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Donations Now Accepted on Alcor Website

We now have the ability to accept charitable donations through our website.

Alcor has a long, proud tradition of innovation and

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Cheryl Knight from The Institution of Engineering and Technology visited Alcor and the Cryonics Institute and published a positive, refreshing and an in-depth article on cryonics. [A science without a deadline](#) reports on: the cryopreservation process; a symbol of hope; possibility of revival; ethics; skeptics; and clears up myths about cryonics.

- [Alcor Job Search Update](#)

CEO SEARCH

Two applications for the CEO position were received and distributed to committee members this month. Sixteen applications have been received thus far. One candidate was interviewed by committee members and several board directors. In early November, the Executive Search Committee plans to discuss other possible candidates to be interviewed.

TRANSPORT COORDINATOR

The Transport Coordinator Job Search Committee has began setting up times and dates to interview several candidates who have applied for this position.

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technical excellence in the field of cryonics. Without the charitable gifts from our members and supporters, the organization would be unable to prosper. A first draft budget has been completed for next year and the organization is likely to face a large deficit in 2009. Your gift will help sustain the general operations budget at the level necessary to continue in our quest for better cryopreservations.

Your decision to [DONATE](#) is sincerely appreciated. Remember your donation is tax deductible.

Stephen Van Sickle Leaves Alcor

Stephen Van Sickle is no longer employed as Alcor's Chief Technical Officer. We wish him well in his endeavors.

Research and Development

Refinements continue on the whole-body enclosure for the vitrification system. We have been working to adjust the liquid nitrogen flows and temperature distribution across both the cooling stage and the patient environment. The testing this month included:

1. Performing a trial run of the cDAQ - 9172 unit from National Instruments.
2. Performing an extreme cold test of the redesigned and prototyped enclosure lid.
3. Gaining and recording data on the cooling efficiency of the table for use in fine tuning of liquid nitrogen delivery.

Research and Development Committee

Through a unanimous vote from the Board, R. Pancake was added to the Research and Development Committee. Other voting members include Brian Wowk, PhD, Steve Harris, MD, and Tanya Jones. The Research and Development Committee determines uses for the Readiness Grant provided by the Life Extension Foundation, the Miller family, and Edward and Vivian Thorp.

Readiness Grant

LINK TO: [READINESS GRANT](#)

Alcor's first use of the readiness grant was to help fund some much needed improvements to its stabilization and transport kits, which were featured in the August 2008 issue of AlcorNews.

The funds were used to purchase the following:
9 new sets of medications, with assorted supplies for medication administration;
1 Michigan Instruments Thumper repair;
6 rescue baskets for the construction of new ice baths, with assorted materials;
1 box of arterial cannula for ATP;
Labor for construction of 6 new ice baths;
Labor for construction of 9 medication kits.

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• ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Jennifer Chapman named Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer

Discussions between the board of directors and Alcor management regarding recent changes in Jennifer Chapman's role and responsibilities prompted the board to vote to change Jennifer Chapman's title to Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, per the Bylaws provision that requires CFO to be Treasurer. Jennifer will direct the organization's financial affairs and maintain its fiscal records, including evaluating and implementing internal

controls, preparing budgets, producing internal financial statements, and overseeing financial reviews conducted by an outside accounting firm. Jennifer serves on the Financial Advisory Committee formed in July 2008.

Membership Services

There were a total of nine new members this month. Growth in 2009 is expected to be a substantial improvement over 2006 and 2007, although there is still room for improvement. Remember, cryonics grows the fastest when existing members and supporters talk with friends and loved ones about cryonics and Alcor's program.

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In 2006 Alcor cryopreserved a member with approximately \$400,000 of cryopreservation funding, including life insurance policies and estate assets specifically directed to his suspension fund in his will. During recent discussions between Alcor's board and management regarding disposition of these assets, the member's will and Cryonic Suspension Agreement (CSA) were examined. The CSA was executed in the 1980s, and contained language not in current agreements, specifically:

"After the legal death and cryonic suspension of the Patient ALCOR shall maintain all Suspension Funds up to the minimum level of funding in one account, undifferentiated by Patient, for the joint care and maintenance of all suspension Patients. Suspension Funds in excess of the minimum required amount will be maintained in separate internal accounts for the benefit of the individual Patient who provided the extra funding."

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- [Next Board Meeting](#)

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 6, 2008, at the Alcor facility (7895 East Acoma Drive in Scottsdale, AZ) at 11:00 AM (MST). Members and the public are encouraged to attend.

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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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