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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - September 11, 2010

[Jennifer Chapman, Executive Director](#)

In April of 2009, we learned that Alcor member Orville Richardson had been buried in February of that year by his siblings. After a protracted legal dispute over the past 15 months, which was ultimately concluded in Alcor's favor by the Iowa Court of Appeals, Orville was finally transported to Alcor. This case exemplifies the extreme importance of our members establishing relationships with individuals who support their cryopreservation arrangements. It was a tremendously difficult situation, and one that we hope is never repeated. Orville is now Alcor's 99th patient.

We received two last-minute, non-member emergency calls last month, both post-mortem situations. These are always challenging calls and neither resulted in a cryopreservation. First, in early August, we were contacted by a woman whose brother had passed away suddenly about 24 hours prior in Massachusetts from heart failure. She had never discussed cryonics with him, but she said he was "into science." She wanted to know more about cryonics. After coming to understand the cost and biological challenges of the case, the family decided not to proceed.

The second emergency call was about ten days later, on August 16th. We were contacted about an elderly man who had died twenty minutes prior of sepsis in Wisconsin. His son was a Ph.D. and educated about cryonics, more so than the average person. He decided to take a proactive role in pursuing cryonics for his father. He even attempted to convince the hospital to administer the medications in Alcor's emergency response protocol, a request that was ultimately denied. Although Alcor strongly discourages last-minute cases and carefully weighs several factors when determining whether to accept a given case, this situation looked more promising than most for several

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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reasons. Alcor had been timely notified post-mortem, the son was informed about cryonics, the father had apparently expressed a desire for cryopreservation, and the family expressed no reservations about the financial burden of paying for the cryopreservation and last-minute surcharge. Given all the favorable signs, we collected a down payment and deployed Aaron Drake to aid with expediting transport to take place following membership approval. In the end, certain family members who were authorized to make the decision whether to proceed wavered in the decision-making process. This lack of clear support contributed to the decision not to proceed with the case.

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[ALCOR ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING-SUMMARY](#)

The Alcor Board of Directors was present at the Alcor facility on September 11, 2010, for the annual Board of Directors meeting which was open to the public. During this meeting elections were held for officers and board members. Jennifer Chapman was re-elected as President of Alcor. Mike Perry was re-elected as Alcor Treasurer and Secretary. Board members: Tim Shavers, Ralph Merkle, Michael Riskin, Ravin Jain, Brian Wowk, Saul Kent, Michael Seidl, and James Clement were re-elected as the Board of Directors of Alcor.

Strategic meetings were held throughout the weekend with board members, management and staff to discuss research & development, technical progress and membership issues.

We will have more information about the meeting on our blog and in future newsletters.

[THE NEXT ALCOR BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING](#)

The next Alcor [Board of Directors](#) meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 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.

[READINESS AND TRANSPORT](#)

Deployments:

We have had 15 deployments in the last year for Alcor members, including 2 this past month. A suspension was performed in 11 of those deployments. Alcor collaborated with Suspended Animation's team on 4 of these responses

[Rescue Ice Bath Photo](#)

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Team Training:

There were a total of seven different training sessions conducted for the benefit of readiness. Team training was conducted for our teams in Southern California, Northern California, Florida-Texas and twice in Arizona.

UPCOMING PHOENIX TRAINING SESSION

Alcor will host a training session for the Arizona Response Team on Saturday, October 16th. This will be held at Alcor Central in Scottsdale, AZ starting at 1:00 pm. Aaron Drake, Alcor's Medical Response Director will conduct the training.

Topics to be covered include learning the operation of Alcor's new Lucas 2 chest compression system, obtaining rapid vascular access with a Bone Injection Gun and establishing an advanced airway using the King Airway. This will also be a great opportunity to meet and interact with Alcor's new Readiness Coordinator, Steve Graber. Immediately following the training, the monthly cryonics meetup will be held at its usual location, just down the street. Come and enjoy an afternoon AND evening of cryonics fun!

NEW STATISTICS (As August 31, 2010)

Membership

Alcor had 929 members on its Emergency Responsibility List. Six (6) memberships were approved during this month, two (2) memberships were reinstated, three (3) memberships were cancelled and no members were cryopreserved. Overall, there was a net gain of five (5) members this month.

Applicants

Alcor had 48 applicants for membership. Four (4) new applicants were added, six (6) applicants were converted to members and four (4) applicants were cancelled resulting in a net loss of six (6) applicants for this month.

Information Packets

Alcor received 161 information packet requests. 13 were handed out during facility tours or from special request. The average total of 207 info packs sent per month in 2010 is compared to 188 in 2009.

THIRD SENS FOUNDATION -- L.A. Chapter Meeting

The Third [SENS Foundation](#) L.A. Chapter Meeting is Saturday, October 2, 2010, at the Westwood Brewing Company (1097 Glendon Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024-2907) from 4pm until 8pm.

The third meeting will begin with a presentation by Dr. L. Stephen Coles (director of the Gerontology Research Group) who will give an update on DNA Sequencing in Human Supercentenarians, starting at 5:00 p.m. Following this, at around 6:30 p.m., Dr. Aubrey De Grey (SENSF Co-founder and CSO) and Dr. Sarah Marr (SENSF Co-founder and Executive VP) will talk about the Foundation's work and recent developments in the field, and actor/director Edward James Olmos will say a few words to guests. The idea of these local gatherings is to create a local initiative to promote the Foundation's interests and

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mission by engaging a network of enthusiasts, field professionals, potential donors, sponsors, collaborators, students, etc.

Please RSVP to: Maria Entraigues SENSF Volunteer
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PERSONALIZED LIFE EXTENSION CONFERENCE 2010

October 9-10, 2010

Alcor members and friends are cordially invited to attend Personalized Life Extension 2010 to be held in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The focus of the meeting is on actions we can each take NOW to extend our lives, and delay or prevent the diseases of aging. Conference organizers expect that cryonics will be discussed as an emergency option available today.

To get a \$100 discount on registration and bring the current cost down to \$175, use this code when registering:

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For more details, and to register, see:

<http://lifeextensionconference.com>

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