

**Connecticut Stem Cell Research Peer Review Committee
Teleconference
March 5, 2008
Minutes**

A meeting of the Connecticut Stem Cell Research Peer Review Committee (Peer Review Committee) was held by teleconference on March 5, 2008. The meeting was initiated at the Department of Public Health, 450 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. The call began at 12:30 PM and all parties were on the line by 12:42 PM.

Members Present: Leslie Weiner, Chair, Leann Jones, Dieter Gruenert, William Lensch, Martin Pera, Miodrag Stojkovic, Catherine Verfaillie, Ian Wilmut

DPH Staff: Warren Wollschlager, Denise Leiper.

Introductory Remarks:

Warren Wollschlager called the meeting to order at 12:30 and welcomed and all on the line. , and noted the presence of a quorum. Dr. Weiner, Chair, thanked the members of the Peer Review Committee, and provided an overview of the Peer Review process. He commented upon the high quality of the applications from the research community.

Minutes:

Upon a motion made and seconded, the Peer Review Committee voted in favor of approving the minutes of the meetings of March 28, 2007 and February 19, 2008.

Status of Reviews:

Dr. Weiner noted that for the most part, primary and secondary reviewers generally agreed upon the scoring of most applications. As needed, assigned reviewers were directed to discuss their proposed rankings and were able to reach agreement on final recommendations. Per the Chair, all applications met the ethical standards of the National Academy of Sciences.

Committee Recommendations:

Upon a motion made and seconded, the Peer Review Committee members voted unanimously to accept the final draft scores of all applications for grants-in-aid.

Next Steps:

The Chair indicated that the final scores, rankings, and narratives will be provided to DPH in the next week. Warren Wollschlager reminded members of the need to provide signed Conflict of Interest forms to the department. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.