Resolution from the PRIM&R Board of Directors to Ada Sue Selwitz, MA

Whereas  Ms. Selwitz is a longtime employee of the University of Kentucky where she has worked in a variety of roles including Director of Sponsored Program Development. In this capacity she is responsible for developing institutional policies pertaining to a variety of issues, including the protection of human subjects; and

Whereas  Ms. Selwitz currently serves on the Subpart A Subcommittee of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections (SACHRP), and previously chaired the NIH Regulatory Burden Human Research Protection Subcommittee; and

Whereas  Ms. Selwitz has been a longtime member of the PRIM&R Board and has chaired the public policy committee, education committee, and has served on the membership committee and almost two dozen program committees; and

Whereas  Ms. Selwitz was an inaugural member of the Applied Research Ethics National Association (ARENA) and served as its first vice president; and

Whereas  Ms. Selwitz became the Applied Research Ethics National Association’s (ARENA) second president in 1987; and

Whereas  Ms. Selwitz oversaw membership growth from 61 to 153 members in 1987, a 146% increase from the previous year; and

Whereas  Ms. Selwitz co-founded and is an ongoing “good shepherd” of PRIM&R’s IRB 101 program; and

Whereas  Ms. Selwitz was the recipient of PRIM&R’s Distinguished Service Award in 1998 and ARENA’s Appreciation Award; and

Whereas  Ms. Selwitz is PRIM&R’s very own “Auntie Mame” who brings sparkle, smarts, energy, incredible people skills, and fun to everything she touches; and

Whereas  Ms. Selwitz’s has shared the following note about her ARENA service... “My involvement in ARENA as southern representative, vice president, president, public policy chair, program committee member, member of the IACUC Guidebook Editorial Board, and occasional ‘cheerleader’ has enriched both my professional and personal life. Serving as the first vice president of ARENA, while Barbara Stanley served as president, was an honor. Working with Barbara and other individuals who served as council members in the ‘good ol’ days’ dramatically improved my leadership, organization, and communication skills. I learned about ethical issues and efficient committee management from people like Jeff Cohen, Joe Bisordi, Marky Pitts, Ruth Clark, Gitta Walton, David Bernhardt, Rebecca Mays, Angela Warner, Mary Michael Gloss, Sue Charrier, Natalie Reatig, Barbara Stanley, Joan Rachlin, and many others who worked tirelessly to nurture ARENA through its infancy;”

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