

**Research Alliance of Missouri  
Minutes for December 8, 2009**

The Research Alliance of Missouri (RAM) met in regular session by on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 beginning at 10:32 a.m. The meeting was held by teleconference.

The following members and staff were in attendance:

RAM Members Attending:

Dr. Krishna Krishnamurthy (Chair)	Missouri University of Science and Technology-Rolla
Dr. Maria DiStefano	Truman State University
Mr. Mike Warnoch	University of Missouri-Columbia (alternate for Dr. Rob Duncan)
Ms. Jane Johnson	A.T. Still University of Health Sciences
Ms. Cindy Kiel	Washington University
Mr. Allen Kunkel	Missouri State University
Dr. Bill Morgan	University of Missouri-Kansas City
Dr. Raymond Tait	St. Louis University
Mr. Frank Veeman	Northwest Missouri State University/SBDC

Staff Attending:

Mr. Bill Anderson	MTC Deputy Director
Mr. Jason Hall	MTC Executive Director
Ms. Stacey Hirst	MTC Director of Operations

Guests Attending:

Maria Meyers	KCSourceLink
Kate Hodel	KCSourceLink

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Krishnamurthy called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. A quorum was established with nine members participating as listed above.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chair Krishnamurthy entertained a motion for approval of the minutes from the October 13, 2009 meeting, which were distributed to the members prior to the meeting. The following resolution was moved by Dr. Morgan, seconded by Dr. DiStefano and unanimously approved:

**RESOLVED**, the RAM hereby approves the minutes from the October 13, 2009 meeting as submitted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Chair Krishnamurthy moved to the next agenda item and gave the Treasurer's Report, which was distributed to the members prior to the meeting. The Chair reviewed the balance sheet and profit and loss statement. Hearing no questions the following resolution was moved by Dr. DiStefano, seconded by Ms. Kiel and unanimously approved.

**RESOLVED**, the RAM hereby approves the Treasurer's Report for the RAM as submitted.

### **MOSOURCELINK PRESENTATION:**

Chair Krishnamurthy moved to the next agenda item and asked Ms. Meyers and Ms. Hodel to provide a presentation to the RAM. Ms. Meyer and Ms. Hodel provided a report on the MOSourceLink project and how the RAM could be involved to (1) help identify centers for excellence at the Missouri institutions and (2) help create “CEO Wanted” ads for technology commercialization. There was also discussion regarding a Tech Transfer website and database. Ms. Meyer and Ms. Hodel stated they would follow-up with an email to the RAM members.

### **MISSOURI DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR MEETING:**

Chair Krishnamurthy moved to the next agenda item and asked Director Hall to provide his thoughts about the January meeting. Director Hall stated that in order for staff to pull the department directors into this type of meeting they need a clear understanding of the purpose of the meeting and specific deliverables. Director Hall stated he would like the RAM to review the Kansas Bioscience Authority annual report and explore this as a model for the RAM. He stated he would email the report to the RAM members. Director Hall also wanted to understand the processes followed from invention disclosure to licensing, and the barriers in making deals. After a detailed discussion, Chair Krishnamurthy stated he would pull together his thoughts for the January meeting. It was decided the January meeting would be used as a planning meeting for the RAM.

### **UPDATE ON FY2010 LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH GRANTS:**

Mr. Anderson then provided an update on the FY2010 Life Sciences Research grant process. The peer reviews and feedback from the screening committees has been received by the Life Sciences Research Board. These reports will be held by the Board until more is known about the funding.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Hearing no further business the following resolution was moved by Ms. Kiel, seconded by Dr. Tait and unanimously approved:

**RESOLVED**, the RAM hereby adjourns the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

*The next RAM meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2010 in Jefferson City.*