to hear from them next week. The decision was made to wait until we hear from them before deciding which names to put into nomination.

2. 2020 Officers Slate

As he had done at the June committee meeting, Mr. Goodno reviewed his discussions with all Board members and reported on those who have been suggested as potential officers, as well as on those who have expressed interest or willingness to become an officer.

After a review of the Board standards set by BoardSource "Qualities of Excellent Board Officers" (attached), and a discussion of the talents and qualifications, the committee agreed to the slate below as a very strong leadership team for the ABF:

- Vice Chair: Susan Schneider Williams (continue)
- Secretary: Dr. Shafali Jeste
- Treasurer: Jim Essey

The committee moved to approve the slate listed above, voting unanimously in favor.

The committee had previously discussed Dr. David Dodick as the new Board Chair. Dr. Dodick recused himself from the discussion on the Board Chair position. It was decided by the remaining committee members that an e-mail vote would be conducted with the committee members (except Dr. Dodick) regarding approval of Dr. Dodick's nomination as Chair.

The committee will put forward the slate of nominees to the full Board for a vote at its August 8, 2019 meeting. The committee recommends that the vote be held in August, so that the AAN knows who our officers will be in 2020 as they deliberate future funding for the ABF.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:42 a.m. CT

Subsequent to the meeting the new Board Member Slate was finalized with the addition of Cindy McCain. The Governance Committee voted unanimously by email to nominate the Board Member Slate and Officers Slate.