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**2006/2007 Grant Review Committee Members**

**James N. Cooper, MD**

Professor  
Director, Medical Research Development  
Division of Life Sciences  
George Mason University

Before his recent transfer to George Mason University, Dr. James N. Cooper served at Inova Fairfax Hospital as Chairman, Department of Medicine and Director of Continuing Medical Education for more than 20 years. Additional duties have included distinguished service as Program Director of the Transitional Year Residency, and Medical Director of the Inova Institute of Research and Education.

Dr. James N. Cooper attended Columbia University and received his medical degree from New York University. Dr. Cooper completed his residency training at Georgetown University and Boston City Hospital. He received specialty training in gastroenterology at the University of Chicago. Dr. Cooper was appointed Director of Georgetown's Gastroenterology Service at D.C. General Hospital before coming to Inova Fairfax Hospital where he served the Section Chief of the Department of Medicine.

Dr. Cooper holds academic appointments at the Georgetown University School of Medicine as Assistant Dean and Professor of Medicine, and as an Affiliate Professor at the George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

Over the years, he has received numerous honors including the Lawrence Kyle and V.K. Vance awards for teaching excellence. He continues to participate actively in clinical research and has published more than 40 articles.

**Dr. John Dell**

Physics Department  
Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

**Maryrose E. Franko, Ph.D.**

Senior Program Officer  
Howard Hughes Medical Institute

Dr. Franko received her BS in biology in 1984 from John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio and her Ph.D. in molecular genetics from the University of Southern California in 1993. She received National Research Service Award for her postdoctoral project designing efficient ribozymes for use as antiviral therapeutic agents, which she carried out at the NIH. While at the NIH, Maryrose participated in the NIH Speakers Bureau and the NIH Science Alliance. She was active in science outreach including science fair judging, teaching hands-on-science in elementary schools, and giving workshops designed to encourage girls to excel in science, math and engineering.

She is now senior program officer for the graduate division at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and directs graduate programs for individuals pursuing research careers, and programs for institutions to enhance graduate science education. Maryrose has long been interested in career issues for young scientists and was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Task Force on Careers for Young Scientists and helped plan the a workshop on Training and Opportunities for Scientists in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century hosted by the NIH. She also developed GrantsNet, an online database of funding opportunities for training in the biological sciences. She has collaborated with the Burroughs Wellcome Fund and AAAS to launch the Career Development Center, an online resource for postdocs and junior faculty. She co-developed the BWF/HHMI Course in Scientific Management for senior postdocs and junior faculty, and was one of the driving forces behind the publication based on the course entitled *Making the Right Moves: A Practical Guide to Scientific Management for Postdocs and New Faculty*.

### **Douglas A. Hastings**

Senior Partner

Epstein Becker & Green, P.C.

Member of the firm in the Health Care and Life Sciences Practice in the Washington, D.C. office, where he provides a wide range of health care organizations with strategic and transactional legal guidance in responding to the legal challenges and opportunities of the rapidly changing American health care system. Mr. Hastings serves as Chair of the Steering Committee of the firm's Health Care and Life Sciences Practice, Chair of the firm's Finance Committee, and is a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

Mr. Hastings served on the Board of Directors of the American Health Lawyers Association from 1991 to 2003, and was President of that organization for 2001-2002. He currently serves on the Board on Health Care Services of the Institute of Medicine and the Board of Directors of the National Committee for Quality Health Care.

Mr. Hastings' clients include academic medical centers; hospitals and health systems; medical groups and other physician organizations; health plans and other managed care organizations; long-term care facilities; pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies; investment banks and venture funds; and other health care-related entities.

He focuses on representing these organizations in mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, governance issues, complex contractual arrangements and other affiliations and collaborative efforts.

Mr. Hastings and his colleagues at EBG also provide his clients with a full range of legal advice and services, including antitrust law; Medicare reimbursement and other third party payment issues; Stark, fraud and abuse, and other health care compliance issues; tax and tax-exempt counseling; privacy law; bankruptcy and restructuring; real estate and construction law; labor and employment law; and liability and litigation matters.

Mr. Hastings is listed in the Health Care Law section of *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Who's Who in American Law*, and *Chambers USA Guide*. He also was listed by *Nightingale's Healthcare News* as one of the leading healthcare transaction lawyers of

2003. In 1997, the *National Law Journal* named Mr. Hastings as one of “40 Health Care Lawyers Who Have Made Their Mark.”

He served as Program Chair of the Managed Care Law Institute of the American Health Lawyers Association from 1991 through 1999, is a member of the Advisory Board of the *BNA's Health Law Reporter*, and has been a Visiting Lecturer at the Duke University Department of Health Administration.

Mr. Hastings speaks and publishes regularly on topics related to health care law, complex health care transactions, collaborative health care ventures, legal issues related to quality improvement and the legal trends influencing the U.S. health care system.

## **Elaine Powers**

Biology Department  
James Hubert Blake High School

Elaine Powers was a health and science policy analyst with the federal government for many years, primarily with the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment. Subsequently, she spent some time at the Food and Drug Administration, on the economics staff, and then at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, where she headed the research synthesis division. In 2000, she moved to the private sector and spent six years as Vice President for Programs at the National Quality Forum, overseeing the development of national consensus on performance measures for health care.

In spring of 2006, Elaine completed a Master of Arts in Teaching at the University of Maryland University College and made a major change. She is now a full-time Biology teacher at James Hubert Blake High School, a public high school in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Elaine also holds a BA in Zoology and a master's degree in Public Policy, both from the University of California, Berkeley.

## **James Scott, MD**

Dean, School of Medicine and Health Sciences

### Degrees:

MD, University of Arizona College of Medicine, 1983 Residency Training:  
Residency in Emergency Medicine, George Washington University  
Internship at the University of Arizona Medical Center

Special Interests: Medical Education, Toxicology, Maritime Medicine

### Certifications:

Diplomate, American Board of Emergency Medicine  
Diplomate, National Board of Medical Examiners

### Professional Societies:

American College of Emergency Physicians

Society of Academic Emergency Medicine  
American Medical Association

## **Zdenka S. Willis**

Director, NOAA National Oceanographic Data Center

Zdenka Saba Willis is the Director for the National Oceanographic Data Center. She administers the National Oceanographic Data Center, the NOAA Central Library, the National Coastal Data Development Center, and the World Data Center for Oceanography, Silver Spring, Maryland. The data centers are responsible for the discovery, acquiring, archiving, accessing and assessing oceanographic data and products.

Prior to joining NOAA, Ms. Willis served twenty five years as a Meteorology and Oceanography officer in the United States Navy and worked with NOAA to promote interagency cooperation as the Naval Deputy to NOAA; worldwide sea ice analysis and forecasting as Director of the National Ice Center; and as the satellite and operations officer Naval Polar Oceanography Center. While the Director of the National Ice Center, she initiated a visiting scientist program that attracted post-doctorate researchers focused on the Arctic and Antarctic. Her meteorological background includes weather forecasting for Naval aircraft as the Officer in Charge of the Naval Oceanography Command Detachment, Oceana, Virginia, and for Navy vessels as the Naval Eastern Oceanography Center, Norfolk, Virginia.

Ms. Willis has a background in the collection of oceanographic data onboard the USNS Harkness and USNS Maury survey vessels and in the electronic navigational charting as Deputy Navigator of the Navy. She co-authored two handbooks related to mapping and charting: Mapping, Charting, and Geodesy Handbook, and the Geospatial Services and Maritime Navigation. Her other relevant Naval positions are the Director of the Strategic Policy Forum (a Congressional and Executive Branch crisis simulation for Members of Congress, senior Executive branch officials, and military leaders) and adjunct professor in the Strategic Leadership Department at the Industrial College for the Armed Forces. Ms. Willis received her Bachelor's Degree in Marine Science from the University of South Carolina. She received a Master's degree in Meteorology and Oceanography from the Naval Postgraduate, and a Master's Degree in National Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.