

Indiana Spinal Cord & Brain Injury Research Fund Board Meeting Agenda

August 6, 2024 4:30 pm EDT

Neurosciences NB Room 100 (next to Goodman Hall)

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I. Attendees

Board Members

1. Henry Feuer – *Chair* – present*
2. Janeen Earwood - present
3. Michael Freeman - present
4. Kira Hudson - present
5. Sheryl Katta-Charles - present
6. Bruce Lamb
7. Wade Lange
8. Sachin Mehta – present
9. Ross Nelson
10. Whitney Pratt
11. Howard Zelaznik – present*

Supporting Staff:

1. Brian Busching, IDoH - present
2. Murray Lawry, IDoH
3. Julie Driscoll, ICTSI – present*

**physically present*

II. Agenda Topics

1. Approval of June 2024 Minutes – *All*
 - **Tabled until next meeting**
2. Finalization / Voting on Board Chair – *Brian Busching*
 - **Tabled until next meeting**
3. Finalization of ISCBIR & ABT RFAs – *Henry Feuer*
 - Changes to ABT RFA
 - Changes to standard ISCBIR RFA
 - **Tabled until next meeting**
 - **Will need to include the request for both review meeting liaisons at the time of RFA approval**
4. Reporting on Active Grants Discussion – *Henry Feuer*
 - **Discussed the option of reimbursement for presenters' travel and whether it should be included in the grant award, could come from the fund that supports Board members' travel, or whether virtual attendance should be the only option. Agreed that virtual could be the norm for the first year and then amended, if needed.**

ACTIONS:

- **Brian will ask about the option of including travel reimbursement for presenters from the Board reimbursement fund and not out of a grant award itself.**
- **Brian and Dr. Feuer will discuss what should be shared at the presentations and how to schedule.**

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5. IDOH Update – *Brian Busching*

- Bylaws from June 2024 discussions
 - Brian noted that both requested changes were made: 1) to the voting policy for online participants, and 2) to the succession plan for the Board chair, should a candidate not be available.
 - Members reviewed the application process for Board membership on the website and in the bylaws. Members agreed that the election language in the bylaws was inclusive and represented both types of Board membership.
 - Dr. Feuer requested a review of the language “no more than 50% of funds for trauma development” as that is currently outdated language. Trauma development received external funding and should not be supported by the Board.

ACTIONS:

- Members should review the current bylaws and send Brian any recommended changes of Board member responsibilities
- Confirmation IDOH website updated with Board memberships information
 - Brian confirmed that the requested change had been made and asked that all Board members review their information for accuracy.

ACTION:

- Members should alert Brian if additional changes on the [IDOH website](#) are needed.
- 2024-2025 Conference Plans
- Members discussed the pros and cons of combining audiences for a BIA and ISCBIR conference, noting that other grant mechanisms and conferences encourage community engagement and the opportunity to promote the voice of those involved with the topic in any capacity. Members agreed that a meeting of BIA leaders and ISCBIR leaders would be beneficial to explore this opportunity for late 2025.

ACTIONS:

- Dr. Mehta to send BIA leadership names and emails to Julie.
- Julie to schedule a meeting with BIA leadership, Drs. Feuer and Mehta, and Brian.

6. Next Meeting? – *All*

ACTIONS:

- Julie to reschedule August meeting and to ask members to indicate in the poll comment section their planned attendance mode (i.e. physical vs. virtual). Will include request for actions itemized above.
- Julie to send Brian and Dr. Feuer minutes for approval immediately. Approval of June and August minutes will be included in the next meeting’s agenda.