

**Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program
Board of Director's Meeting
Minutes for December 12, 2006**

Attendees:

Melina Dee Perdue, RN, MBA, CAN, Chairperson
Susan Lucas, MD, Ph.D.
Edward Mazur, CPA (visiting only)
McLain O'Ferrall
Jennifer Ogburn
Ralph Shelman

Also Present:

George Deebo, Executive Director
Candace Thomas, Deputy Director
Angela Conley, Executive Assistant
Frank Ferguson, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Bill McKelway, Richmond Times Dispatch

Call to Order:

Melina Dee Perdue, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Minutes:

Susan Lucas motioned to accept the November Board minutes. Ralph Shelman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Finance:

Candace Thomas reviewed the financial highlights that included Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Report. Per the Audit and Finance Committee, Candace added a sweep account for the checking account to allow excess funds to be invested.

Update:

- **Legislative Meetings:**

George Deebo updated the Board members that another stakeholders meetings was held on November 28th. The stakeholders reached a decision that they needed more time to make a sound decision. The stakeholders will resume meeting after the General Assembly meets possibly around March. Hopefully, a solid framework of solutions can be presented by mid-summer 2007.

Melina Dee Perdue, Chairperson, commented that the stakeholders meeting were well grounded with all groups involved. The consensus is that those involved want to come up with solid solutions to the funding issue but not be rushed through the process. They felt more time was needed to accomplish the task at hand.

Mark Reuben along with George Deebo will be responding to Delegate Morgan regarding the Program's funding solution process and plan of action.

- **General Assembly:**

The Program will not be supporting any legislation for the General Assembly in 2007, with the possible exception of a housekeeping bill. George Deebo asked a few Board members to help in reviewing lobbyist credentials received to have a selection by the next Board meeting. Ralph Shelman and Edward Mazur agreed to assist with reviewing the credentials. Edward Mazur commented that the Program should develop a summary as to what the Program is attempting to do. Then, the Program should take these goals to specific sub-committees who are willing to help us.

Board Elections:

Board elections were held. Ralph Shelman was nominated as Chairperson and Melina Dee Perdue was nominated as Vice-Chairperson. Both nominations were voted on and with unanimous approval.

Finance Committee:

No report for the December meeting.

Investment Committee:

No report for the December meeting. However, Lain O'Ferrall stated that all investment activity looked good at the moment.

Lobbyist – General Assembly 2007:

With the assistance of Ralph Shelman and Edward Mazur, George Deebo has selected Morris and Morris as the lobbyist for the 2007 General Assembly. Jackie Epps and Luder Milton will be coming to a future Board meeting to introduce themselves and discuss their focuses for the Program. Morris and Morris will be involved with keeping tabs on legislation that can impact the Program.

Lain O'Ferrall motioned to accept Morris and Morris as the 2007 Lobbyist. Susan Lucas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Lain O'Ferrall and unanimously agreed to at 1:40 p.m.