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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.)

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SECURING YOUR OPTIMUM CRYOPRESERVATION

At the 2010 Strategic Meeting, the board and management discussed Alcor's financial well-being at length. The majority of the meeting focused on specific budget cuts, fee increases, and plans for establishing an endowment. However, it was also necessary to discuss those policies and practices which affect Alcor's bottom line. This article is intended to clarify Alcor's grandfathering practice in general, as well as the benefits and limitations of Alcor's Comprehensive Member Standby policy, specifically. [Grandfathering](#)

Alcor has a long-standing tradition of grandfathering its members. This means that as cryopreservation costs increase Alcor does not require existing members to obtain more funding in order to remain an Alcor member. Grandfathering prevents a long-time member from suddenly losing his or her membership when Alcor raises its required funding minimums. This is especially important for members who have retired, become ill or disabled, or cannot get additional life insurance.

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LARRY JOHNSON HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND FORCED TO POST BAIL IN NEVADA TO AVOID JAIL; LAWSUIT CONTINUES IN NEW YORK

Last year, Larry Johnson and self-proclaimed screenwriter, Scott Baldyga, wrote and started selling for profit the book Frozen, which purported to be about Alcor. The book was published by Vanguard Press. After successfully filing suit against Johnson in 2003 for violating the privacy of Alcor members, Alcor was forced to sue Johnson again in 2009, as well as Baldyga and Vanguard, for publication of Frozen. The lawsuit was filed to obtain damages for the false and defamatory content of the book, to enforce prior court orders and agreements which publication of the book

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directly violated, and to protect the privacy of Alcor members.

After being found in contempt of court for failing to answer for his conduct, an arrest warrant for Larry Johnson was issued in Arizona earlier this year. This was followed by an arrest warrant in his new home state of Nevada. After posting bond for the Nevada warrant to avoid jail, Johnson finally sat for deposition on October 20, 2010. During deposition, Larry Johnson invoked the Fifth Amendment more than 300 times to avoid incriminating himself.

Questions which he declined to answer included:

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[New Response Team Kits](#)

New Response Team Kit

The final step in redesigning the response team kits has been completed.

All of the supplies and medications have been fully organized into Pelican cases for each of the response teams, along with inventory diagrams.

The consistency this organization creates will be beneficial to any response personnel that are required to work out of another team's kit.

[Team Training](#)

The Arizona Response Team training that was scheduled for Saturday, October 16th, was postponed due to the standby in Torrance California. It will be rescheduled in the near future.

[Standby](#)

Rescue Ice Bath Photo

A standby was launched for a California member during the month of October. Alcor received emergency notification that a member had "coded" while at the hospital. The medical staff had successfully revived their patient; however he remained in critical condition.

Southern California Response Team leader, Michael Geisen, was notified and he immediately retrieved the Suspended Animation's west coast vehicle that was stored at the Critical Care Research facility. Meeting him at the hospital were two other team members who helped Michael get

established and prepare meds in the event they were needed.

Aaron Drake flew out the following morning to meet and relieve the team who spent the night. Aaron spent the next seven days on location monitoring the member's condition until he improved to the point where a standby was no longer warranted. We are continuing to closely monitor the member's condition remotely with the hopes that he fully recovers from his medical issues.

NEW STATISTICS (As October 31, 2010)

Membership

Alcor had 925 members on its Emergency Responsibility List. Four (4) memberships were approved during this month, one (1) membership was reinstated, six (6) memberships were cancelled and no members were cryopreserved. Overall, there was a net loss of one (1) member this month.

Applicants

Alcor had 56 applicants for membership. Seven (7) new applicants were added, four (4) applicants were converted to members and no applicants were cancelled resulting in a net gain of three (3) applicants for this month.

Information Packets

Alcor received 152 info pack requests this month, 14 were handed out during facility tours or from special request. The average total of 200 info packs sent per month in 2010 is compared to 188 in 2009.

THE NEXT ALCOR BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Alcor [Board of Directors](#) meeting is scheduled for FRIDAY, December 3 2010, at the Alcor facility (7895 East Acoma Drive in Scottsdale, AZ) at 11:00 A.M. (MT). Members and the public are encouraged to attend.

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