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• [2009 Annual Board Meeting and Strategic Meeting](#)

On Saturday, September 12, 2009, Alcor held its Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. The meeting was attended in person by all directors. In addition to the public Annual Meeting, the directors took the opportunity to spend about nine hours on Saturday and another four hours on Sunday holding a private Strategic Meeting with management.

Director and officer elections were held at the Annual Meeting. The existing slate of directors, James Clement, J.D., Ravin Jain, M.D., Saul Kent, Ralph Merkle, Ph.D., Michael Riskin, Ph.D., CPA, Michael Seidl, Ph.D., Tim Shavers, J.D., Brian Wowk, Ph.D., and officers, Jennifer Chapman (President and Executive Director), R. Michael Perry, Ph.D. (Secretary), and Joe Hovey (Treasurer) were carried forward for another year.

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Becoming an Alcor Member

Becoming an Alcor member is easy and surprisingly affordable, if you are in good health and eligible for life insurance, which will

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[Case Summary A-2435](#)
(Member A-2435 is now our 88th patient)
Phoenix, AZ-- Alcor was contacted by a member who

pay for your cryopreservation. (If you are not insurable, other financial arrangements can be made. Please ask us for details.)

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informed us that his wife, also an Alcor member, had become gravely ill and they were traveling to Mexico for specialized treatments, in an attempt to extend her life. In the event that their efforts became futile, they intended to return to the United States and fly directly to Scottsdale to be near Alcor for the remaining days of her life.

Alcor's deployment committee kept in close contact with the family along with her medical providers in the U.S. and abroad. Her physicians were aware of her cryopreservation directives and eventually determined that her time would be better spent getting closer to Alcor rather than continuing treatment and risk potential delays while crossing the U.S. border, after clinical death.

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Case Summary A-2420

(Member A-2420 is now our 87th patient)

St. Louis, MO-- Alcor received notice from an extended care facility that one of our members was experiencing a significant decline in health and therefore the family was in the process of changing the patient to hospice care. Alcor's deployment committee was actively involved in monitoring the situation when it was decided to have an Alcor representative at the patient's bedside to better determine when to initiate a full team response. Aaron Drake traveled to St. Louis to interact with the patient, family and medical staff.

Throughout the course of the seven days on location, we continually ramped up the level of readiness as the patient's condition worsened. Initially, the full team supply kit was shipped and pre-positioned. Then, two Suspended Animation, Inc. (SA) team members drove the SA response vehicle from Florida to St. Louis. And finally, we requested a deployment from Catherine Baldwin for the full SA team including perfusionist and surgeon to provide support as clinical death was imminent. The timing was excellent as the patient experienced clinical death within 12 hours of the SA team's arrival. The patient was subsequently flown to Scottsdale where a neuropreservation was performed. Member A-2420 is now our 87th patient.

Case Summary A-2061

(Member A-2061 is now our 86th Patient)

Colorado Springs, CO-- One of our members, A-2061 suffered cardiac arrest at his home in Colorado Springs, CO. The gentleman had suffered from Parkinson's disease for many years and had 24-hour home health care. At the request of the member and the cooperation of the home health care program, Alcor had pre-positioned a mini-medical support kit with instructions for medical professionals, to administer after pronouncement. In the event of a sudden and unexpected clinical death, these important initial medications could be administered, while simultaneously cooling the body with ice. This would accomplish a key first step in the stabilization process that would provide Alcor additional time to respond to the scene while maintaining the hope for a quality

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cryopreservation. Since this was the exact scenario that played out, our early efforts paid off.

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• Team Training

The Texas Response Team's training was rescheduled due to previous standby and case activity. It was held on August 29th and 30th with 11 people in attendance for the two-day training session that was hosted by member Steve Jackson. Steve stepped in as interim team leader while Shannon Vyff was traveling abroad with her family. The team concluded their training with a hands-on dry run scenario which allowed them to practice their recently acquired skills. At the conclusion of the training, the team had all of the equipment, supplies and initial skills needed to assist Alcor on a standby or case, for a local or regional member.

• UPCOMING TRAINING SESSIONS AND DATES

The Regional Response Teams play an invaluable role by assisting Alcor in providing localized response support for their fellow cryonicists. Whether an immediate response is needed due to a member's clinical death or assistance in the event of a medical standby, team members can rightfully feel that they are helping people whose lives can no longer be maintained by current medical practices.

We encourage Alcor members and volunteers to attend local training sessions who are interested in being part of a response team; who want to learn more about what would happen in the event of a stabilization and transport; or even to meet and interact with other local members.

Scottsdale, AZ

On **Sunday, September 27, 2009**, Alcor will hold a training session for the Arizona Response Team. This will be held at Alcor Central in Scottsdale, AZ from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

San Jose, CA

The Northern California Response Team training has been scheduled for **Saturday, October 10th and Sunday, October 11th**. The hosting team leader will be Tim Freeman however a location has yet to be determined.

Please get the word out to anyone that may be interested so that we will have strong regional teams!

• Alcor Has Over 900 Members!

On August 31, 2009, Alcor had 903 members on its Emergency Responsibility List. Eleven (11) memberships

were approved during this month, one membership was reinstated, three memberships were cancelled and one member was cryopreserved. Overall, there was a net gain of eight members this month.

- **Alcor Northern California Quarterly Meeting**

The next Alcor Northern California quarterly meeting will be **October 18, 2009**, at 4pm, in South San Francisco Bay area.

The exact location is to be decided. To RSVP, please contact Mark at mark_galeck@pacbell.net or (650) 969-1671.

- **Next Board Meeting**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for **October 3, 2009**, 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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