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We've been somewhat behind on our regular Alcor News newsletter so there is much we have for you this time.

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- [Matching Grant](#)

The end of the year is coming fast, and with it the thought of tax time and another matching grant for Alcor research.

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- [Is Santa Claus an Alcor Member?](#)

Thinking of giving Alcor a holiday gift? Well, you can always double your money with the ongoing matching grant program. But if this isn't what you are really interested in, you can always find something at one of Alcor's Amazon.com wish lists.

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- [Update on Recent Progress](#)

Earlier this year, Alcor engaged in some long-term organizational planning. The result was the drafting of a three-year plan for development. Our plan broke operations into four main categories: membership, clinical readiness, research and technical development. It considered strategic positioning and facility improvements that would be necessary to transitioning Alcor from a small start-up into an organization that is capable of surviving successful outreach and mass marketing.

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- [Conference Review](#)

by Steve Bridge

On October 6-8, 2006, around 200 people attended Alcor's first cryonics conference in four years. In many ways it was the best cryonics conference I have ever attended (out of maybe 9 or 10 conferences); but not primarily because of the speakers. This is not to say that the speakers were poor; in fact, the average quality of talk was very high. But too many of the talks were on subjects I had heard before, often several times. I'll get to my suggestions later on.

The real quality was in the combination of intelligent, interesting people who were there, from speakers to long-time cryonicists to people meeting cryonicists for the first time. Over the three days, I had some of the best conversations I have ever had at a conference. I think I met several future cryonics organization leaders that weekend.

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- [What the Attendees Said](#)

by Steve Bridge

As at many conferences, participants were asked to fill out a survey to grade their experiences at the conference. 68 attendees did so, and the results show just how varied a gathering this was.

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- [2006 Election Report](#)

Barry Aarons, Alcor's lobbyist, sent us an analysis on the November 2006 elections.

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- [Operations and Training](#)

Brief reports on Operations and Training at Alcor.

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- [Membership and Public Affairs](#)

On November 30, 2006, Alcor had 821 members on its Emergency Responsibility List. Two memberships were approved during this month, no memberships were reinstated, no memberships were cancelled and no members were cryopreserved. Overall, there was a net

gain of two members this month.

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- [Sergey Sheleg and Michelle Fry Leave Alcor](#)

We are sorry to report that Michelle Fry is leaving Alcor. Michelle's official last day will be January 4, 2006. We wish Michelle well in her future endeavors. She remains a part of our ACT network of volunteer and contract transport technicians, so her skills and training will not be lost to us. Additionally, Dr. Sergey Sheleg has left Alcor. We wish Sergey the best in his future endeavors.

- [November 4, 2006, Board Meeting Results](#)

At the November 4, 2006, meeting there was discussion of various topics:

- Alcor management announced the \$25,000 anonymous matching grant for Fracture Free R&D
- Barry Aarons, Alcor's lobbyist, agreed to provide an overview of how the recent Arizona elections results will affect Alcor (see 2006 Election Report)
- Regarding the wealth preservation trust, Michael Riskin commented that he is still working with the attorney on an updated draft of the trust
- It was announced that nearly 20 members are not regularly paying their dues to Alcor and will have to soon be dropped as members. The main reason for this decision is because Alcor is not able to contact them or they are ignoring offers to establish a payment plan

There were no Board resolutions other than opening and closing the meeting and approval of last month's board minutes.

- [Next Board Meeting](#)

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 6, 2007, at 11:00 AM (MST). Board meetings are typically held on the first Saturday of the month at the Alcor facility (7895 East Acoma Drive in Scottsdale, AZ). Members and the public are encouraged to attend.

- [Alcor News Blog](#)

Don't forget that you don't have to wait for this monthly newsletter to learn more about happenings at Alcor. Check the Alcor News Blog throughout the month for the most up-to-date information.

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- Alcor United

Alcor members have a forum where they can meet and chat with other members. Get to know other cryonics supporters in your area and around the world by visiting Alcor United: www.alcorunited.org

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