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2-day Strategic Meeting

At the outcome of the strategic meeting, Tanya Jones was appointed Executive Director of Alcor, Jennifer Chapman was appointed Chief Operating Officer, and Steve Van Sickle was appointed Chief

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Dear Alcor Member,

On June 7th and 8th, 2008, the Alcor board and management held a 2-day strategic planning meeting at the Alcor facility in Scottsdale, Arizona. At that meeting a funding offer brought forward by board member Saul Kent was accepted by the Alcor Board after considerable discussion.

The funding offer was made by three donors: the Life Extension Foundation, the Miller family, and Edward and Vivian Thorp, who will each contribute \$150,000 a year to Alcor for three years, totaling \$1,350,000. The funding provides for searches and three years of salary support for a CEO and a Transport Coordinator, who will be responsible for the early stages of the cryopreservation of Alcor patients. The funding will also pay to improve readiness for cases at Alcor and provide a 10% raise in salary for three years for the entire Alcor staff.

The position announcements for the CEO and Transport Coordinator positions are shown below. Information about how to apply for these positions is included. Those who wish to apply can do so immediately.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Chapman, Chief Operating Officer
Alcor Life Extension Foundation

Technical Officer. Steve Van Sickle stepped down from the Alcor board, and Carlos Mondragon stepped down from the Alcor board and Alcor Patient Care Trust board. Michael Riskin was appointed as the new board representative on the Patient Care Trust board.

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- [Alcor Chief Executive Officer - Announcement of Position](#)

Position: [Chief Executive Officer, Alcor Life Extension Foundation](#)

Effective Date: [July 20, 2008](#)

Qualifications and Responsibilities: [See below](#)

Salary: [\\$125,000 per year plus the benefits described below](#)

The Alcor Life Extension Foundation (Alcor) invites applications for the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Alcor is a non-profit, tax-exempt membership organization in Scottsdale, Arizona, that is the world leader in cryonics, cryonics research, and cryonics technology. The Alcor CEO will be in charge of all operations including the management of Alcor's staff, which currently consists of 10 people in Scottsdale and consultants in other areas. This includes management of administrative activities, research and development projects, cryopreservation cases, and long-term patient care operations. The position will likely require periodic travel.

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- [Transport Coordinator Position](#)

The Alcor Life Extension Foundation currently has an immediate opening for a Transport Coordinator at our Scottsdale, Arizona, facility. The Transport Coordinator is responsible for the stabilization and transport phases of cryonics. Cryonics is the experimental practice of using ultra-cold temperatures to preserve human life in a state that may be recoverable by future medicine. For four decades Alcor has developed and implemented innovative techniques in the field of human cryopreservation. These techniques involve a combination of experimental interventions and conventional medical skills.

At Alcor, we believe that intelligence, memories, and personality are determined primarily by the structure and chemistry of the human brain. Our aim is to preserve the brain and the unique identity within it so well that advanced future technology can restore the individual to health. The stabilization and transport phases of cryonics ideally consist of rapid cooling, administration of medications, and cardiopulmonary support to protect the brain following cardiac arrest prior to transport to Alcor. For more information about cryonics and Alcor please see our website at <http://www.alcor.org>.

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• **Technical Updates**

Research and Development

Our preparation of the new whole-body vitrification system is nearing the alpha testing phase. The patient enclosure has been tested periodically to ensure our design refinements are performing as expected. Changes include altering the configuration and flow of the nitrogen injectors, adding additional insulation, increasing the size of the plenum, and constructing a mounting platform for the circulating fans.

Readiness

Regina Pancake, Readiness Coordinator, attended the recent training session held by Cryonics Institute, as well as an Alcor training session in southern California. The focus of the southern California training was a review of changes we have been making to the medications kit. We have settled on a new design that pre-packages everything needed to prepare the medications for administration, and this design was well-received by the southern California team. It is simpler and clearer for the team members, and the few modifications suggested by the team are being implemented.

We have been building new medication kits for our several remote regions and will soon be replacing all of the med kits in the regions with fresh medications and the new packaging.

• **Administrative Statistics**

Membership

Alcor has 865 members on its Emergency Responsibility List. Ten memberships were approved, no memberships were reinstated, three memberships were cancelled and one member was cryopreserved. Overall, there was a net gain of six members.

Current membership demographics are as follows:

- Approximately 38 families (variation of parents and siblings) and 30 married couples
- Males - 667
- Females - 198
- Members signed for Neuropreservation - 405
- Members signed for Whole Body cryopreservation- 400
- Members signed for Open Option (no longer offered) - 60

Applicants

Alcor has 66 applicants for membership.

Information Packets

The average total of 252 info packs sent per month in 2008 exceeds the average of 129 per month in 2007.

- [Report of Cryonics UK \(CUK\) Annual General Meeting](#)

by David Flude - CUK Organiser
(edited by Veronique Struis)

On May 3 & 4 British support group, Cryonics UK (CUK) held their annual meeting as part of a 2 day training meeting. Both CI and Alcor members attended the meeting, which marked big changes in the British organisation. After 18 years as Training Manager, Alan Sinclair decided to step down as Training Manager, but he is staying on as CUK President & Team Consultant. To thank him for his long-term contribution Alan was made a Lifetime President of CUK.

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The next Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2008, at the Alcor facility (7895 East Acoma Drive in Scottsdale, AZ) at 11:00 AM (PDT). Members and the public are encouraged to attend.

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