



**American Brain Foundation
Research Advisory Committee Meeting
January 24, 2020
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; Raymond Roos, MD, Vice Chair; Carsten Bonnemann, MD; Jose E. Cavazos, MD; James Grotta, MD; Mark Mehler, MD; John Morris, MD; Eugene Scharf, MD; Ira Shoulson, MD; Phyllis C. Zee, MD, PhD

Staff: Jane Ransom; Julia Miglets-Nelson, PhD

Excused: Merit Cudkowicz, MD; Ralph Sacco, MD

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Robert Griggs at 2:02 p.m. CT. The meeting minutes of November 22, 2019 were approved unanimously.

- 1. AAN/ABF Research Summit Update:** Dr. Robert Griggs reported on the January 15, 2020 Research Summit between representatives of the ABF's Research Advisory Committee and the AAN's Science Committee. Dr. Griggs drew attention to the disparities between the number of disease-specific CRTS/CSDA awards offered and the number of applicants, and emphasized that the ABF will continue to work with the Science Committee to address this trend while also continuing to steward donors who wish to fund an award in a rare disease.

Jane Ransom added that the ABF will continue to make a special effort to fundraise for disease areas that receive the largest number of applicants. The ABF staff will plan to create a set of guidelines around potential donations to the ABF for research programs through the AAN that will be presented to the AAN's Science Committee in order to facilitate a more efficient working relationship going forward.

- 2. Potamkin and Essey Awards:** Dr. Robert Griggs shared that the AAN has agreed to explore a new format and greater promotion of the Potamkin and Essey Award event. Jane Ransom explained that the ABF staff will work with the donors of the awards to plan the event, and will coordinate with AAN staff.
- 3. CRTS/CSDA Updates:** Julia Miglets-Nelson provided an update on the status of the 2021 and 2022 CRTS and CSDA awards, referencing the document on p. 62 of the January 24, 2020 meeting materials. Dr. John Morris, who works closely with the

Alzheimer's Association, shared that their concern has been around the number of applicants for the award, and that most of the applicants come from only a few institutions. Dr. Jose Cavazos recommended that there be a separate phone call with further discussion about how to improve the ABF's marketing of the CRTS/CSDA awards to new subgroups of people.

- 4. Annual Meeting Updates:** Julia Miglets-Nelson told the committee that the date and time of the Research Program breakfast at the AAN annual meeting has been set for Tuesday, April 28 from 7:00am-8:30am ET, with the location TBA. She also asked for volunteers from the committee to announce the 2021 CRTS and CSDA award opportunities at section meetings at the AAN annual meeting to contact her. She will also be reaching out directly to members of the committee for help with this.

Adjourned 2:59 p.m. CT.