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Dear Ronald Sherman,

It's been a long time since our last update on foundation activities, but that is only because it has been a very busy, productive year.



OK, it's also because we've been understaffed. Pam Mitchell, one of our foundation Members of the Board of Directors, passed away exactly one year ago. Pam was an integral part of our active Board, teaching biotherapy and handling inquiries from members and non-members, from health care providers and patients, from journalists and the lay public, throughout the world. She did all of this while at the same time fighting the cruelty of diabetes.

Well, the rest of the Board, and all of our Volunteers got through the year alright, and we will be reporting some of our significant accomplishments in the upcoming issues of this newsletter.

But we have also updated the BTER Foundation's Bylaws in order to grow the Board and strengthen our ability to serve, now and in the future. This is the primary message of this newsletter. The updated bylaws are necessary to more effectively and efficiently reach our goals for the coming years.

If you are a member, these are YOUR bylaws, too. We urge you to [review the updated Bylaws, and vote](#) to accept or reject the changes. You can do this through the ballot linked below. The proposed update requires approval from at least 50% of members in order to be ratified.

If you are not currently a member, or if your membership is about to lapse, please [renew your membership NOW](#), so that you can participate in this important decision. Make sure your voice is heard, now and in the future.

Everyone who joins or renews their membership now will be eligible for full membership benefits through all of next year - through December, 2013. So, don't wait until next year.

Only full members are able to vote in this and all other elections, so . . . [please renew your membership or join the BTER Foundation NOW, and VOTE!](#)

Thank you, and welcome back!

Ron Sherman

BTER Bylaws Updated

Board of Directors recommends updating Bylaws

The updated bylaws (with changes highlighted) can be found on the [BTER Foundation website](#). Please review and let us know if you approve the changes..

Ratification of the updated Bylaws requires approval of at least 50% of the membership. You can tell us whether or not you approve by [voting at the website](#), or by [sending us an e-mail](#), or by "replying" to this newsletter.

Remember, **you must be a current member to vote**. If you have not yet joined, or if your membership has lapsed, be sure to [update your membership status \(visit the member webpage\)](#) before voting.

BTER Foundation Membership

Are you a member of the BTER Foundation?

If so, *Thank You* for supporting the organization that has brought biotherapy to hundreds of patients, and information to hundreds of thousands. This would not be possible without all of our volunteers and members.

If you are not yet a member . . . please review all of the [benefits of membership](#).

Membership often pays for itself in program discounts. Members qualify for free access to our entire Biotherapy Library (with the cost of membership being less than the cost of ordering one or two scientific papers from the publisher, based on the dues for Community and Student members).

Other benefits include: free educational materials, free insurance billing assistance, discounts on workshops and conferences, and more.

Directors Wanted

Now recruiting new Members for the Board

The Board of Directors is looking for one or more new members. **If you would like to join the Board of Directors and advance biotherapy education and research, then send in your resume and tell us how you see yourself contributing to the Board:** info@BTERFoundation.org.

2012 Conferences & Events :

Biotherapy Workshops & Webinars

[3rd Annual Palliative Wound Care Conference](#) - Stevenson, WA; May 17-19, 2012

[Summit 2012 & Expo \(Paralyzed Veterans of America\)](#) - Las Vegas, NV; August 27-29, 2012

[Wild on Wounds 2012 Conference \(WOW\)](#) - Las Vegas, NV; September 12-15, 2012

[Superbones West 2012 Conference](#) - Las Vegas, NV; October 18-20, 2012

[University of British Columbia: Microbiology/Immunology Seminar](#) - Vancouver, BC, Canada; November 20, 2012

[Children & Womens Health Centre of British Columbia](#) - Vancouver, BC, Canada; November 21, 2012

Conferences with Biotherapy Lectures & Exhibits

Diabetic Foot Conference 2012 (DFCon) - Los Angeles, CA; March 15-17, 2012

Symposium on Advanced Wound Care (SAWC-Spring) - Atlanta, GA; April 19-22, 2012

[3rd Annual Palliative Wound Care Conference](#) - Stevenson, WA; May 17-19, 2012

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[Wild on Wounds 2012 Conference \(WOW\)](#) - Las Vegas, NV; September 12-15, 2012

[Native American Wound Care Conference](#) - Cabazon, CA; October 8-9, 2012

[Superbones West 2012 Conference](#) - Las Vegas, NV; October 18-20, 2012

[GSA 65th Annual Scientific Meeting \(Gerontological Society of America\)](#) - San Diego, CA; November 14-18, 2012

[University of British Columbia, Microbiology/Immunology Seminar](#) - Vancouver, BC, Canada; November 20, 2012

[Children & Women's Health Centre of British Columbia](#) - Vancouver, BC, Canada; November 21, 2012

[AAEP 58th Annual Convention](#) - Anaheim, CA; December 1-5, 2012

How about a Workshop in Your Town?

To arrange a maggot therapy or leech therapy workshop in your community, [contact the BTER Foundation](#). Local and national experts are available to provide 1-hour lectures, full day workshops, and anything in between.

Know about something we don't?

Let us know of any biotherapy news or event that isn't on our list, so we can make sure that everyone knows about it!

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

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