Resolution from the PRIM&R Board of Directors to Elizabeth Bankert, MA

Whereas Ms. Bankert is the respected and valued assistant provost at Dartmouth College where she also served as the director of the IRB; and

Whereas Ms. Bankert collaborated with the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia to coordinate the development of an electronic document distribution center to facilitate education and communication among sponsors, IRBs, and researchers participating in multisite clinical research trials. The program, IRBNet, enhances cooperation and streamlines the research design and review processes for research involving human subjects; and

Whereas Ms. Bankert co-edited with Dr. Robert Amdur the textbook *Institutional Review Board: Management and Function*, which has been a bible to those in the field; and

Whereas Ms. Bankert was the Applied Research Ethics National Association’s (ARENA) sixteenth president in 2001; and

Whereas Ms. Bankert oversaw membership growth from 955 to 1,062 members in 2001, an 11% increase from the previous year; and

Whereas Ms. Bankert was a leader in the development of ARENA’s regional meetings program; and

Whereas Ms. Bankert has served as a faculty member for many of PRIM&R’s *At Your Doorstep* programs, and as a member of numerous PRIM&R conference planning committees; and

Whereas Ms. Bankert has served as a mentor to many, both in this country and internationally, and as she is endlessly generous with her time; and

Whereas Ms. Bankert was the recipient of the *ARENA Legacy Award* in 2007; and

Whereas Ms. Bankert shared memories of her ARENA service by submitting the following note…“Being part of the ARENA family has been a wonderful experience. It has been a privilege to work with so many devoted, bright, and warm-hearted people. I have found an extended family of brothers and sisters, all of whom mean so very much to me. How many of us are lucky enough to love our work and our colleagues?...The keynote address given by Paul Gelsinger in 2000 was a special highlight for me. Paul’s eloquence in such a difficult situation was - and continues to be - an inspiration;”

Therefore be it resolved that the PRIM&R Board of Directors, staff, and the wider PRIM&R community, on this third day of December, 2011, do hereby convey their heartfelt appreciation and boundless gratitude to Ms. Bankert for her long, loyal, and distinguished service to both ARENA and PRIM&R.