

**MINUTES OF THE
MARYLAND STEM CELL RESEARCH COMMISSION**

Monday, July 10, 2017
TEDCO Offices,
Columbia, MD

No Action Items

Members in attendance:

Margaret Conn Himelfarb
Marye Kellermann
Debra Mathews, Vice Chair
David Mosser, Chair
Avram Reisner
Ira Schwartz
Curt Van Tassell
Bo Weisheit

Staff in Attendance:

George Davis, TEDCO
Dan Gincel, TEDCO
Amritha Jaishankar, TEDCO
Sabrina Spinner, TEDCO

The Commission meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m.

Dr. Dan Gincel welcomed and introduced TEDCO's new CEO, Mr. George Davis.

I. Approval of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the May 1, 2017 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. The motion passed, 1 abstention.

II. Nominations and Election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair

Dan opened the floor for nominations to elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair. The nominees, **David Mosser - Chair** and **Debra Mathews - Vice Chair**, expressed their willingness to serve.

A motion was made and seconded to elect the officers as nominated. The motion passed unanimously.

III. MSCRF Awarded Project Update

Dr. Luis Garza, *Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins, SOM*, gave a brief presentation of the progress and key findings of his 2015 MSCRF awarded study "Clinical Trial of Human Fibroblast Stem Cells to Convert Skin Identity and Enhance Prosthetic Use".

IV. Executive Director Report

A. Validation & Commercialization RFA - Update

During the May 1, 2017 meeting, the Commission gave approval to allow two (2) funding cycles per funding year for the Validation and Commercialization programs only.

The FY2018 RFA was released for the first round of funding and the application deadline is July 14, 2017. The Scientific Review Committee will review the applications on August 8, 2017 and the Commission Review meeting will be on Sept. 11, 2017.

B. Post-Doctoral Roundtable

Dr. Gincel is in the process of recruiting a professional moderator for the monthly post-doc roundtable sessions. Dr. Gincel gave an estimated timeline for the first session and will keep the Commission updated on the progress.

C. MSCRF Website

TEDCO released an RFP for a new website. New branding / marketing vision will be incorporated. Dan will keep the Commission informed of the progress.

D. 2017 MSCRF Award – Update

All FY2017 grant agreements have been executed and the funds are committed. One Discovery award was rescinded and replaced by the Commission approved stand-by awards. The disbursement of funds for each grant agreement is currently in progress.

E. State Funding Disbursements

Due to program changes, the existing disbursement system the State currently has in place for TEDCO will be problematic for the stem cell award payment schedules. Executive Mgmt. is working with the State to establish a faster and more efficient process for receiving fiscal funds. Dr. Gincel will keep the Commission updated on the progress.

F. Ninth Annual MSCRF Symposium

The ninth Annual MSCRF Stem Cell Symposium will be integrated with the TEDCO Entrepreneur EXPO Conference at the Hilton Baltimore Hotel, October 25, 2017. The conference will showcase life science, stem cell, and technology sectors, promoting collaborations between professionals in these industries. The event will feature many speakers, and will have a stem cell track that will commence in parallel to EXPO programming. More info will be provided as it becomes available.

G. Stem Cell Meetings

Dr. Gincel and Dr. Jaishankar attended the FDLI Annual Conference, held in Washington, D.C. (May 4-5, 2017) on behalf of the Fund and the Commission.

Dr. Jaishankar attended the ISSCR Annual Conference, held in Boston, MA (June 14-17, 2017) on behalf of the Fund and the Commission.

University of Maryland BioPark hosted the Science in the City networking event for TEDCO/MSCRF on June 29, 2017. It was a casual/social/networking event. Overall, the event was a great success that attracted over 180 registered researchers, faculty, companies, TEDCO staff, TEDCO Board members, and Commission members.

H. Future Commission Meeting Schedule

The Commission meetings will commence the first Monday of every odd month, except September & January meetings. The meetings will be held at TEDCO (Columbia, MD) from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. If the scheduled meeting day falls on a holiday, the meeting will be rescheduled for the following Monday.

2017 Meeting Schedule

Monday, September 11, 2017 (12 p.m. – 3 p.m.)

Monday, November 6, 2017 (2 p.m. – 5 p.m.)

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.