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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 pay for your cryopreservation. (If you

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• ALCOR MEMBERSHIP 2010 DUES INCREASE

As the year comes to a close, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of our supporters during 2009. The success of our mission truly relies upon you.

One of the primary ways our members support the organization is through the payment of membership dues. Alcor charges membership dues to support the advancement of its programs and to help defray the costs of equipment and supplies, administrative expenses, professional services, and other similar expenses. Alcor's last dues increase was eight years ago, in 2002. Since then, the CPI-U (a frequently cited measure of inflation) has increased by nearly 20%. Alcor's expense budget has accommodated this significant increase in general cost levels without any corresponding increase in revenue from member dues.

In light of this, and considering the need to address Alcor's current operating budget deficit, the Alcor board of directors approved a 20% dues increase effective January 2010. Comprehensive Member Standby charges and Life Member dues remain unchanged.

See our updated fee schedule ([III. Membership Dues](#)), which will apply as of January 2010.

are not insurable, other financial arrangements can be made. Please ask us for details.)

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- **NEW STATISTICS (as of November 30, 2009)**

Membership

Alcor had 908 members on its Emergency Responsibility List. Four (4) memberships were approved during this month, no memberships were reinstated, two (2) memberships were cancelled and no members were cryopreserved. Overall, there was a net gain of two (2) members this month.

Applicant

Alcor had 71 applicants for membership. Six (6) new applicants were added, four (4) applicants were converted to members and no applicants were cancelled resulting in a net gain of two (2) applicants for this month.

Info Pack

Alcor received 324 info pack requests. Seven (7) were handed out during facility tours or from special request. The average total of 182 info packs sent per month in 2009 is compared to 173 in 2008.

- **READINESS AND TRANSPORT**

Team Training

There will be a team training session in Scottsdale Arizona on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 3:00 pm at the Alcor facility. Please contact Aaron Drake at aaron@alcor.org if you would like to attend the training session.

A CryoFeast will follow the training session at 7:00 pm. This will be a potluck dinner at a nearby home of an Alcor member. Please contact Bonnie Magee at bonnie@alcor.org for the address, directions and to RSVP for the potluck CryoFeast!

Readiness Kits and Supplies

All new supply kits were shipped to the Southern California Regional Response Team for their December 12th and 13th team training.

The remainder of the readiness supplies have been ordered, received and now sent to the Texas and Northern California teams to complete their response kits. Coupled with each Regional Response Team's training sessions will be the delivery of the team's new response kits. This will ensure consistency in preparedness. Each team will have identical kits and be similarly trained.

Recent Pet Cryopreservation

At the beginning of the month, we performed a pet cryopreservation (P-040) for an Alcor member. The pet was hand-delivered by its owner, who drove from Texas to Arizona.

- STATUS OF CEO SEARCH

The CEO Search Committee has received quite a number of applications and resumes. They are still receiving inquiries on a regular basis and are continuing to review them as they come in. They have, however, set aside names of applicants they would like to interview in the near future.

- UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 9, 2010, at the Alcor facility (7895 East Acoma Drive in Scottsdale, AZ) at 11:00 AM (PT). Members and the public are encouraged to attend.

- DONATIONS ACCEPTED ON ALCOR WEBSITE

Now our valued supporters can [make a charitable donation](#) anytime just by clicking the "Donate" button on the Alcor website.

Alcor has a long, proud tradition of innovation and technical excellence in the field of cryonics. Your gift will make a difference in our quest for better cryopreservations.

Your decision to DONATE is sincerely appreciated. Remember donations are tax deductible.

- ALCOR NEWS BLOG

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