



**American Brain Foundation  
Governance Committee Meeting  
November 14, 2022  
2:30 p.m. CST  
Video Conference Call**

**In attendance:** James Grotta, MD, Chair; Frances Jensen, MD; Alyx Porter, MD; David Dodick, MD; Mary Post

**Guest:** Robert Griggs, MD

**Staff:** Jane Ransom, Executive Director; Samantha Ross

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The meeting was called to order at 2:30pm CST by Jane Ransom. The April 28 and October 27 minutes were approved unanimously.

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

- **Lisa M. Shulman, MD, FAAN**
- **Beth Stevens, PhD**
- **Benjamin Tolchin, MD, MS, FAAN**
- Richard M. Ransohoff, MD (possible)

Dr. Griggs supports the selection of these three members. Dr. Grotta moves to have the top three nominees contacted to gauge their interest in joining the RAC. Motion passes.

Recommend Renewed Terms for sitting RAC Members – Presented by Robert Griggs

- 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

Confirmations have been received that the people listed above are interested in continuing their service on the RAC. There were no requests for removal. Dr. Griggs supports their continued membership.

Approve Vice Chair of RAC – Presented by Robert Griggs

- Dr. Jose Cavazos, MD, for 1st term beginning 1/1/23

Dr. Griggs highlighted Dr. Cavazos's leadership and participation on the RAC, having provided valuable contributions to the Committee. Moving forward, however, changes should be approved by the RAC and then ratified by the Board. Role of Vice Chair was clarified, as a chosen position that can step into the Chair's place in their absence. This does not suggest that

the Vice Chair succeeds in the role of Chair. Further clarification of the position in the Bylaws would be welcome. Dr. Grotta moved to approve the selection of Dr. Cavazos as Vice-Chair. Motion passed by acclamation with no dissent.

Approve Initial Invitations for ABF Advisory Committee – Presented by David Dodick, MD

- An ABF Advisory Committee, made up of former Board members, award winners, and former CRTS recipients, has been proposed. Listed individuals have not been approached as of yet. Group would be convened twice yearly and be briefed on ABF activity and asked to be ambassadors for the organization. This group is not yet outlined in Bylaws. This is not a governing committee; its purpose is to create more public connections and engagement.
- Dr. Grotta brings up questions on the Committee's structure (membership cycling, sustainability of the size of the group, rolling former Board members into the Committee, etc). Jane reiterated that its value is keeping these higher-profile individuals involved in the ABF. Two-year terms, renewable up to three times, would be in line with other ABF committees.
- Dr. Grotta makes the motion to start these invitations. No objections lodged.

Jane adjourned the meeting at 2:55pm CST.