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Appeal of Orville Richardson Case to be heard by Iowa Court of Appeals

Orville Richardson was an Alcor member who after his death in Burlington, Iowa, February, 2009, was buried by his next of kin without Alcor's knowledge. On April 6, 2010, the Iowa Court of Appeals will hear an appeal by Alcor as to why Alcor should be allowed to recover and cryopreserve whatever remains of the brain of Mr. Richardson. Alcor is pursuing this appeal at substantial expense and risk of public misunderstanding because it believes that it has an obligation to fulfill wishes of its members, and defend the primacy of the individual right to choose cryonics.

Orville Richardson joined Alcor in 2004, directing that his remains be cryopreserved for purposes of cryonics research and potential revival in the future. He paid \$20,000 for an Alcor Life Membership instead of paying annual membership dues. He also prepaid an additional \$50,000 for his neuropreservation (preservation of the brain within the head) cryonics arrangement. This amount was held by Alcor in a segregated account until time of need, with earned interest regularly paid back to Mr. Richardson. Contrary to some media reports, Alcor is not aware of Mr. Richardson leaving any money to Alcor in a will.

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

[ALCOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTIONS](#)

Alcor Position Announcements

In order to continue to advance the technology and emergency response capabilities of the Alcor Life Extension Foundation, we are pleased to announce two available positions. These positions are an exciting opportunity to participate at the frontiers of current scientific knowledge.

The Alcor Foundation seeks a Technical Coordinator and a Readiness Coordinator for its dedicated team in Scottsdale, Arizona. The [Technical Coordinator](#) is responsible for designing and operating the equipment necessary to perform human cryopreservations and for planning short-term and long-term technology strategies in conjunction with experts in the field. The [Readiness Coordinator](#) will play an essential role in maintaining logistical readiness for cryonics cases and assisting with the stabilization and transport of cryonics patients.

Alcor Media (Film and Print)

- The Discovery Channel's Planet Green filmed a segment at Alcor to be broadcast both in the United States and internationally. The television series is about individuals and communities in our nation that are attempting to prepare for the future. They sought out innovators, inventors and visionaries, who are finding new ways to interact and develop as a society.

The portion of the segment that pertains to Alcor and cryonics is in the field of immortality research and age management. They examined how cryonics will allow people to extend their lives and provide a means to store their bodies for reanimation in the future. The film crew followed an Alcor member, as he visited Alcor Central for the first time. They filmed him interacting with Aaron Drake, Alcor's Transport Coordinator, while he received a tour of the facility.

- A reporter from the Colorado Springs Gazette, that followed and wrote numerous articles about our recent case, traveled to Scottsdale to write a follow-up story. The focus of this story was not surrounding the outcome of our member, but instead to write about cryonics as a whole, now that his community's interest in cryonics had been peaked due to recent news events. He was provided with a tour and an opportunity to ask questions about the history and current trends of cryonics.

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READINESS AND TRANSPORT

Member Watch List

Alcor currently has nine members that are being monitored closely due to health concerns. The majority of individuals have some form of cancer and are either being actively treated for their condition or have progressed to an end-stage level. The Deployment Committee is working closely with these individual's health care providers to determine if and when a standby would be warranted.

Rescue Ice Bath Photo

NEW STATISTICS (As March 30, 2010)

Membership

Alcor had 920 members on its Emergency Responsibility List. Eight (8) memberships were approved during this month, no memberships were reinstated, one (1) membership was cancelled and no members were cryopreserved. Overall, there was a net gain of seven (7) members this month.

New York Life insurance agent Mary Naples has retired. She serviced 116 Alcor insurance policies. Notices were sent to members, who used Ms. Naples' past services, to complete an agent reassignment form to assign a current NYL agent in their area that is familiar with Alcor.

Applicants

Alcor had 57 applicants for membership. Six (6) new applicants were added, eight (8) applicants were converted to members and no (0) applicants were cancelled resulting in net loss of two (2) applicants for this month.

Information Packets

Alcor received 265 information packet requests. Nine (9) were handed out during facility tours or from special request. The average total of 217 info packs sent per month in 2010 is compared to 188 in 2009.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for **Friday, April 30, 2010**, at the Alcor facility (7895 East Acoma Drive in Scottsdale, AZ) at 1:00 PM (MT). 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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