

**MINUTES OF THE
MARYLAND STEM CELL RESEARCH COMMISSION**

Monday, December 7, 2015

TEDCO Offices

Columbia, MD

No Action Items

Members in attendance:

Rachel Brewster
Diane Hoffmann
Marye Kellermann
Debra Mathews
David Mosser, Vice Chair
Avram Reisner, Chair
Ira Schwartz
Curt Van Tassell
Bo Weisheit

Staff in Attendance:

Dan Gincel, TEDCO
Robert Rosenbaum, TEDCO
Sabrina Spinner, TEDCO

The Commission meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the August 28, 2015 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Executive Director Report

Dr. Dan Gincel presented the Administrative Report, which focused on the following items:

A. 2016 LOI Submission- Update

The Commission received **229** letters of intent for FY 2016 (3 Clinical/Preclinical, 36 Investigator Initiated, 70 Exploratory, and 42 Postdoctoral Fellowship).

B. Eighth Annual MSCRF Symposium-Update

Dr. Gincel is currently negotiating a partnership with the Tech Council of Maryland to include the eighth annual MSCRF symposium in the Bio+Tech 2016 conference, which will be held May 23-24, 2016 at the **Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center**. More info will be provided as it becomes available.

C. TEDCO Expansion & Program Updates

Dr. Gincel gave an update on TEDCO programs and activities, which included the transition for the Maryland Venture Fund (MVF) to TEDCO, introduction of TEDCO's N-STEP and mdPACE programs. In addition, TEDCO moved to a larger office located at 7021 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD. The space is configured to accommodate a staff of 30, several large and small conference rooms, common areas and more.

III. MSCRF Program Evaluation and New Direction

The Commission expressed the need to improve and strengthen the MSCRF program. During the discussion, the Commission collectively brainstormed strategic ideas regarding the future direction for the program. Dr. Gincel captured all of the topics of consideration and essential ideas to better assist the Commission in prioritizing each targeted goal.

The Commission discussed the changes and agreed to continue the discussion in the February meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.