

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
OF THE MINUTES
OPTN/UNOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

November 17-18, 2008

St. Louis, Missouri

Dr. Higgins called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. on November 17, 2008. A quorum was present, and 35 of the Board members were in attendance during the meeting.

The Board appointed Carl L. Berg, M.D. to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Santiago R. Vera, M.D., as Region 11 Councillor Representative on the Board of Directors.

The Board approved several resolutions contained in the Consent Agenda in a single vote. The subject of the various individual resolutions follows here:

1. The Board approved the continuation of the Region 1, Region 8, Region, 10, Hawaii, LifeGift, and New York (Region 9) Statewide liver alternative allocation systems.
2. The Board approved the minutes of the June 19-20, 2008, Meeting of the Board of Directors in Richmond, Virginia.
3. The Board approved the addition of a removal code in UNetsm to collect information about organ transplant candidates who received an organ transplant outside of the United States.
4. The Board approved modifications to Policy Appendix 3D (Guidelines for the Development of Joint Written Agreements between Histocompatibility Laboratories and Transplant Programs) to include as a desired element, the process for ABO verification if the laboratory is asked to add candidates to the waiting list on behalf of the transplant center.
5. The Board approved programming modifications that will enable patients and physicians to view lung allocation scores along with waitlist urgency and expected post-transplant survival.
6. The Board approved programming modifications to add VAD Implant date and type (brand, RVAD, LVAD) data elements.

Following passage of the Consent Agenda, The Board approved modifications to Appendix B, Section II, C of the Bylaws, which better define functional inactivity, voluntary inactive membership transplant program status, relinquishment of designated transplant program status, and termination of designated transplant program status. The Board approved minor modifications to the original proposal to further clarify the bylaws language.

The Board approved new Policy 3.3.7 (Center Acceptance and Transplant of Organs from Living Donors) to specify that all living donor organs must be recovered at OPTN member transplant hospitals.

The Board tabled a proposal to modify Policies 6.4.2 (Developmental Protocols in International Organ Exchange) and 6.4.3 (Ad Hoc Organ Exchange) addressing existing policy language on importing and exporting deceased donor organs to and from the United States, and referred the proposal to the Ad Hoc International Relations Committee for further deliberations.

The Board did not consider the recommendation to discontinue the Ohio Statewide liver alternative allocation system, and the Executive Committee referred the recommendation to the Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee for further consideration based upon the availability of additional data.

The Board approved the recommendation to discontinue the Florida Statewide liver alternative allocation system.

The Board approved the recommendation to discontinue the Tennessee Statewide liver alternative allocation system.

The Board approved the continuation of the Tennessee Statewide pancreas alternative allocation system

The Board confirmed the LifeSource (MNOP) pancreas alternative allocation system without modifications.

The Board approved a Composition Plan and slate of nominees for the Board of Directors and added Laura M. Murdock, MHA, as a candidate for Treasurer.

The Board approved modifications to the Bylaws, Article II, (Board of Directors), Section 2.2 (Election/Terms) to provide the Board the option to extend the term(s) of certain Board member(s) for one year extensions up to a maximum of two years, in this category following each Annual Meeting of Members to provide continuity of experience among these Board members.