

Cryonics Institute President's Report

It is now the time of year when incomes and tax considerations increase the amount of charitable donations. So it is appropriate that CI Members give special consideration to the Cryonics Institute.

With adequate funding CI could undertake many projects, including acquiring a sprinkler system, getting a second cooling box, improving perfusion capabilities, allocating money for an additional building, and hiring additional staff to help with other projects that would improve patient care and facility security.

CI does not receive many donations for anything but research. CI research has been costing over \$75,000 per year.

Research donations between 2003 to 2005 averaged about \$40,000 per year. In 2006 CI received about \$65,000, of which \$40,000 was from one couple in December. In 2007 research donations to date have been only a few thousand dollars. Alcor receives over one-third of its (considerably larger) income from donations (exclusive of trusts and bequests), whereas CI receives closer to one-tenth. Donating to CI directly is not tax-deductible, but donations made to the Immortalist Society for cryonics research are tax-deductible. This issue of longlife includes many plans for tax-deductible giving. Please consider using one of these plans if it seems feasible, as well as remembering to make a bequest to CI in your will. CI is devoted to saving lives, and the life you save may well be your own.

As a result of the CI Director elections Marta Sandberg will be replacing Jim Fitzgerald as a Director. We welcome Marta. We hope that Jim will not become discouraged, and will consider running for Director again in the future.

There were five candidates running for five positions on the Board of Directors:

<http://www.cryonics.org/candidates.html>

The election results were as follows:

Alan Mole	80
Marta Sandberg	76
Royse Brown	72
John Strickland	62
Jim Fitzgerald	55

Marta Sandberg has been newly elected to the Board and Jim Fitzgerald is no longer a Board Member. I hope that Jim will not get too discouraged and that he will

consider running for the Board again in the future.

Proxy votes for the removal of By-Law 5.01 were received with 74 favoring removal and 9 opposed to removal. York Porter continued his lobbying against the removal right into the meeting and he managed to convince everyone that changing the By-Law is not a good idea. Proxies can only be used in a vote if a vote is called. There was no motion to call for a vote on the removal of Section 5.01 at the AGM, much less someone seconding the motion. Because no one made a motion to vote on the By-Law repeal, the question was tabled.

A better decision is required on the means by which By-Laws and Corporate Policy can be changed. York Porter is still wanting a means to bypass the directors, but he seems willing to consider the idea of allowing proposed voting to be approved by only one third of Directors.

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