Resolution from the PRIM&R Board of Directors to Daniel Nelson, MSc, CIP

Whereas Mr. Nelson is a professor of social medicine, an adjunct professor of pediatrics, and the esteemed and uber-competent director of the Office of Human Research Ethics at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; and

Whereas Mr. Nelson co-chairs the Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections’ (SAHCRP) Subcommittee on Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects (Subpart A); and

Whereas Mr. Nelson was the Applied Research Ethics National Association’s (ARENA) seventeenth president in 2002; and

Whereas Mr. Nelson oversaw membership growth from 1,062 to 1,490 members in 2002, a 40% increase from the previous year; and

Whereas Mr. Nelson served as the ARENA treasurer prior to being elected its vice president in 2001; and

Whereas Mr. Nelson chaired the ARENA conference planning committee in 2001; and

Whereas Mr. Nelson, aware of the devastating impact of Jesse Gelsinger's life and death on the IRB community, worked with Jesse’s father, Paul, to create the ‘Subjects Representative; Dedicated to Jesse Gelsinger’ as part of each subsequent ARENA conference; and

Whereas Mr. Nelson was the recipient of PRIM&R’s Special Service Award in 2003; and

Whereas Mr. Nelson, as one of the charter members of the Council for Certification of IRB Professionals, was instrumental in bringing the certification program to fruition and is still an active member; and

Whereas Mr. Nelson shared memories of his ARENA service by submitting the following note…

“When I think back, this was a period of enormous growth for the organization, in terms of numbers of members and conference attendees, but also in the level of professional training and experience. Driven largely by external pressures and events, the field had a tremendous influx of new talent, which invigorated the organization at the same time it expanded the need for networking, education, and peer support (which is what ARENA was all about!). If there was a ‘theme’ to my presidency, I would like to think that it was to foster this rising professionalism;”

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