

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL

December 18, 2014

2:00 PM Eastern, 1:00 PM Central, 11:00 AM(Noon) Pacific  
(866) 740-1260 Code:1906209# Host code: 2079 (Staff Only)

### DRAFT MINUTES

**Participants:**

Greg Terman  
Roger Fillingim  
Dave Williams  
Kathleen Sluka  
Rob Gereau

**Staff:**

Catherine Underwood  
Amanda Paitiz  
Cassie Corvo  
Amanda Belkanp

**I. APS Ethics & Nominating Committee Update**

The 2015 slate for the election is almost complete. The COI policy and Ethics Committee was discussed and needs to be revisited at the May Annual Meeting in Palm Springs. Sandy Ward will be stepping down as chair and Steve Weisman and Allen Lebovits were mentioned as possible candidates for the new chair.

**II. Publisher's Letter in Support of HR 5539**

The Publisher's Letter in Support of HR 5539 was presented. Elsevier contacted their medical society journals (APS fits into this category) to write a letter to CMS and to honorable Michael Burgus and Allison Scxhwatrx in the house to support number 59 that would exempt reprints and text books from the Sunshine Act reporting requirements. This letter is asking whether or not APS would be a co-signer on this letter.

**MOTION:** To approve signing on to the letter. Seconded. Passed.

**III. Update on 2015 Budget and Pain Research Forum**

A proposed budget to accomodate money for Pain Research Forum without compromising the budget was presented. The prosposed budget has a \$110,000 deficit. Staff reevaluated the administrative fees in the workplan and reduced the number of Future Leaders grants (one instead of 2). Discussion ensued about the proposed budget.

**MOTION:** To approve the updated 2015 budget to include funding for Pain Research Forum. Seconded, passed.

**IV. Other**

Chris Herndon requested that APS write a letter of support from APS for his self nominate for the IPRCC. The Executive Committee agreed. Staff will draft the letter for Terman's signature.

With no further business, the call adjourned at 1:45pm CT.