Resolution from the PRIM&R Board of Directors to Nancy Olson, JD

Whereas Ms. Olson is the admired and effective Executive Director of the University of Mississippi Medical Center’s Institutional Review Board; and

Whereas Ms. Olson conducted clinical research on solid tumors at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, basic research at the University of Mississippi Medical Center; and worked for 10 years as a trial lawyer; and

Whereas Ms. Olson served as a representative on the ARENA Council for two years, chaired the ARENA Membership Working Group, and served on the Planning Committee for both the 2002 and 2003 IRB conferences; and

Whereas Ms. Olson was the Applied Research Ethics National Association’s (ARENA) twentieth president in 2005; and

Whereas Ms. Olson oversaw membership growth from 1,924 to 2,180 members in 2005, a 13% increase from the previous year; and

Whereas Ms. Olson has regularly served on the faculty for both PRIM&R and ARENA conferences; and

Whereas Ms. Olsen has also served on the poster abstract sub-committee for PRIM&R’s annual human subjects conference; and

Whereas Ms. Olson serves on PRIM&R’s Membership Committee; and

Whereas Ms. Olson shared memories of her ARENA service by submitting the following note…“I am most proud of the reorganization of PRIM&R, which allowed us to accomplish many things of which I am proud, including, elevating membership into the organization as a whole….Without the members and without the organization, I would have spent many years floundering in a sea of uncertainty, reinventing the wheel each time something came up. The educational opportunities PRIM&R provides, and the members I know and turn to, allow me, and my IRB, to grow professionally. PRIM&R has given me a professional ‘home;”

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. Olson for her long, loyal, and distinguished service to both ARENA and PRIM&R.