

Revised Mission Statement (adopted 9-24-04)

The American Society of Gene Therapy is a professional non-profit medical and scientific organization dedicated to the understanding, development and application of gene and [related cell and nucleic acid therapies] and the promotion of professional and public education in the field.

Recommended Goals (adopted 9-24-04)

Voting Scale: (High 5 – 8 Votes) (Medium 3 – 4 Votes) (Low 1 – 2 Votes)

A. Promote Research, Development and Application

1. Keep Public and Private Funding Agencies Abreast of Progress (**High – 6 Votes**)
 - a. Make sure disease societies and NIH are aware of stakeholder meetings
 - b. Phone calls/letters to foundations
 - c. Contacts with leadership of disease-specific societies
2. Promote Research Funding Opportunities (Low – 0 Votes)
 - a. List Relevant RFAs/Other Funding Information (committee?)
 - b. Engage Private Foundations
3. Foster Career Development for Young Investigator (Low – 2 Votes)
 - a. Young Investigator Process
 - b. Expand Travel Awards

B. Exchange Information and Promote Education

For Professionals

1. Annual Meetings (separate recommendations)
2. *Molecular Therapy Journal* – Premiere Scientific Journal
3. Website (**High – 8 Votes**)
 - a. Identify Significant Resources to Expand Website
 - b. Improve Website with Current Resources
 - c. Monthly E-Letter
 - d. Explore Message Board
4. Exchange Investigative Resource Inquiries (Low – 2 Votes)
 - a. Website Listing
 - i. List of SOPs
 - ii. Template for Informed Consent
 - b. List on website of open gene therapy trials and their PIs (can this be done?)
 - i. Include in membership survey (link to protocol)
5. Develop Strategic Alliances with Other Societies (**Medium – 4 Votes**)

- a. ISSCR – International Society for Stem Cell Research
 - b. AST – American Society of Transplantation
 - c. ISCT – International Society of Cell Therapies
 - d. ASHG – American Society of Human Genetics
 - e. RNA Society – Ribonucleic Acid
 - f. Blood Banks
 - g. Cancer Society
 - h. Muscular Dystrophy – Jeff Chamberlain
 - i. JDRF – Dave Bodine?
 - j. Leukemia Society – Brian Drucker
 - k. Gates Foundation – Margaret Liu
 - l. CF – Mark Kay
 - m. Hemophilia – Kathy High
 - n. Fanconi – Marcus Grompe, Bruce Blazer
 - o. March of Dimes
 - p. ADA – Paul Robbins
 - q. ALS
6. Develop Strategic Alliances with Disease Foundations – National Institutes of Health Office of Rare Diseases as a resource (**High – 8 Votes**)
- a. Sponsor Meeting (awards and sessions, Website?)
 - b. Fund Centers of Excellence
 - c. Provide Source of Credible Review
 - d. Invite Key People to AM/BOD Meeting

For the Public

7. Website (**High – 6 Votes**)
- a. Develop an effective positive image website for the public (proof gene therapy works)
 - b. List of open gene therapy trials and their PIs (soliciting subjects) and direct link to trial sites
 - c. Develop extensive/comprehensive materials with animation and graphics
8. Develop a pro-active positive image in media (standing ad hoc) committee
9. Establish an advocacy group or a relationship with these groups (**High – 5 Votes**)

C. Promote Development of Clinical Translations

- 1. Complete short membership survey for discussion with Jesse Goodman to establish a meeting in March/conference call with BOD and Jesse Goodman (**Medium – 3 Votes**)
- 2. Appoint an ad hoc committee to bring regulatory officials to our meeting. Opportunity to explore gene therapy for their diseases/reviewers (**Medium – 4 Votes**)
- 3. Meet with NIH institute directors (**High – 7 Votes**)
- 4. Explore DOD funding and communicate to our members
- 5. Hold separate meeting on clinical trials (March in DC?)
- 6. Workshop on Starting a Trial at Annual Meeting (**Medium – 3 Votes**)
- 7. Workshop scalability, manufacturing production/GMP issues (**High – 5 Votes**)

Goals:

- A. Promote Research, Development and Application
- B. Exchange Information and Promote Education (For Professionals and Public)
- C. Promote Development of Clinical Translations

| Number of Votes | Goal | Tactic |
|------------------------|-------------|---|
| 8 Votes | B. 3 | Website (Identify resources, improve resources, expand) |
| 8 Votes | B. 6 | Develop Strategic Alliances with Disease Foundations – National Institutes of Health Office of Rare Diseases as a resource |
| 7 Votes | C. 3 | Meet with NIH institute directors |
| 6 Votes | B. 7 | Website |
| 5 Votes | B. 9 | Establish an advocacy group or a relationship with these groups |
| 5 Votes | C. 7 | Workshop scalability, manufacturing production/GMP issues |
| 4 Votes | B. 5 | Develop Strategic Alliances with Other Societies |
| 4 Votes | C. 2 | Appoint an ad hoc committee to bring regulatory officials to our meeting. Opportunity to explore gene therapy for their diseases/reviewers |
| 3 Votes | C. 1 | Complete short membership survey for discussion with Jesse Goodman to establish a meeting in March/conference call with BOD and Jesse Goodman |
| 3 Votes | C. 6 | Workshop on Starting a Trial at Annual Meeting |

Annual Meeting

1. Recommend East Coast/West Coast rotation (varying cities)
2. Explore mid-May options (committee)
3. Reach out to Cancer, etc. by specifically targeted mailings
4. Work with other societies to identify best symposia
5. Reexamine policy of “paid” speakers (targeted)
6. Reconsider organization of plenary sessions

Membership

1. Turnovers
 - a. Trainees
 - b. Industry
2. Benefits
 - a. Journal
 - b. Annual Meeting reduced fee
 - c. Website?
 - d. Newsletter?
 - e. Reduced page charges?
 - f. Discounts for other journals, work out with Elsevier?
 - g. Discount for multi-year membership?
 - h. Keep costs reduced for Associate Members/engage young people
 - i. Membership roster
 - j. Job postings
3. Recommendations to Board of Directors
 - a. Explore 3 year membership option
 - b. Offer discounts on other publications
 - c. Upgrade Website
 - d. Reach out to cell therapies, RNAi, etc. (done each year)
 - e. Provide Membership Committee with a budget – Membership Committee submits a proposal