Resolution from the PRIM&R Board of Directors to David Borasky, MPH

Whereas Mr. Borasky is the admired and highly effective IRB Manager at RTI International (RTI). As IRB Manager, his charge is to manage the daily operations of RTI’s IRB, the Protection of Human Subjects Committee; and

Whereas Mr. Borasky, in his previous role at Family Health International (FHI), was a co-author of FHI’s Research Ethics Training Curriculum and was responsible for implementing a training program for FHI staff worldwide; and

Whereas Mr. Borasky was the Applied Research Ethics National Association’s (ARENA) nineteenth president in 2004; and

Whereas Mr. Borasky oversaw membership growth from 1,796 to 1,924 members in 2004, a seven percent increase from the previous year; and

Whereas Mr. Borasky was an ardent advocate for ARENA membership both in the US and during his many trips abroad working with international IRB members; and

Whereas Mr. Borasky’s expertise in research ethics has taken him to many corners of the world where he shares his knowledge and time with those trying to build research ethics committees in other countries; and

Whereas Mr. Borasky served as an ARENA Council Representative, chaired ARENA’s Membership Committee, and served on the Planning Committee for the 2002 ARENA Annual Meeting; and

Whereas Mr. Borasky serves on PRIM&R’s Board of Directors, chairs PRIM&R’s Membership Committee, and chairs PRIM&R’s annual human subjects conference Poster Abstract Sub-Committee; and

Whereas Mr. Borasky served on the Council for Certified IRB Professionals and participated in the development of the CIP test questions; and

Whereas Mr. Borasky was a contributing author to the book Institutional Review Board: Management and Function; and

Whereas Mr. Borasky shared memories of his ARENA service by submitting the following note... “During my time as president of ARENA, the organization continued to experience growth in its membership, eclipsing 1,900 in total. In addition, the field of IRB management continued to gain recognition as a professional career in its own right. This was reflected in the increasing numbers of Certified IRB Professionals (CIP) (and the appearance of “CIP desired” in job postings!) and the increasing number of high-quality submissions for the ARENA poster sessions at the annual IRB conferences. The cumulative impact of this had an effect on the IACUC world as well, where there were preliminary explorations of the feasibility of a professional certification for IACUC administrators. Finally, efforts were launched to examine the PRIM&R/ARENA organizational structure to better reflect the fact that we have always been one organization...”

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 Mr. Borasky for his long, loyal, and distinguished service to both ARENA and PRIM&R.