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[HUMANITY+ @ PARSONS CONFERENCE, NEW YORK](#)

MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

A new position called the Member Communications Director has opened at Alcor. The Member Communications Director's job will be to communicate with Alcor's members by email, by telephone, and in person for multiple purposes.

For detailed information on the position requirements and job description please click on the link below.

[Qualifications/Compensation](#)
[HOW TO BECOME 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 Life Extension Foundation is on Facebook. If you would like to connect with Alcor members and supporters then visit: [Official Alcor Facebook](#)

Become a fan and encourage interested friends, family members, and colleagues to support us too!

To find out about: Alcor Training Sessions; Regional Cryonics Meetings as well as Non-Alcor Events in your area, please visit: the [UPCOMING EVENTS](#) page on our website.

Thoughts on the Parsons Conference -- Max More Alcor was represented at the Humanity+ @ Parsons Conference in New York on the weekend of May 14 and 15. More than one

speaker was an Alcor member, as were several attendees. Around 200 people showed up. That's excellent, considering that the east coast is traditionally a tougher sell than the west coast for this kind of event. The conference was co-organized by Alcor member Natasha Vita-More together with Ed Keller of the Parsons School of Design.

The second speaker on the first day was architect Stephen Valentine. Stephen spoke about his Timeship design as well as covering some basics about cryonics. That pre-empted some of the material that I was planning to cover in my talk, "Designing Death: Reframing and Refusing the End of Life". Stephen's talk covered quite a few cryonics basics, necessitating a rapid adjustment for my own talk. That turned out to be quite helpful, as I was able to explore some ideas in more depth, bringing a better understanding of cryonics and its rationale to a mostly new audience.

The idea of cryonics seemed to receive a mostly friendly reception. Whether or not Alcor gets some new members out of the talk, awareness and appreciation of what we do and why we do it was definitely improved. I'm currently set to speak at four more conferences and one company this year on cryonics and related ideas. We would be delighted to hear from you if you can help Alcor grow by suggesting companies, forums, conferences, and other arenas where I or other Alcor representatives could give a presentation.

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25th Anniversary

Conference Celebration & Reunion Weekend

Google HQ in Mountain View, CA

June 25-26, 2011

Use code ALCOR for \$50 off on this conference:

foresight.org/reunion What promise does nanotech hold for you? Health, space travel, longevity. Topics are emerging tech with special emphasis on transformative nanotech.

A rockstar lineup of speakers include:

- BARNEY PELL, PhD - Cofounder/CTO of Moon Express making robotic lunar landers
- WILLIAM ANDREGG - Founder/CEO of Halcyon Molecular
- PAUL SAFFO, PhD - Renowned tech forecaster and strategist
- LUKE NOSEK - CoFounder of Paypal, Partner at the Founders Fund

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- SIR FRASER STODDART, PhD - Knighted creator of molecular "switches"
- THOMAS THEIS, PhD - IBM's Director of Physical Sciences
- Keynote JIM VON EHR - Founder/President of Zyvex, the world's first successful molecular nanotech company

ALCOR VIDEO LIBRARY

The Alcor Video Library has recently added new material. It now includes a short Video Tour of Alcor Facility and five complete presentations from the 2006 Alcor Conference. The video quality has also been significantly upgraded. Please visit [Alcor Video Library](#) or use the links below to go directly to a particular video.

[The Limitless Future](#) (28-minutes). Alcor documentary video (2005). Discover how leading-edge science at the Alcor Life Extension Foundation is getting closer to making the dream of a vastly extended lifespan come true and how our notion of "death" is shifting. Includes interviews with world-renowned scientists including Dr. Aubrey de Grey, Department of Genetics at the University of Cambridge, explaining how life can be cryopreserved on the verge of death and then revitalized, giving us a second chance at a long and productive life, and Dr. Ralph Merkle, Distinguished Professor of Computing at Georgia Tech, exploring how molecular-sized machines will be able to repair damage to your body from aging or the devastating effects of cancer and other illnesses, including frostbite.

[Alcor Facility Tour](#) (3 minutes) - Short video tour of the Alcor Life Extension Foundation facility in Scottsdale, Arizona, conducted by Stephen Van Sickle, who was Executive Director at Alcor when this tour was filmed in 2006.

[6th Alcor Conference 2006](#) - this link goes to a page with full descriptions of all conference video presentations.

[Excerpts](#) (14 minutes). Overview of the conference with short segments from various sections.

[Ralph Merkle](#) - Nanotechnology and Cryonics (25 minutes).

[J. Storrs Hall](#) - Cryonics: A Door into Summer (24 minutes).

[David Friedman](#) - If Life Were a Lot Longer: An Economist's View (26 minutes).

[Aubrey de Grey](#) - SENS: A Precursor to Cryonic Revival (36 minutes).

[Brian Wowk](#) - The Cryobiological Basis of Cryonics (42 minutes).

[Suspended Animation by Vitrification](#) - (25 minute) Conference presentation (November, 2005). A cryobiologist talks about the current state of tissue cryopreservation technology in mainstream science and the implications for cryonics.

READINESS AND TRANSPORT REPORT

Dewar Manufacturing Progress Report

Three Dewars

We are pleased to report that the first of three new bigfoot dewars has been completed, fully tested and delivered to Alcor.

Team Training

The Arizona team is planning a scenario based training day on Saturday, June 25, 2011. This will be a follow-up to the previous classroom training session held earlier this year in March.

Alcor's Member Watch List

Alcor is closely watching a member who has been accepted into hospice-at-home. As several members of the family are signed up with Alcor, we appear to have a great deal of support and cooperation. Alcor's Member Watch-List has been growing in the past few weeks. Members who have recently been diagnosed with cancer have contacted Alcor with the news and we are taking a proactive position with respect to monitoring the changes in their health. This Watch-List has been an invaluable tool to track member's health status in one easily accessible resource.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT (As of April 30, 2011)

Membership Statistics

Alcor had 943 members on its Emergency Responsibility List. Ten memberships were approved during this month, no memberships were reinstated, two memberships were cancelled and no members were cryopreserved. Overall, there was a net gain of eight members for April.

Applicant Statistics

Alcor had 46 applicants for membership. Six new applicants were added, 10 applicants were converted to members and 2 applicants were cancelled resulting in net loss of 6 applicants for April.

Information Packet Statistics

Alcor received 111 info pack requests in April. Fifteen were handed out during facility tours or from special request. The average total of 127 info packs sent per month in 2011 compares to 199 in 2010.

THE NEXT ALCOR BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Alcor [Board of Directors](#) meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2011, at the Alcor facility (7895 East Acoma Drive in Scottsdale, AZ) at 11:00 A.M. (PDT). 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

Don't forget! You don't have to wait for this monthly newsletter to learn more about happenings at Alcor. Check the Alcor News Blog throughout the month for the most up-to-date information.

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