



AMERICAN BRAIN FOUNDATION
 Governance Committee
 October 27, 2022
 10:00am CST
 Virtual Meeting

Attendees	Frances Jensen, MD; Alyx Porter, MD; David Dodick, MD
Staff	Jane Ransom, Executive Director; Kim Howard, Samantha Ross
Excused	James Grotta, MD, Chair; Mary Post

	AGENDA ITEM <i>*Indicates Board Action Needed</i>	PRESENTED BY
10:00 am CT	Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of the July 28, 2022 Minutes 	Jane Ransom facilitating at the request of Jim Grotta
10:05	Recommend Board Members for first terms beginning 1/1/2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kelley Lubanko Stephen Hauser, MD Bay Leslie-Mazwi, MD Alfred Quiñones-Hinojosa, MD 	
10:15	Recommend Renewed Terms for sitting Board Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ron Petersen, MD, for 3rd term beginning 1/1/23 Alyx Porter, MD, for 2nd term beginning 1/1/23 Ben Lenail, 2nd term beginning 1/1/23 	
10:30	Recommend Research Advisory Committee (RAC) members for first terms beginning 1/1/23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lisa Shulman, MD Benjamin Tolchin, MD Mathula Thangararajh, MD Other <p><u>Please refer to attached memo for complete list of nominees.</u></p>	

10:45	<p>Recommend Renewed Terms for sitting RAC Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jose Biller, MD, for 2nd term beginning 1/1/23 • Jaqueline French, MD, for 2nd term beginning 1/1/23 • Na Tosha Gatson, MD, for 2nd term beginning 1/1/23 • James Grotta, MD, for 3rd term beginning 1/1/23 • Walter Koroshetz, MD for 2nd term beginning 1/1/23 • Bruce Ovbiagele, MD, for 2nd term beginning 1/1/23 • Ronald Petersen, MD, for 2nd term beginning 1/1/23 • Gordon Smith, MD, for 2nd term beginning 1/1/23 • Reisa Spearling, MD, for 2nd term beginning 1/1/23 • Phyllis Zee, MD, for 3rd term beginning 1/1/23 	
10:55	<p>Approve Vice Chair of RAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jose Cavazos, MD, for 1st term beginning 1/1/23 	
11:00	<p>Meeting adjourns</p>	

Other Materials:

- Draft Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2022 (page 3)
- Recommendation from Research Advisory Committee for additional members (page 4)

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**American Brain Foundation
Governance Committee Meeting
July 28, 2022
10:00 a.m. CST
Video Conference Call**

In attendance: James Grotta, MD, Chair; Alyx Porter, MD;

Excused: Frances Jensen, MD; Mary Post; David Dodick, MD

Staff: Jane Ransom, ED; Emily Christian; Samantha Ross

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. CST by Jane Ransom.

2022 Board Recruitment Status Report – Presented by Jane Ransom

Non-Neurologists: Joanne Berger-Sweeney, Cheryl Pegus & Kevin Systrom have declined. Kelley Lubanko is very interested, and a meeting will be scheduled with her shortly. Fisher, Quinones-Hinojosa, Potamkin also solid leads.

Neurologists: Dr. Hauser and Dr. Leslie-Mazwi are likely candidates. Jim will reach out to Dr. Leslie-Mazwi for further contact, and is confident that both will join. Dr. Porter is also familiar with him.

Research Advisory Committee – Presented by Jane Ransom

Eleven members of the RAC are ending their terms this year, so we'd like to add new faces. We'd like to make sure that a wide range of diseases are represented.

2024 Board Officers – Presented by Jane Ransom

David Dodick's last year as board chair is 2023, so we should start considering future chairs and other officers. We should consider what the best attributes of our board officers are and call for nominations from the board so we can create a short-list.

Next Governance Committee will be 10/27/2022.

Dr. Grotta adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.



To: Governance Committee

From: Julia Miglets-Nelson, PhD

Date: October 21, 2022

Subject: Proposed Research Advisory Committee Members

The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of the American Brain Foundation seeks to appoint up to six new members to expand the breadth of the committee's expertise and experience.

The RAC currently has 14 members, including the Chair; the committee roster is included below for reference. The committee members' areas of expertise include ALS, Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, epilepsy, genetics, neurodegeneration, neuromuscular disease, neurooncology, sleep, and stroke.

Members of the committee serve 2-year terms, which may be renewed up to three times. Extension of these terms requires approval from the ABF Board of Directors. Newly appointed members of the RAC would serve their first term from January 2023 to December 2025.

ABF seeks to add the following areas of expertise to the RAC: autism, behavioral neurology and neuropsychology, clinical trials, health disparities, and movement disorders. ABF also seeks to ensure that the RAC represents diverse experiences, points of view, and careers, and that committee members are committed to the ABF's Cure One, Cure Many approach to research.

The following candidates have been put forward by current members of the RAC, Board, and ABF staff:

Ishmail Abdus-Saboor, PhD is Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences in the Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior Institute at Columbia University, and a 2022 recipient of the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative Science Diversity Leadership Award. Dr. Abdus-Saboor's research aims to increase the fundamental understanding of inflammatory pain by mapping behavior, modifying peripheral genes, and constructing longitudinal brain-wide activity networks.

Audrey C. Brumback, MD, PhD is Assistant Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics at Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin, where she leads the Brumback Lab. Her research focuses on developing novel therapies for brain dysfunction based on modulation of neurophysiology. Brumback's goal is to develop brain-circuit-based therapies for the developmental neuropsychiatric disorders she treats in her clinical practice. She was a recipient of the 2022 Seed Grant for DEI in Autism Research, funded by the ABF.

Eyal Kimchi, MD, PhD is Assistant Professor of Neurology at the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University, where he leads the Kimchi Lab. Dr. Kimchi leads translational research on the brain networks and dynamic rhythms that support clear thinking with a focus on treating delirium through AI development of biomarkers. Dr. Kimchi was a 2014 recipient of a Clinical Research Training Scholarship, funded by ABF.

Richard M. Ransohoff, MD is Co-founder and Chief Medical Officer at Abata Therapeutics, and Venture Partner at Third Rock Ventures. His research focuses on the role of inflammation across the spectrum of neurological diseases, and he has extensive experience with pharmaceutical clinical trials. Dr. Ransohoff served on the ABF's Neuroinflammation Scientific Committee, which met in August 2022.

Lisa M. Shulman, MD, FAAN is Eugenia Brin Endowed Professor of Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. In addition to neurology, her diverse background includes training in health policy, nursing and education, and her major research interest is the impact of chronic neurologic diseases such as Parkinson disease on daily function and quality of life. Dr. Shulman previously served on the Board of Directors of both the ABF and AAN.

Beth Stevens, PhD is Associate Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School and at the F.M. Kirby Neurobiology Center at Boston Children's Hospital. Dr. Stevens's research seeks to understand how neuron-glia communication facilitates the formation, elimination and plasticity of synapses during both healthy development and disease. Dr. Stevens served on the ABF's Neuroinflammation Scientific Committee, which met in August 2022. She is a 2015 MacArthur "Genius Grant" fellow.

Mathula Thangarajh, MD, PhD, FAAN is Assistant Professor of Neurology at Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Thangarajh's research studies brain development in muscular dystrophy and technology-enabled developmental tools for cognitive surveillance. She previously served on the AAN Science Committee, and was a 2015 recipient of a Clinical Research Training Scholarship, funded by the ABF.

Benjamin Tolchin, MD, MS, FAAN is Director of the Center for Bioethics at Yale New Haven Health, and Assistant Professor of Neurology at Yale School of Medicine. His research focuses on the impact of crisis standards of care and triage protocols on racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic health disparities, and he has a clinical and research focus on functional neurological disorders and epilepsy. Dr. Tolchin was a 2015 recipient of a Practice Research Training Scholarship, funded by the ABF.

Michael A. Yassa, PhD is the James L. McGaugh Endowed Chair and Director of the Center for the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory, Director of the UCI Brain Initiative, Associate Dean of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and Professor in the departments of Neurobiology and Behavior, Neurology, Psychiatry and Human Behavior, and Psychological Science at the University of California Irvine. His research focuses on how our brains encode and store information into memories and how memories are used to guide everyday decisions.

Research Advisory Committee Terms

Research Advisory Committee Members		Member Terms			
		End 1 st Term	End 2 nd	End 3 rd	Extension
1.	Robert Griggs, Chair	12/31/2017	12/31/2019	12/31/2021	
2.	Jose Biller	12/31/2022			
3.	Jose E. Cavazos	12/31/2020	12/31/2022		
4.	Jackie French	12/31/2022			
5.	Na Tosha N. Gatson	12/31/2022			
6.	James Grotta	12/31/2020	12/31/2022		
7.	Walter Koroshetz	12/31/2022			
8.	Bruce Ovbiagele	12/31/2022			
9.	Ron Peterson	12/31/2022			
10.	Mark Mehler	12/31/2019	12/31/2021	12/31/2023	
11.	Eugene Scharf	12/31/2019	12/31/2021	12/31/2023	
12.	Gordon Smith	12/31/2022			
13.	Reisa Spearling	12/31/2022			
14.	Phyllis Zee	12/31/2020	12/31/2022		

*updated 2.1.2022