Resolution from the PRIM&R Board of Directors to Joseph Bisordi, MD, FACP

Whereas Dr. Bisordi’s long career in medicine has afforded him several opportunities to improve patient care and advance research ethics. As the Chief Medical Officer at Ochsner Health System, he is responsible for overseeing all aspects of physician performance within Ochsner’s eight hospitals, more than 35 health centers, and 750-physician group practices; and

Whereas Dr. Bisordi was the Applied Research Ethics National Association’s (ARENA) fourth president in 1989; and

Whereas Dr. Bisordi oversaw membership growth from 220 to 250 members in 1989, a 14% increase from the previous year; and

Whereas Dr. Bisordi developed and implemented the program for ARENA’s first full-day conference in 1988; and

Whereas Dr. Bisordi shared memories of his ARENA service by submitting the following note… “ARENA was a vital resource for me like it is for all its members – providing information and a nurturing professional environment for us to learn and share together. It is about generous and knowledgeable people networking to assure that we perform the best possible research in an atmosphere of scholarship, collegiality, and profound respect for the rights of patients and research subjects. It is a model that other professional societies should emulate. What I remember most, however, were the wonderful friendships that developed among the early ARENA ‘pioneers.’ Although my career has evolved over the years away from research and the IRB, and although I have had the chance to attend professional society and educational meetings of many types, none compare with the PRIM&R/ARENA meetings as places to learn, network, and grow;”

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