

**Research Alliance of Missouri
Minutes for June 9, 2009**

The Research Alliance of Missouri (RAM) met in regular session by on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 beginning at 10:01 a.m. The meeting was held at 301 W. High Street, Truman State Office Building, Room 680, Jefferson City, Missouri.

The following members and staff were in attendance:

RAM Members Attending:

Dr. Nasser Arshadi	University of Missouri-St. Louis
Ms. Karla Goldstein	Donald Danforth Plant Science Center (alternate for Dr. Roger Beachy) (by phone)
Dr. Rob Hall	University of Missouri-Columbia (alternate for Dr. Rob Duncan) (by phone)
Ms. Jane Johnson	A.T. Still University of Health Sciences (by phone)
Dr. Krishna Krishnamurthy	Missouri University of Science and Technology-Rolla
Mr. Allen Kunkel	Missouri State University
Dr. Mike Marrah	Washington University (by phone)
Dr. Bill Morgan	University of Missouri-Kansas City (by phone)
Dr. Mike Nichols	University of Missouri (by phone)
Mr. Dennis Roedemeier	Southeast Missouri State University
Ms. Victoria Steel	University of Central Missouri
Mr. Frank Veeman	Northwest Missouri State University/SBDC (by phone)

Staff Attending:

Mr. Bill Anderson	Missouri Technology Corporation
Mr. Jason Hall	Missouri Technology Corporation
Ms. Stacey Hirst	Department of Economic Development

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Krishnamurthy called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was established with twelve members or alternates participating in the meeting including Dr. Arshadi, Ms. Goldstein, Dr. Hall, Ms. Johnson, Chair Krishnamurthy, Mr. Kunkel, Dr. Marrah, Dr. Morgan, Dr. Nichols, Mr. Roedemeier, Ms. Steel, and Mr. Veeman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Krishnamurthy entertained a motion for approval of the minutes from the February 10, 2009 meeting, which were distributed to the members prior to the meeting. Ms. Johnson had one revision to her title. The following resolution was moved by Mr. Roedemeier, seconded by Dr. Arshadi and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, the RAM hereby approves the minutes from the February 10, 2009 meeting as revised and submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Chair Krishnamurthy moved to the next agenda item and asked Dr. Arshadi to give the Treasurer's Report, which was distributed to the members prior to the meeting. Dr. Arshadi reviewed the balance

sheet and profit and loss statement. Hearing no questions the following resolution was moved by Mr. Kunkel, seconded by Ms. Steel and unanimously approved.

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

INTRODUCTION OF MTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Chair Krishnamurthy moved to the next agenda item and introduced the new Executive Director of the Missouri Technology Corporation, Jason Hall. Director Hall provided the RAM with his background.

TRANSFORM MISSOURI –FEDERAL STIMULUS 101:

Chair Krishnamurthy asked Director Hall to give a report on the Federal Stimulus funding. Director Hall provided the basic purpose of the Federal Stimulus or "Transform Missouri" funding. He reported there are basically three legs to the Transform Missouri funding: (1) state stabilization funds; (2) an infusion of funds to new federal programs; and (3) financial tools for states through competitive grants.

UPDATE ON MTC STRATEGIC PLAN:

Director Hall also commented that the MTC is in the process of drafting a strategic plan and he asked the RAM what role they felt they should play in the strategic planning process. Each RAM member provided input regarding their thoughts on the purpose and role of the RAM.

UPDATE ON RAM PROJECTS:

Chair Krishnamurthy asked Mr. Anderson to provide a status report on the RAM newsletter. A copy of the RAM newsletter proposal was distributed to the RAM prior to the meeting. Mr. Anderson stated he met with Dr. Margaret Duffy from the MU-School of Journalism. He drafted a letter to Dr. Mills, Dean of the Journalism School, in order to provide information about the RAM and re-engage him on the project.

UPDATE ON THE FY2010 LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH GRANTS:

Chair Krishnamurthy the moved to the next agenda item and asked Mr. Anderson to provide an update on the FY2010 Life Sciences Research grant process. Mr. Anderson provided an update to the RAM and referenced the PowerPoint presentation which was distributed to the RAM prior to the meeting.

UPDATE ON RAM PROJECTS:

Chair Krishnamurthy provided a recap of the Energy Summit held in April on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus. He stated there was a very good attendance at the conference and they received very positive feedback from participants. Chair Krishnamurthy further reported it was decided to delay the Life Science Summit until the spring of 2010.

Chair Krishnamurthy stated he would put together a list of potential projects for the RAM and have a draft ready for discussion at the next RAM meeting on August 11, 2009.

Mr. Roedemeier commented that one important topic for the RAM to discuss is the sustainability of the state as it relates to the environment, i.e., water and air quality issues.

Chair Krishnamurthy further commented the Department of Energy is requesting funding in FY2010 budget to establish eight innovation hubs around the U.S. at \$25 million per year for 5 years.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

The next RAM meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2009 by teleconference.