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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
ARKANSAS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NATIONAL CENTER FOR TOXICOLOGICAL RESEARCH  
JULY 16, 1993**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Dr. James K. Hendren, Chairman of the Board, in the conference room of the National Center for Toxicological Research in Jefferson, Arkansas.

Board members present included: William Bridgforth, Roberta Bustin, Danny Ford, Don Pederson, John Troutt, and Jerry Webster.

Staff members present included: John Ahlen, Joe Gentry, Chuck Myers, Melissa Adams, and Janell Sanders.

Visitors present included: Carol Griffee, Editorial Services; Jack McNulty, Derrill Pierce, Art Norris and representatives from NCTR.

**RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

Dr. Pederson, representing the Research Committee stated that the committee had met and was bringing to the full Board Draft Resolution 94-1, which would provide funding for the following two basic research proposals:

PROPOSAL NO. 94-EB-24, "Characterization of Visco-elastic Systems at High Pressure," by Mr. Bruce L. Schulte, grant recipient, and Dr. William F. Oliver of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, in the amount not to exceed \$10,416.67.

PROPOSAL NO. 94-EB-25, "Assisting in the Design of The Solenoidal Tracker (STAR) to be used at Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC)," by Mr. Morgan Burks, grant recipient and Dr. A. Rollefson

and Dr. W. Braithwaite of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, in the amount not to exceed \$12,500.

Dr. Pederson stated that the two proposals are for traineeships under the DOE/EPSCoR program and are for a period of ten months.

Dr. Pederson made a motion for the approval of Draft Resolution 94-1. Mr. Troutt seconded the motion. Dr. Pederson stated that UAF was the institution of his affiliation. The Board gave its unanimous approval.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **NCTR BRIEFING**

Mr. Bridgforth thanked the Board members for agreeing to meet at NCTR. Mr. Bridgforth stated that Art Norris, Acting Director of NCTR, would make a presentation concerning federal funds that were recently appropriated for NCTR by Congress.

Mr. Norris' presentation to the Board concerned a recent bill introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives that would appropriate \$3 million for NCTR to begin engineering and architectural changes. Mr. Norris stated that for what needs to be done at NCTR, \$3 million would not be enough. Mr. Norris stated that it would take at least \$5.25 million to make all the renovations and changes needed at NCTR.

Mr. Norris stated that two years ago, the Department of Health and Human Services commissioned a study of the FDA, the purpose of which was to find ways that the agency could do a better job of protecting the consumer. As part of that study, NCTR was visited by the group conducting the study. The conclusion of the group was that the quality of science produced at NCTR was superb and was making important contributions. However, it also found no direct linkage between the research findings at NCTR and the regulatory responsibilities of the FDA. The group concluded that unless the FDA and NCTR can integrate their programs completely, NCTR should not be a part of the FDA.

Mr. Norris gave an overview to the Board of the various changes that NCTR proposed making. This included acquiring additional land for additional research space. The proposed land belongs to the Pine Bluff Arsenal which is located next to NCTR. It would also include closing FDA regional offices and moving their operations to NCTR. Mr. Norris stated that this could easily be done and all the research and activities conducted by these offices could be done at NCTR. This in turn would save the government money because the government would not have to spend money on offices for each of these facilities when it can all be housed at NCTR.

After Mr. Norris' presentation and further discussion by the Board, Mr. Bridgforth made a motion that the Board of Directors shows its support and endorse the project, and its statewide impact, and NCTR's contribution to efficient national government. Mr. Webster seconded the motion. The Board gave its unanimous approval.

#### SEED CAPITAL

Dr. Ahlen brought before the Board a seed capital item involving a bank corporate resolution. Dr. Ahlen stated that the bank resolutions allow the President, Vice President Finance and Vice President Management Services to sign on the money market and other accounts that ASTA has.

Mr. Troutt made a motion for the approval of the officer's signatures on the accounts. Dr. Pederson seconded the motion; the Board gave its unanimous approval.

#### NEXT MEETING DATE

Dr. Hendren reminded the Board that the next meeting would be September 17th.

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

D. O. Pederson  
 Donald O. Pederson, Ph.D.  
 Secretary  
 Board of Directors

APPROVED by the Board of Directors  
 on this 17th Day of September. 1993

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