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- [2006 Membership Growth](#)

Ten memberships were approved in December, with seventeen cancellations processed (14 members were cancelled for non-payment of membership fees). The year of 2006 ended with a 3.5% annual growth rate, compared to the 5-year average since 2001 of 8.5%.

#### 2006 FIGURES

Finalizations: 58  
Reinstatements: 2  
Cancellations: 30  
Cryopreservations: 3  
Net Gain: 27

Alcor currently has 814 members in 11 countries.

- [Membership Funding Options](#)

The Membership Info page of the website has been supplemented with a [Funding Methods](#) link that overviews all of Alcor's currently accepted funding methods. It includes thorough information about life insurance, prepayment, trusts, annuities and alternative funding options. Details about life insurance arrangements for those in the UK and other countries is also provided. Special thanks to Alcor advisor Russell Cheney for his volunteer efforts on this important website update project.

- [Happy Bedford Day](#)

Forty years ago today, January 12, 1967, Dr. James Bedford became the first man to be cryopreserved under controlled conditions in the hope of eventual revival. In a

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very real way, you can say cryonics itself is forty years old today.

Our website includes more detailed information on [Dr. Bedford](#), and a couple of earlier abortive attempts at human cryopreservation. It makes for fascinating reading. We've come a long way since then, but we still have a long way to go.

- [Our Blog. Your Opinion.](#)

#### OPEN DISCUSSION REGARDING CRYONICS AND ETHICS

The current issue of Cryonics magazine broaches ethical issues pertaining to cryonics and life extension. Until January 31, 2007, this post is open for thoughtful comments relevant these articles:

The Ethics of Anatomical Donations  
Ethics of Non-ideal Cryonics Cases  
Recent Developments in the Ethics of Life- Extension  
Bioethics Battleground

We look forward to your feedback.

- [Alcor Conference DVD Set](#)

It was brought to our attention that the webstore was not accepting coupon codes for orders of the 6th Alcor Conference DVD Set. If you experienced difficulty using your coupon code, your order should now be processed without difficulty. We appreciate your understanding.

If you do experience difficulty or feel you were charged full price in error, please contact Alcor at 1- 877-462-5267 ext. 101.

- [CNN featured Alcor on Friday, December 22](#)

In April, Alcor's Chief Medical Advisor, Dr. Steven B. Harris, and local Alcor members were interviewed for a piece to air on CNN's Anderson Cooper 360 Show. As often happens with news programs, Alcor's planned segment was bumped. The producer contacted Alcor today to notify us that the piece aired on Friday, December 22 on the Paula Zahn NOW Show.

Missed the Show? [WATCH IT NOW.](#)

- [December 2, 2006, Board Meeting Results](#)

For quite some time Alcor has accepted life insurance policies naming Alcor as the owner and beneficiary. Since insurance companies in countries outside the United States often are not willing to name a US organization as the policy owner, the Alcor Board of Directors on December 2, 2006, approved a life insurance funding option for residents of the United Kingdom and other countries outside the United States, with the following stipulations:

- Alcor is named the beneficiary.
- There should either be no collateral assignees, or Alcor must be named as the assignee.
- The policy is placed in absolute trust.
- A minimum of one Alcor representative is named as a Trustee.
- The Death Benefit (or Sum Assured) is permanently maintained equal to or in excess of the Suspension Minimum, in equivalent United States Dollars.
- Alcor is to be notified if policy lapses.
- Premium is paid current.

Alcor requires a copy of the policy, Policy Schedule, stamped Trust Request Form (must be Absolute Trust), and stamped Deed (naming Alcor as an additional Trustee).

- [January 6, 2007, Board Meeting Results](#)

There was discussion of the following topics:

- The board was briefed on the 2007 budget.
- The board was briefed on planning of the 2007 conference, including speakers, catering, location, and the overall agenda.
- The board was informed that membership recruitment efforts are understaffed. Due to this and a downturn in the number of applicants entering the queue, 4.5% - 6 or 7% growth is the expected status quo. It was commented that the growth rate for 2006 (around 3%) was mediocre, but that the average 2005-2006 growth rate was within expectations at 7% per year. There was discussion of a new volunteer that is calling prospects and how to train him, as well as other possible options for using existing Alcor members for recruitment.

Two resolutions were passed:

- Approval of two new hires: Chana Williford, Research Associate, and Randall Fry, Equipment Fabricator
- Slight revision of the [mission statement](#)

- [Next Board Meeting](#)

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 3, 2007, at 11:00 AM (MST). Board meetings are typically held on the first Saturday of the month at the Alcor facility (7895 East Acoma Drive in Scottsdale, AZ). Members and the public are encouraged to attend.

- [Alcor News Blog](#)

Don't forget that you don't have to wait for this monthly newsletter to learn more about happenings at Alcor. Check the Alcor News Blog throughout the month for the most up-to-date information.

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- [Alcor United](#)

Alcor members have a forum where they can meet and chat with other members. Get to know other cryonics supporters in your area and around the world by visiting Alcor United: [www.alcorunited.org](http://www.alcorunited.org)

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