# MINUTES MCKNIGHT BRAIN RESEARCH FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING October 14, 2014

The Trustee's meeting of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation (MBRF) was called to order at 3:35 p.m. on October 14, 2014 in Miami, Florida in the board room of the law office of Mr. Henry H. Raattama, Jr.

The following members were present:

Dr. J. Lee Dockery, Trustee

Dr. Michael Dockery, Trustee

Dr. Nina Ellenbogen Raim, Trustee

Dr. Gene G. Ryerson, Trustee

Dr. Robert Wah, Trustee

Ms. Melanie Cianciotto, Corporate Trustee

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Others attending:

Mr. Henry H. Raattama, Jr., Legal Counsel

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 13, 2014 meeting of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation were reviewed. The minutes were approved as amended (Attachment 1).

Action Item 1: The trustees approved the minutes of the August 13, 2014 meeting as amended (Attachment 1).

## 2. Minimum Distribution Calculation

The trustees reviewed the projected minimum distribution calculation for information (Attachment 2).

Action Item 2: The trustees reviewed, for information, the projected minimum distribution calculation for information (Attachment 2).

3. Travel Award Program

The trustees reviewed the Progress Report for the McKnight Inter-Institutional Bio-Informatics Core (Attachment 3). The trustees would like additional clarification concerning the status and level of participation of each of the McKnight Brain Institutes in the Bio-Informatics Core. Dr. Lee Dockery will follow up with Dr. David Sweatt to obtain clarification concerning the status

and level of participation of each of the institutes in the Inter-Institutional Bio-Informatics Core.

**Action Item 3:** Dr. Lee Dockery will follow up with Dr. David Sweatt to obtain clarification concerning the status and level of participation of each of the institutes in the Inter-Institutional Bio-Informatics Cores.

#### **4. IOM Cognitive Aging Study**

Dr. Lee Dockery provided the trustees with an update on the IOM Cognitive Aging Study. The members of the study committee have begun writing the report following several meetings with specialists in the field as well as public hearings. The report is expected to be published in April 2015.

#### **5. Upcoming Dates & Events**

### A. Society for Neuroscience (SfN) 2014 McKnight Poster Session

The poster/reception is an MBRF sponsored and hosted event for graduate students and faculty who will be attending the annual meeting of the SFN from each of the four institutions to which the MBRF provides funding. The reception will feature scientific poster displays from each of the four McKnight Brain Institutes. The trustees are invited to attend the event, which will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2014 at a SfN assigned hotel in Washington, DC. Dr. Gene Ryerson will be attending the reception on behalf of the MBRF Trustees.

## **B. February 2015 Trustees Meeting**

The trustees have agreed to hold the February 2015 meeting of the MBRF in Orlando. The trustees will arrive the evening of February 17, 2015. The trustees meeting will be held February 18, 2015 beginning at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast in order to facilitate adjourning at 3:00 p.m. No social activities will be planned on the evening of the arrival.

# C. Eighth Inter-Institutional Meeting

The eighth McKnight Brain Research Foundation Inter-Institutional Meeting will be hosted by the Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute at the University of Miami April 29 – May 1, 2015. The trustees will arrive the morning of April 29, 2015 and meet in the afternoon beginning at 12:00 noon. The Inter-Institutional meeting will begin with a reception on the evening of April 29, 2015 followed by the scientific sessions on April 30 – May 1, adjourning at noon on May 1, 2015.

# D. October 2015 Trustees Meeting

The trustees have agreed to hold the October 2015 meeting of the MBRF in conjunction with a site visit to the McKnight Brain Institute at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. Lee Dockery will contact Dr. David Sweatt and provide him with the dates of October 20 - 21, 2015 and October 27-28, 2015 and inquire as to which of the two dates is convenient for a site visit.

#### **Summary of Action Items:**

Action Item 1: The trustees approved the minutes of the August 13, 2014 meeting as amended (Attachment 1).

Action Item 2: The trustees reviewed, for information, the projected minimum distribution calculation for information (Attachment 2).

**Action Item 3:** Dr. Lee Dockery will follow up with Dr. David Sweatt to obtain clarification concerning the status and level of participation of each of the institutes in the Inter-Institutional Bio-Informatics Cores.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie A. Cianciotto

SunTrust Bank, Corporate Trustee