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#### New Board Member

Alcor is pleased to announce the election of Tim Shavers to the Alcor Board of Directors at the May board meeting (held April 25 for scheduling reasons). Tim is a new member of Alcor, but has been an active Advisor and member of the Finance Committee since last year. He brings to the board an impressive background in law and business consulting. His full bio can be read here:

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#### New Secretary

Mike Perry has accepted the position as Alcor's new Secretary. Congratulations, Mike! His full bio can be read here:

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Joe Hovey will remain Alcor's Treasurer and CFO.

#### Re-election of M. Riskin to Patient Care Trust Board

Board member Michael Riskin was re-elected to the Patient Care Trust Board. Congratulations, Michael.

## Becoming an Alcor Member

[The Alcor Patient Care Trust](#)

Becoming an Alcor member is easy and surprisingly affordable, if you are in

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good health and eligible for life insurance, which will pay for your cryopreservation. (If you are not insurable, other financial arrangements can be made. Please ask us for details.)

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Alcor apologizes for the substantial delays in getting the two remaining 2008 issues to its members and subscribers in time. To get the publication of the magazine back on track again, and to improve its contents, Alcor has appointed Alcor member and publisher of the cryonics blog Depressed Metabolism Aschwin de Wolf as editor of the magazine. If you have any questions about the magazine, or would like to make a contribution, please contact the editor at: [aschwin@alcor.org](mailto:aschwin@alcor.org)

- RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

R&D Committee

There are ongoing discussions on our Research & Development committee (R&D) about a wide variety of readiness and research topics. The committee provides tremendous benefit to the organization, offering the advice and fresh perspectives of both long-time experts in the field and those who are new to cryonics or returning to active involvement. Topics recently covered include ways to optimize Alcor's emergency transport vehicle, a comparison of available field equipment for regional groups, and newly-created equipment manuals. The group has also reviewed several proposals, such as for replacement of the acoustic monitoring system that detects fractures during patient cooldowns (this project is now underway) and improving the tracking of liquid nitrogen boiloff rates.

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Readiness Staff

The readiness staff is focused on addressing several important aspects of Alcor's emergency response capabilities. One primary objective is to replace the emergency response kits Alcor has stationed around the country. Presently, the R&D committee is assessing the best available equipment, medications and supplies for deployment, within available resources. Fabrication of some equipment, such as the ice baths, is already progressing. At the suggestion of Aaron Drake, we recently purchased a "lot" of Michigan Instrument thumpers being sold on auction, which are potentially useful for equipping the regional groups, training purposes, and/or trade-in value. (Thank you to Suspended Animation for retrieving them!) The team is also distributing a survey for assessing the skills and interest level within Alcor's membership for participation on Alcor's worldwide emergency response teams.

Suspended Animation, Inc

A mutual assistance agreement was signed with Suspended Animation, Inc. to assist the organization with the standby, stabilization and transport of its patients. This

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will significantly enhance our ability to deliver quality care to our membership. We look forward to working with Suspended Animation.

#### First Responder Training at Alcor Facility

Alcor plans to start a series of regular training sessions that will be held at Alcor up to six times a year. The first of these free training weekends for first responders will be on the weekend of June 13-14, 2009, at the Alcor facility in Scottsdale, Arizona. This training is open to anyone who would like participate for the two days. We only have room for fifteen people, so please RSVP early to Regina Pancake, Alcor's Readiness Coordinator, to hold your spot: Regina@alcor.org

The Alcor transport team will still be traveling to perform training in regions where we have first responder teams in place already. However, as the community of cryonicists near Alcor grows, it makes sense to have training sessions for our local population of members. Those who are interested may also travel to Scottsdale to attend these sessions.

#### Laughlin Training

On May 4th and 5th, Alcor's transport team did a two day training in Laughlin, Nevada. The Alcor team trainers, Aaron Drake, Todd Huffman and Regina Pancake set up stations for the attendees to get hands-on experience with the equipment. After running everyone through the various processes and underlying theory, the Alcor staff members played out several scenarios, including a timed walk through of an actual transport. It was a straightforward exercise, and all that were involved rolled with the variables that any scenario of this nature can throw at a team. In the end, they now have a working ice bath/thumper unit deployed to their region.

#### [Read Full Report](#)

#### Recent Deployments

April was a busy month for Alcor field work. Two Alcor members had scheduled surgeries in Arizona during the last week of April. One of the surgeries was deemed to be high risk. The surgeries were in Tucson and Phoenix, one day apart. Alcor elected to perform precautionary standbys for both of them, bringing in three team members from Suspended Animation, Inc. (SA) from Florida for a joint deployment exercise with Alcor personnel. This proved invaluable because just prior to the surgeries, Alcor's Standby Coordinator, Regina Pancake, became ill, and Alcor's Transport Coordinator, Aaron Drake, was deployed to Canada for a last-minute non-member case in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Four staff members from Critical Care Research, Inc. (CCR) also joined the standbys on a voluntary basis to help out (thanks!) after driving the SA transport vehicle from its California base to Arizona for the standbys. Aaron Drake returned two days later, in time for the second higher risk standby, after the family in Canada decided not

to proceed with cryonics arrangements. Both surgeries were successful, and the members are recovering.

There was another deployment outside the USA in February of this year, when Regina Pancake spent a week in England preparing a patient for low temperature shipment to Alcor. A full report of this case will be published soon.

- **NEW STATISTICS**

Membership

On April 25, 2009, Alcor had 886 members on its Emergency Responsibility List. No memberships were approved during this month, no memberships were reinstated, two memberships were cancelled and no members were cryopreserved. Overall, there was a net loss of two members.

Applicant

At the end of April, Alcor had 56 applicants for membership. 2 new applicants were added, no (0) applicants were converted to members and no applicants were cancelled resulting in net gain of 2 applicants for this month.

Info Pack

63 info packs were requested this month, 3 were handed out during facility tours or from special request. The average total of 103 info packs sent per month in 2009 as compared to 173 in 2008.

Site Access

The number of distinct computers that accessed the Alcor website in each of the past thirteen months are:

36,185 April  
27,071 May  
30,845 June  
23,794 July  
23,087 August  
23,083 September  
24,261 October  
23,218 November  
35,020 December  
35,741 January  
31,625 February  
28,479 March  
29,313 April

- **CRYONICS MEETING, NEW YORK**

Cryonics Meeting, New York, June 6th 2009, Saturday 2-5 pm

At Stonehurst, home of Peter Gouras M.D. Riverdale, the Bronx

Topics to be considered:

1. Can local members be organized to aid in the cool-down and transport of a deceased member?
  2. What is the best protocol for doing this?
  3. Can we support a laboratory in NYC to study for cryopreservation of organs and the brain in particular?
- For the address, directions and to RSVP please contact:  
pg10@columbia.edu

- [Upcoming Board Meetings](#)

The upcoming Board meetings are scheduled for Saturday, June 6, and July 11, at the Alcor facility (7895 East Acoma Drive in Scottsdale, AZ) at 11:00 AM (MST). Members and the public are encouraged to attend.

- [Donations Accepted on Alcor Website](#)

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