

1 education of our political leaders and the
2 public."

3 DR. LANGER: That's pretty good.

4 DR. NEREM: I mean, I think what we
5 have to talk about is not who we can give some
6 statement to --

7 DR. LANGER: Right.

8 DR. NEREM: -- but what are we going
9 to do.

10 DR. LANGER: That's a good statement.

11 VOICES: That's a good statement.

12 DR. FENNEMA: The statement is
13 meaningless. The activity is what counts.

14 DR. LANGER: Right. So the question
15 is do we want to put a statement down or not?
16 Do we want to write a paper or not?

17 DR. DAVIS: I agree, but let's not
18 solve that today.

19 DR. LANGER: I agree with that, too.

20 I think there have been a lot of good
21 suggestions, and we should find the time to
22 continue this discussion. But I think that
23 comes closest to the spirit. I agree with what

1 everybody is saying.

2 So why don't we table this for now but
3 definitely come back to it.

4 DR. NESTLE: Before the next meeting.

5 DR. LANGER: Before the next meeting,
6 yes.

7 DR. FENNEMA: We could have a
8 conference call.

9 DR. LANGER: Yes. I can think of
10 several ways to deal with it. We'll figure out
11 how to do that.

12 DR. SCHWETZ: Bob?

13 DR. LANGER: Yes.

14 DR. SCHWETZ: May I provide one?

15 DR. LANGER: Yes. Bern and then Bob.

16 DR. SCHWETZ: One additional piece of
17 information that you can use to work from, Neil
18 Goldman reminded me that in the Committee
19 Report that David Korn chaired, the Committee
20 that David Korn chaired in reviewing the
21 Science of the Agency, a report that was
22 accepted by the Science Board maybe three years
23 ago, it was well defined in there that one of

1 the difficulties that the Agency is facing is a
2 shortage of resources.

3 So if you wanted to reference
4 something and extend it, update it to today, in
5 the context of looking at new technology, new
6 science, new issues, that's another. I will
7 provide you with the comments.

8 DR. LANGER: Yes, it would probably be
9 good. I was actually on that committee.

10 DR. SCHWETZ: So we can send it to
11 everybody so they have it.

12 DR. LANGER: Yes. Okay.

13 DR. SCHWETZ: That can be part of your
14 thought process.

15 DR. LANGER: That's a good idea.

16 Other comments on action items?

17 Bob, you did.

18 DR. BUCHANAN: I was just reflecting
19 on this process and we can help you with, I
20 believe, with Liz's agreement, I don't know if
21 we've made a concerted effort to get out to the
22 professional societies, to the trade
23 organizations, to the Trade Press, the role of

1 the Science Board, how important it is to us,
2 convincing them that when you do speak they
3 ought to listen.

4 I think that's a role that we could
5 take on in playing up the activities of this
6 Board so that we sort of lay the groundwork for
7 when you do talk that somebody wants to hear
8 you.

9 DR. LANGER: Yes. That's true. Okay,
10 that's a good suggestion.

11 Other comments on this?

12 (No response.)

13 We're going to leave those three
14 action items as they are.

15 The other topics are other discussion
16 items, future direction? I'll be happy to hear
17 from anybody in this room or the Science Board
18 or members of the FDA on this. Any comments,
19 suggestions on things we ought to go over or do
20 or do differently?

21 DR. JACOBSON: Let me just ask. One
22 of the issues was what topics, if any, did you
23 want to go into in more depth.

1 I know Bob Nerem had asked actually
2 before this meeting for a further discussion of
3 tissue engineering, and I just wanted to ask
4 you if you have other suggestions, other
5 topics. You don't have to say it here today.
6 You can just get to us as we plan for the April
7 meeting.

8 Bob, I am assuming you still are
9 interested in that?

10 DR. NEREM: Yes. And I'm interested
11 in it both because of my interest in
12 engineering, but also as an example of a
13 technology that cuts across the Agency.

14 And recognizing the political
15 constraints, one still has to wonder about if
16 FDA is organized the way it should be for the
17 21st century.

18 DR. LANGER: Right.

19 DR. JACOBSON: Good question.

20 DR. LANGER: Other points that anybody
21 wants to make?

22 (No response.)

23 DR. LANGER: Okay. Then the next

1 meeting is the 13th of April, I believe.

2 Can I get a motion to adjourn.

3 DR. ANDERS: So moved.

4 DR. NEREM: So moved.

5 I hope that's not a Friday.

6 DR. LANGER: Is that bad for you?

7 DR. NEREM: Friday the 13th.

8 DR. LANGER: Friday the 13th. Yes.

9 It will be a lucky day.

10 Thank you all very much for coming.

11 (Whereupon, at 3:35 p.m., the meeting

12 was adjourned.)

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