

Alzheimer's Association Business Consortium

AAIC Virtual Meeting

July 28, 2020

Co-Chairs: Judy Walker and Joseph Araujo

Program & Discussion

- Welcome, opening remarks, and introductions
Dr. Chris Weber welcomed over 30 members to the virtual AABC meeting and introduced the co-chairs- Judy Walker and Joseph Araujo. Although this meeting is, traditionally held in-person during the week at AAIC the transition to a virtual format gives us a wonderful opportunity to connect and, allow even more members to attend than in previous years.
- Membership survey results
Dr. Weber reviewed the survey results from the consortium. A variety of topics were covered in the survey, such as webinar topics, upcoming in-person meetings, and creating a LinkedIn page.
- Webinar Topic Suggestions for 2020-2021?
Several webinar topics suggested by members via the Membership survey were discussed. A virtual investment forum was very popular with many members voicing support. A webinar or interactive virtual meeting can not only leverage the efficiency of virtual gatherings and connect potential investors/companies, but can also provide a forum to discuss challenges in this area and potentially expand the reach of the AABC beyond the U.S. Bringing investors and AABC companies together under the auspices of the Alzheimer's Association could help companies in need of increased exposure to investors, and to push technology forward it needs to be invested.
- Upcoming Conferences, Meetings and Activities
Members discussed that a private LinkedIn group could help members discuss conferences and network during or after the conferences. As an example, a member commented private chat rooms have been helpful at other conferences. Going forward these user interactions would be very beneficial to network and connect.
- Future Activities

The membership suggested that the AABC host two different accounts for LinkedIn- one public (visibility) and one private (for the membership to communicate with each other). The visibility of a public page would promote the AABC and attract potential new members. The AABC leadership will start to develop a structure to get this going. Having a communications liaison to run LinkedIn site and/or WhatsApp and monitor would be best for everyone to help protect the consortium and the Alzheimer's Association.

- **Elections**
Dr. Weber spoke of the upcoming co-chair elections to replace Dr. Judy Walker after her 2-year term ends at the end of 2020. Dr. Walker and Mr. Araujo spoke of their responsibilities and enjoyment of being chairs for the AABC. Elections will begin in November with a call for nominations and then the vote; the new chair will begin in January of 2021 for a 2- year term.
- **Clinical trial updates**
Dr. Michael Canney, Ph.D., Scientific Director of CarThera, presented CarThera's technology to the consortium. CarThera is a French startup company started in 2010. They use an implantable low intensity pulsed ultrasound device in combination with a microbubble contrast agent to transiently disrupt the BBB. This technique is in clinical trials for AD patients as it has been shown to remove amyloid plaque and reduce tau pathology in pre-clinical models. Their pilot clinical trial is currently nearing completion. This approach can also be used to enhance uptake of drug therapies in the brain.
- **New Business**
Dr. Weber mentioned that the Alzheimer's Association Part the Cloud part 2 will be launching soon and to contact him if more information is needed.
- **Summary and Closing Remarks**

Action Items:

Develop and launch an AABC LinkedIn page

Send out nominations for new co-chair

Send out call for position of Communications Liaison