



**American Brain Foundation
Governance Committee Meeting
October 27, 2022
10:00 a.m. CST
Video Conference Call**

In attendance: Frances Jensen, MD; Alyx Porter, MD; David Dodick, MD

Excused: James Grotta, MD, Chair; Mary Post

Staff: Jane Ransom, Executive Director; Emily Christian; Samantha Ross

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. CST by Jane Ransom. The July 28, 2022 minutes were approved unanimously.

Recommend Board Members for first terms beginning 1/1/2023 – Presented by Jane Ransom

- Kelley Lubanko (previously approved prior to the cancelled September board meeting)
- Stephen Hauser, MD (previously approved prior to the cancelled September board meeting)
- Bay Leslie-Mazwi, MD
- Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa, MD
 - o *Due to a recent appointment as Dean of Research at Mayo Clinic, he is concerned about not being able to devote enough time to the Board, but his contributions would still be welcome and valuable.*
- This slate of members does meet our expectation for geographical diversity, but Dr. Jensen did raise a concern that we've got a lot of Mayo Clinic representation, and we should make an effort to diversify our affiliations in the future.
- Motion made by Dr. Porter to approve and recommend this group to the Board. Seconded by Dr. Jensen.

Recommend Renewed Terms for sitting Board Members – Presented by Jane Ransom

- 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
- Jane recommended speaking with each board member to confirm their interest in another term. Dr. Jensen made a motion to confirm, Dodick seconded, confirmed unanimously.

Recommend Research Advisory Committee (RAC) members for first terms beginning 1/1/23 – Presented by Jane Ransom

- Lisa Shulman, MD
- Benjamin Tolchin, MD
- Mathula Thangararj, MD
- These three names were highlighted by Dr. Griggs from a larger list created by RAC nominations. The Governance committee suggested further oversight by the RAC as a whole. ABF staff will survey the RAC for their thoughts.

Recommend Renewed Terms for sitting RAC Members – Presented by Jane Ransom

- 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
- Jane recommended speaking with each RAC member to confirm their interest in another term. Dr. Porter moved to approve, approved unanimously.

Approve Vice Chair of RAC – Presented by Jane Ransom

- Dr. Jose Cavazos, MD, for 1st term beginning 1/1/23
- Our bylaws currently call for a RAC Chair (currently Dr. Griggs), but we don't stipulate for a Vice-Chair. He would like to appoint Dr. Cavazos for the role and has already spoken to him about it. The Governance Committee counter-suggested Dr. Grotta, Dr. Sperling, Dr. French, or another member with more organizational background and stature in the field (Dr. Zee has already declined). Adding a second Vice Chair or stipulating in the by-laws that the Vice Chair position isn't automatically the next Chair, but simply assisting the Chair, would be welcome.
- More defined steps on this process should be created. ABF and Governance Committee will draw up a process, which will be presented to the RAC before the slate of potential new RAC members, confirmation of term renewals and the selection of Vice Chair(s).
- Having Dr. Griggs present for meetings such as this would also smooth the process.

A new Governance meeting will be set up prior to the next Board meeting (11/18/22) to review the RAC charter changes.

Jane adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.