



Association of Bioethics Program Directors
Westin Pittsburgh Convention Center Hotel
Rooms 304 and 305
Pittsburgh, PA
October 23, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 6:00 PM

In Attendance

Applewhite	Megan	Albany Medical College
Bolton	Jonathan	University of New Mexico
Bulger	Jeffrey	Chicago Medical School
Case	Gretchen	University of Utah
Demme	Richard	University of Rochester
Derse	Arthur	MCW
Doukas	David	Tulane University
Eberl	Jason	St. Louis University
Gallagher	Colleen	University of Texas
Garrett-Bell	Jamila	Emory University (notetaker)
Goodman	Ken	University of Miami
Grady	Christine	NIH Clinical Center
Hendriksen	Joan	Children's Minnesota
Hester	Micah	UAMS
Iltis	Ana	Wake Forest University
Joffe	Steve	Upenn
Jones	Nora	Temple University
Juengst	Eric	UNC
Kaldjian	Lauris	University of Iowa
King	Nancy	Wake Forest University
Kinlaw	Kathy	Emory University
Klitzman	Robert	Columbia University
Koenig	Barbara	UCSF
Kogan	Claudio	U. of Texas Rio Grande Valley SOM
Krohmal	Ben	MedStar Washington
Kuczewski	Mark	Loyola University
Lee	Sandra	Columbia University
Lipman	Hannah	Hackensack University Medical Center
Macpherson	Cheryl	St. George's University
McGuire	Amy	Baylor College of Medicine
Meador	Keith	VUMC
Mitchell	Christine	Harvard
Nash	Ryan	Ohio State University
Parker	Lisa	University of Pittsburgh
Powderly	Kathy	SUNY Downstate Medical Center
Redinger	Michael	Western Michigan University
Rhodes	Rosamund	Icahn School of Med at Mt. Sinai
Rosell	Tarris	Kansas City University
Rosenthal	M. Sara	University of Kentucky
Sederstrom	Nneka	Children's Minnesota
Sharp	Richard	Mayo Clinic
Solomon	Mildred	The Hastings Center
Streiffer	Robert	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Tabor	Holly	Stanford Center
Wilfond	Ben	Seattle Children's
Wolpe	Paul	Emory University
Wynia	Matt	University of Colorado

Welcome and Introductions: Paul Root Wolpe

Paul welcomed and thanked members for attending the meeting. Members introduced themselves.

President's Report: Paul Root Wolpe (PowerPoint)

Paul did a review of the ABPD Mission and Vision then showed slides to illustrate where the organization is now compared to seven years ago. His final slide asked, "What should be our agenda items moving forward?" Paul's suggested items are listed below. A brief group discussion followed.

- Discussing our revenue model and use of our resources
- Develop a better media strategy
- Continued conversation to clarify our relationship with ASBH, and engage other organizations more fully
- Implement the mentoring program, and perhaps the administrators program
- Solidify a survey strategy and program
- Discuss better services for junior scholars – what is ABPD's role?
- Reach out to osteopathic
- What else????

Treasurer's Report: Micah Hester (PowerPoint)

Micah reported that the EOY FY19 balance as of June 30, 2019 was \$89,223.41. The current balance as of October 1 is \$78,991.01. Below is a more detailed breakdown of income and expenses. The organization is financially sound.

	EOY FY19 Balance	Last Meeting Balance
	as of 6/30/19	as of 04/01/19
	\$89,223.41	\$74,519.71
Income	Expenses	Current Balance
Fiscal YTD	Fiscal YTD	as of 10/01/19
\$16,000.00	\$26,232.40	\$78,991.01

Primary Income

- Dues
 - \$13,500
 - \$500 (+/-fees)/member
- Workshop Sponsorships
 - \$2,500

Primary Expenses

- Meetings
 - Annual Meeting (-\$9,011+)
- Workshop
 - Presenter (-\$17,205+)
- Misc
 - State filings (-\$15)

ABPD Mentorship Program Presentation: Amy McGuire (PowerPoint)

Amy gave an update on the development of the mentorship program. She and Lindsey Feuerman created an onboarding packet (with input from the board) which will be circulated to new members and maintained on the ABPD website. Highlights from the onboarding packet include:

- History of ABPD
- Mentorship Program
- Fall & Spring Meeting Information
- Website
- Resources
- Email List Serve

Amy also talked about key program features and next steps for the emerging mentorship program. A discussion began after the question was asked if there are other organizations that have required mentorship programs.

Responses:

1. No.
2. U. of Kentucky has an organizational development program.

Suggestions for Emerging Program:

1. New members self identifies and seek guidance from senior members
2. Thriving programs could come together to identify best practices and develop inexpensive consultation
3. Offer helpful tips for 5-year reviews especially for new directors.
4. Organize mentorship pairings by similar program focus
5. Have monthly calls to address suggested questions
6. Survey people who are starting or growing in their roles to ask what their needs are and what topics would they want to discuss
7. Senior people could suggest topics new members should know; Intergenerational mentoring
8. Models: 1:1 and/or pods

Open Discussion I- Creating a Business Administrator Taskforce

Amy started a discussion about the idea of creating a taskforce for program business administrators. The discussion quickly expanded to include two other groups to become a total of three new consortia spin-offs from ABPD to encourage more information and knowledge sharing amongst our bioethics centers. Those groups are:

1. Bioethics program administrators
2. Bioethics graduate program directors (PhD or Masters)
3. Clinical ethics program directors

Amy will send out a brief poll to program directors to ask who from their programs should be included in each of the consortia.

NIH Bioethics Funding Panel Discussion

Taunton Paine, NIH Office of Science Policy's Support for Bioethics (PowerPoint)

OSP promotes progress in the biomedical research enterprise through the development of sound and comprehensive policies. OSP also is the primary policy adviser to the NIH Director on matters of significance to the agency, the research community, and the public.

- Congress has appropriated \$5 million annually for OSP to support bioethics research
- Overarching goal is to integrate bioethics across the spectrum of NIH research and to expand the evidence base to inform sound practice and policy
- Funds have been administered through a variety of mechanisms including administrative supplements, contracts, and co-funding
- Major topics of past several years have included Single IRB issues; informed consent, including in standard of care research and broad consent; research use of biospecimens; neuroethics
- Examples include a large literature review on broad consent¹ and survey on prospective participants' views on biobanking²; both provided evidence to inform revisions to the Common Rule

¹ Garrison et al, "A systematic literature review of individuals' perspectives on broad consent and data sharing in the United States," *Genet Med*. 2016 Jul; 18(7): 663–671, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4873460/>

² Smith et al, "Conducting a large, multi-site survey about patients' views on broad consent: challenges and solutions," *BMC Med Res Methodol*. 2016; 16: 162, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5122167/>

- OSP awarded **30 administrative supplements**¹
- Total: **\$3,973,881**
- Supplemented **14 ICs'** awards out of 18

FOAs are published in the *NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts*

Visit: <https://grants.nih.gov/funding/searchguide/index.html#/>

Elaine Collier, NIH Bioethics

Bioethics Research at NIH:

- Bioethics research is valued and supported by NIH
- Trans-NIH Coordinating Committee on Bioethics Research and Training
 - Established by NIH Director
 - Share information across NIH ICs and Offices
 - Identify gaps and opportunities for bioethics research
 - Liaison with Association of Bioethics Program Directors
- Outreach to bioethics and research communities
- Outreach to other funders and organizations

Types of Research Supported:

- Bioethical empirical and conceptual research
- Legal empirical and conceptual research
- Social and societal implications research
- Not restricted to human subjects or genomic focused research
- Of interest and within mission of an NIH institute
- Strongly encouraged to talk to a program contact at NIH about your idea prior to submission
- NIH website and NIH resource contact sheet

NCATS FOA: <https://osp.od.nih.gov/clinical-research/bioethics-research/>

Khara Ramos, Neuroethics: An Essential Partner for Neuroscience

Vision for the NIH Brain Initiative:

Goal: See the circuits in action to understand:

- The neural basis of perception, cognition, emotion, and behavior
- How brain circuit dysfunction cause brain diseases and disorders

Long-term goal: Make circuit abnormalities the basis of diagnostics, and normalization of circuit function the target of intervention

The neuroethics strategy for the NIH BRAIN Initiative emphasizes proactive, ongoing assessment of the neuroethical implications of the development and application of BRAIN-funded tools and neurotechnologies

Integrating neuroethics into the science:

Neuroethics Working Group

Neuroethics Guiding Principles

Topical workshops

NIH team of program directors

Funded neuroethics research

Please visit: <https://www.braininitiative.nih.gov/> and [Neuroethics Roadmap](#)

Open Discussion II: Various Topics

Announcements:

1. Bioethics on the Border, January 5-6, 2020 will discuss immigration issues (Claudio Kogan)
2. [World Congress of Bioethics, June 19-21, 2020](#); registration is open and sponsorship opportunities are available (Steve Joffe)

Seeking Advice:

1. Barbara Koenig asked for input regarding undergraduate medical education. She is seeking guidance related to content, evaluation and resources.

Suggestions to Expand ABPD:

1. Endocrine Bioethics Society is in development (M. Sara Rosenthal)
2. Create information about accreditation process
3. Start consultation services and trainings
4. Create stronger ties to other organizations; Jason Eberl is co-director of APPE Bioethics

ASBH certification process for healthcare ethics consultants (HEC-C) exam experiences and the outcomes:

Micah Hester

Micah started the discussion about the HEC-C exam and the outcomes. What should be considered:

1. Economic pressures for financially challenged institutions
2. Are there alternative credential standards by institutions?
3. Does the exam set a low bar? There needs to be a baseline.
4. Create a better verification process/improve the test
5. There needs to be some oversight of the creation of test questions
6. ABPD should advocate for what standards to achieve
7. Think about the impact of the test

Task Force Reports

Bioethics Research Scholarship & Funding: Ben Wilfond

1. This group organizes pre ASBH workshops
2. We are considering offering the grant writing workshop again next year
3. Open to suggestions for others

Survey: Colleen Gallagher

1. Forming a new committee
2. Will begin collecting information for a compensation survey

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by Art Derse and Jamila Garrett Bell