

Alzheimer's Association Business Consortium

CTAD In-person Meeting Summary

November 1, 2017, 1:00-3:00 p.m. ET

Boston Park Plaza Hotel, 50 Park Plaza, Boston, MA, Cambridge Rm

Attendees:

Charles Stacey, Accera- Co-chair
Kira Sheinerman, DiamiR- Co-chair
Jim Hendrix, Alzheimer's Association
Joseph Araujo, InterVivo Solutions
Judy Walker, Accera
Nazneen Dewji, Cenna Biosciences

Joshua Cohen, Amylyx
Kent Leslie, Amylyx
Justin Klee, Amylyx
Richard Fisher, Proclara Biosciences
April Ross, Alzheimer's Association

1. Elections

- Elections will be held in the next months to fill the position of co-chair, replacing Charles Stacey. Charles will become the immediate past chair and the new co-chair will begin their term in early 2018.
- Kira will continue to serve as co-chair and elections will be held for her position at the end of 2018, with the new co-chair beginning their term early 2019.
- A call for nominations will be sent to the AABC and will include a brief description of what the position entails.
- Co-chairs are responsible for monthly leadership calls, webinar suggestions, etc.

2. Webinar Feedback/Topic Suggestions

- Webinars are well-attended and receive positive feedback with several members connecting with the speakers afterwards for business collaborations.
- Topic Suggestions
 - Phase 1 clinical trial CRO
 - Animal models CRO
 - How to transition from preclinical to phase 1/ increasing chances of success
- The group discussed the creation of a chat forum/blog which will allow for further communication opportunities.
 - Action Item: April will look into the creation of a Google Group for the AABC.

- It was suggested for more funding opportunities to be distributed to the AABC and including funding and business opportunities in the newsletter.
3. Translational Animal Models Workgroup Update
- The animal model list should be completed in the next couple of months.
 - The list should also include which of the companies will provide their models to small companies.
 - Translational animal models should be linked to ADNI data.
 - Once finalized the list will be posted on the AABC webpage.
 - A AD Animal Model Symposium is currently being planned for 2018, more details will be provided at a future date.
4. Walk-in Items
- The group discussed the utilization of stem cells are more cost efficient than animal models.
 - AABC marketing at AAIC 2018 can be in the form of a brochure/flyer and/or poster.
 - It was recommended to repeat the questionnaire and disseminate it to the members in Q1 2018.
 - Create a flyer of the companies with logos and highlighting what stage in development, indication, application, therapeutic, etc. Create a pipeline chart.
 - The AABC company information needs to be updated on the webpage.