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**May 2019**

## From the MRD Desk

by Chris Divver



Greetings fellow Alcor members,

As always, I hope this newsletter finds each of you well and enjoying the unofficial start of the summer.

Thanks once again for the positive feedback on this column, it's refreshing to know the column is having an impact on our members.

I wanted to take a moment to update you on some developments internal to Alcor. As you may or may not know, Alcor, has, for quite some time, endeavored to assemble an internal standby, stabilization, and transport (SST) team. Historically, Alcor has experimented with various prototypes of SST teams, from volunteers made up of local members, to Alcor staff members, to contractors. Each of these SST delivery options has their own merits and their own deficiencies. After several meetings, discussions, and a needs analysis, I was granted permission by the Alcor Board of Directors to begin a search for local SST team members. Utilizing a free employment-related search engine for job listings I received dozens of interested applicants. Over the course of several weeks I designed, developed, and delivered a training program that explained cryonics, the history of Alcor, and provided an introductory didactic course for SST. The search for this in-house SST team began in February 2019 and to date has over 30 trained members that work as RN's, paramedics, firefighters, and EMT's throughout the valley. In addition to the didactic course, a hands-on training program has also been developed and delivered to maintain skill levels and to ensure familiarity with our equipment, procedures, and processes.

On May 9, 2019 Alcor's SST team was put to the test. One of the gaps identified by utilizing a volunteer team was that the availability of such members varied to the point of being nearly impossible to be truly reliable. By utilizing team members that predominantly do shift work, their availability, while staggered, became an immediate non-issue. The call for assistance was answered by more than half of the trained members, at varying times, that ensured at least four members present at the standby location in Tucson, Arizona for the duration of the 5-day standby.

On May 13, 2019 the standby turned to a stabilization when the member transitioned to patient. Four members, including myself, were present at the time of pronouncement and immediately began our stabilization process. The team, while new, functioned like a well-oiled machine: from time of pronouncement having left the hospice to drive to Alcor in our response van was 17 minutes. Identifying roles and responsibilities prior to the transition, having the medications drawn up well in advance, and being close to the member in the hospice facility played a huge role in the successful SST for this member.

On Wednesday May 15, 2019 some of these same SST members, plus a few additions, accompanied me to Laughlin, Nevada for two days of training with Mr. Don Laughlin's security staff. As Mr. Laughlin's security team has seen significant turnover since their last training session, the first day encompassed the same introductory didactic course with numerous opportunities for questions. The second day the group was divided into three separate teams of 5 members each for hands-on skills training including medication draw, airway, intraosseous needle administration, and Lucas mechanical CPR device. Each team was given a scenario of the member being in distress and told to prepare for SST. Following skill proficiency, a simulated stabilization occurred with each trainee performing a predetermined stabilization task just as they will when the event is real. The three groups, a mix of Riverside Casino security staff and Alcor SST members, performed flawlessly. The importance of expeditious performance coupled with safe

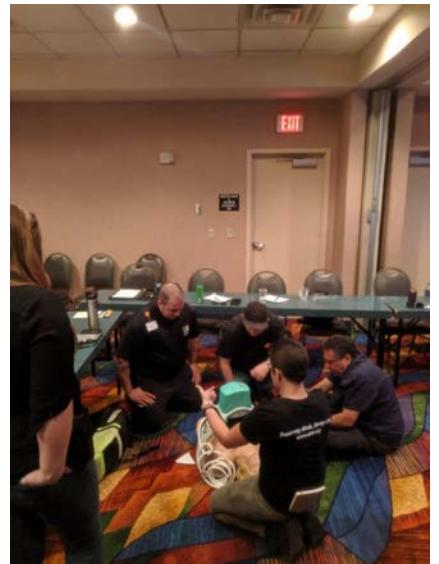
clinical standards was emphasized throughout.

The two-day event will become the standard for Alcor's next training session for new SST members. We currently have more than 57 resumes from the original job listings' search engine that I have yet to go through. While the SST in Tucson was, in my opinion, a success, we can always improve, and we can always have more people to assist.

I would like to take a moment to thank Max More, Marji Klima, Bonnie Magee, Linda Chamberlain, and Steve Graber for sharing their vast knowledge with me and with ensuring I have been properly trained in the nuance of patient stabilization. Additionally, I would like to thank the Alcor Board of Directors for allowing me to pursue the vision of having an internal SST team at Alcor and in having the confidence in me to make that concept a reality.

Until next month,

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*SST team training in Laughlin, NV*

**THE LAUGHLIN TEAM HAVE Q&A WITH MAX MORE**



## LATEST MEDIA

**California Man Becomes the First "Death with Dignity" Patient to Undergo Cryonic Suspension**

**George Dvorsky**

**Gizmodo, Friday May 31, 3:15pm**



[https://gizmodo.com/california-man-becomes-the-first-death-with-dignity-p-1831652934?](https://gizmodo.com/california-man-becomes-the-first-death-with-dignity-p-1831652934?fbclid=IwAR1gSyARSbanAVEP9NgnzhqN_3GIIIXp9TaNvHVy2IZYeisAAjPc7njJGk)

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**Cryonics facility in Scottsdale aims to allow people to live forever, once technology allows for it**

**Friday, April 26, 2019**

<http://www.fox10phoenix.com/news/arizona-news/cryonics-facility-in-scottsdale-aims-to-allow-people-to-live-forever-once-technology-allows-for-it>

**How to get cryonically frozen and await reanimation in 12 easy steps**

**By Sangeeta Singh-Kurtz**

**Quartz**

<https://qz.com/1575712/how-to-get-cryonically-frozen-in-12-foolproof-steps/>

**What really happens if you choose to 'freeze yourself' when you die**

**Rachael Martin**

**March 26, 2019**

## CEO UPDATE

by Max More



Dear Alcor Member,

We are requesting your suggestions for suitable individuals for the Alcor Board of Directors, as well as the Patient Care Trust Board and for Advisors to the Alcor Board.

Currently, of the nine director positions on the Alcor Board, only seven are filled. We also have open spaces on the Patient Care Trust Board. We have a few potential candidates in mind but realized that there may be individuals among our membership who would be well-suited but not well-known to us. If you think that you might be such a person - or know of another member who you think might be - please contact either myself or Marji Klima.

The core role of the Alcor Board is to ensure that Alcor stays focused on its mission:

1. Maintain the current patients in biostasis.
2. Place current and future members into biostasis (when and if needed).
3. Eventually restore to health and reintegrate into society all patients in Alcor's care.
4. Fund research into developing more cost effective and reliable means for 1-3 above.
5. Provide public education as a means of fostering growth to support the goals of 1, 2, 3, and 4 above.

Strong candidates for the Alcor Board will typically have been members for some time, have expertise in one or more areas of relevance to Alcor, and have a history of good judgment and ability to work with others for a common goal. Backgrounds in law, business, science and medicine are preferred. Good candidates for the Patient Care Trust Board will preferably also have a strong grasp of financial management and investing. Alcor Directors provide financial oversight, maintain accountability and ethical integrity, participate in organizational planning, and support and assess the chief executive.

The position of Director is not paid. The time requirements vary considerably but should be expected to be substantial, including two hour monthly telephonic meetings, email discussions, personal and committee project work, although this varies. Relatively little time is needed (along with less frequent meetings) for service on the Patient Care Trust Board.

The current directors on the Alcor Board are listed here:

<http://alcor.org/AboutAlcor/meetdirectors.html>

The current members of the Patient Care Trust Board are listed here:

<http://alcor.org/AboutAlcor/patientcaretrustfund.html#trustboard>

The current Advisors to the Alcor Board are listed here:

<http://alcor.org/AboutAlcor/indexdir.html>

Advisors are members with deep knowledge of cryonics and/or expertise in relevant fields who are included in email discussions several times per month with the Alcor Board and management. Advisors confidentially receive the same monthly board reports from staff and management that the Alcor Board does. Typically members serve as Advisors before serving on Boards and emeritus Board members remain as Advisors.

If you are interested in pursuing discussion about joining one of the boards, please send a CV and cover letter. For any questions about the positions or if you would like to suggest someone for consideration besides yourself, feel free to contact either me or Marji Klima:

Max More: [max@alcor.org](mailto:max@alcor.org) or Marji Klima: [marji@alcor.org](mailto:marji@alcor.org)

Thank you

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# CRYONICS SYMPOSIUM

**July 27, 2019**

**This is a new event which will be chaired by Neal VanDeRee, open to all cryonicists, antiagers, skeptics, prospects, scoffers.**

**Guest presenters include:**  
**Alcor CEO & President, Max More**  
**Alcor co-founder, Linda Chamberlain**  
**Cryonics Institute director, Joe Kowalsky**  
**World's leading cryonics insurance agent and author, Rudi Hoffman**

**Venue Location:**  
**1855 McKinley Street**  
**Hollywood, FL 33021**

**The event is free and special rates at the Hollywood hotel have been arranged.**

## FAREWELL TO JERRY

The staff at Alcor and local members held a celebration of life party for Jerry Searcy, longtime Alcor volunteer, after his cryopreservation. Everyone shared favorite "Jerry" stories. We all listed off the numerous contributions he has made to Alcor through the years and he will be greatly missed.



## CRYONICS MAGAZINE

**Printed version of *Cryonics magazine***

*Cryonics* magazine is back on schedule as a quarterly magazine at this time. If you have any questions about your subscription or want to make changes to your email or mailing address please email [marji@alcor.org](mailto:marji@alcor.org).

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2019	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Members	1,237	1,241	1,246	1,256								
Patients	165	165	167	168								
Associate	296	285	287	284								
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,698</b>	<b>1,691</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>1,708</b>								



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