



## Alzheimer's Association Small Company Consortia Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2015

Teleconference

<http://www.alz.org/research/funding/AASCC.asp>

### **Attendees**

Accera – Charles Stacey

Alzheimer's Association - Jim Hendrix

Amylyx – Joshua Cohen

Amylyx – Justin Klee

Cerespir - Rick Margolin

DC Limited – Ramesh Shah

DiamiR - Kira Sheinerman

Hinge Bio - Carin Rollins

NanoSomix – Dennis Van Epps

NanoSomix – John Osth

NeuroPhage Pharmaceuticals - John Levenson

NeuroQuest - Jacobo Mintzer

Oral Genomics – Ashley Williams

Telocyte – Michael Fossel

T3D Therapeutics – John Didsbury

### **Introduction:**

Jim welcomed the attendees to the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

### **New Organizational Structure:**

The group discussed the possibility of electing official officers to serve as the Chair and Co-Chair of the Consortia. The group agreed to move forward with this and Jim will draft a document with the Roles and Responsibilities for the Chair and Vice-Chair. Jim will begin collecting the names of volunteers and nominees for the election. The nominations will close on September 15. For the election, bio's of each candidate will be made available for review.

There was also the discussion around the formation of subcommittees to focus on specific issues. These subcommittees will be formed after the election of the Chair and Co-Chair.

- A Recruitment and Membership Committee that would be responsible for establishing the criteria for membership in the Consortia was discussed.
- A committee for providing advice on how best to secure funding and investment was suggested.
- A Program and Education Committee was also suggested to focus on educational webinars of wide interest to the group.

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The question of applying to the ISTAART organization to become a Professional Interest Area (PIA) was raised. This remains an open question and will need further investigation.

## **Educational Webinars:**

Several topics for educational webinars have previously been discussed such as:

- ADDF ACCESS
- AASCC Company Success Stories – Internal or External (i.e. C2N)
- What are investors looking for?
- What is big pharma looking for when evaluating biotech partners?
- Regulatory guidance

All the topics were seen as of interest and appropriate for the Consortia. The frequency of webinars was suggested to be quarterly. Anyone interested in helping to organize a webinar should contact Jim.

Ramesh also mentioned the seminar series from the Indiana Health Industry Forum. It may be possible for AASCC members to connect on-line for these sessions. Ramesh will look into this possibility.

## **LinkedIn Group or Blog**

The group discussed the potential to set up their own LinkedIn group to share ideas, references and to pose questions. This idea was supported and Jim will set up the group.

## **Raising Visibility**

Ideas for raising the group's visibility were discussed. The AAIC poster could be recycled for the ADDF meeting in October. Rick and Charles will explore this possibility.

## **Next Meeting**

The meeting will be Face to Face on October 19, 12 pm central time in the Hyatt Regency (DuSable Room), 151 E Wacker Dr, The Loop, Chicago, coincident with the Society for Neuroscience Meeting. Lunch will be served and arrangements will be made for dial-in capability for those that can't attend in person.