



**American Brain Foundation  
Governance Committee Meeting  
May 18, 2020  
9:00 a.m. CT  
Video Conference Call**

**In attendance:** Kevin Goodno, Chair; Frances Jensen, MD; Ben Utecht; David Dodick, MD

**Staff:** Jane Ransom, ED; Kim Howard

**Excused:** Susan Schneider Williams, BFA

Mr. Kevin Goodno, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. CT. The minutes of April 20, 2020 were approved unanimously.

**Status of Candidates (Dr. David Dodick/Jane Ransom)** Updates were provided on two potential candidates Mr. Walter Koroshetz and Ms. Susan Sarofim.

**Walter Koroshetz** - Dr. Dodick has reached out to Walter Koroshetz and has not heard back from him yet.

**Susan Sarofim** - Ms. Ransom has discussed Ms. Sarofim joining the board with our consultant Ileana Trevino and she suggests we wait another year so she can get to know the organization better. The Sarofims plan to host another event this year in Houston allowing her to continue to get to know us. Ms. Ransom plans to keep in touch with Ms. Sarofim with frequent updates regarding what is happening at the ABF.

**Building recruitment pool (Jane Ransom)** Ms. Ransom presented the draft recruitment survey. The committee decided to reduce the number of diversity types and have respondents check off "Diversity" if a prospect would bring some type of diversity to our board. They can note in the "Comments" line. Jane confirmed the survey will be sent to the AAN Board, ABF Board, ABF Research Advisory Committee, and major donors. Dr. Jensen suggested sending the survey to the American Brain Coalition and the American Neurological Association Board. Mr. Utecht suggested highlighting the value system of the ABF and seeking people based on that value system.

**New Business** Ms. Ransom asked if people liked the Board Happy Hour and the response was mixed. Dr. Jensen mentioned that many people feel overloaded with Zoom meeting. Most happy hours seem to be scheduled on Fridays, so she suggested having ours on a Monday or Tuesday. Dr. Dodick said it is a good way to keep in touch and that it might need a simple agenda.

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:24 a.m. CT**