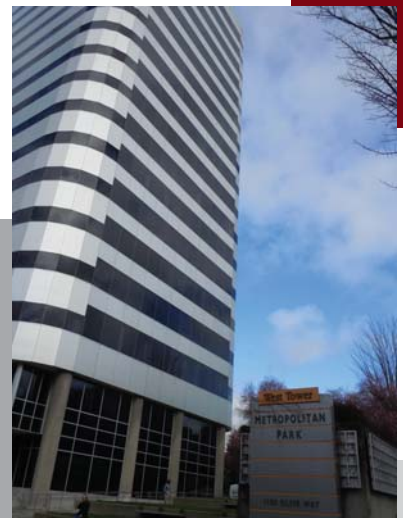
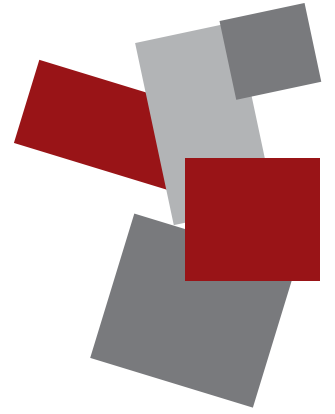


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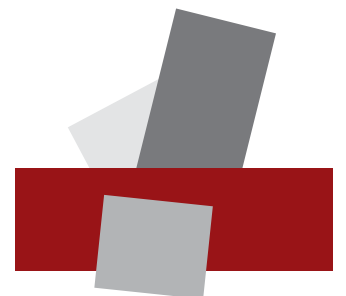
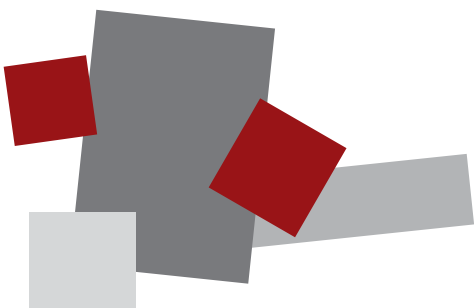


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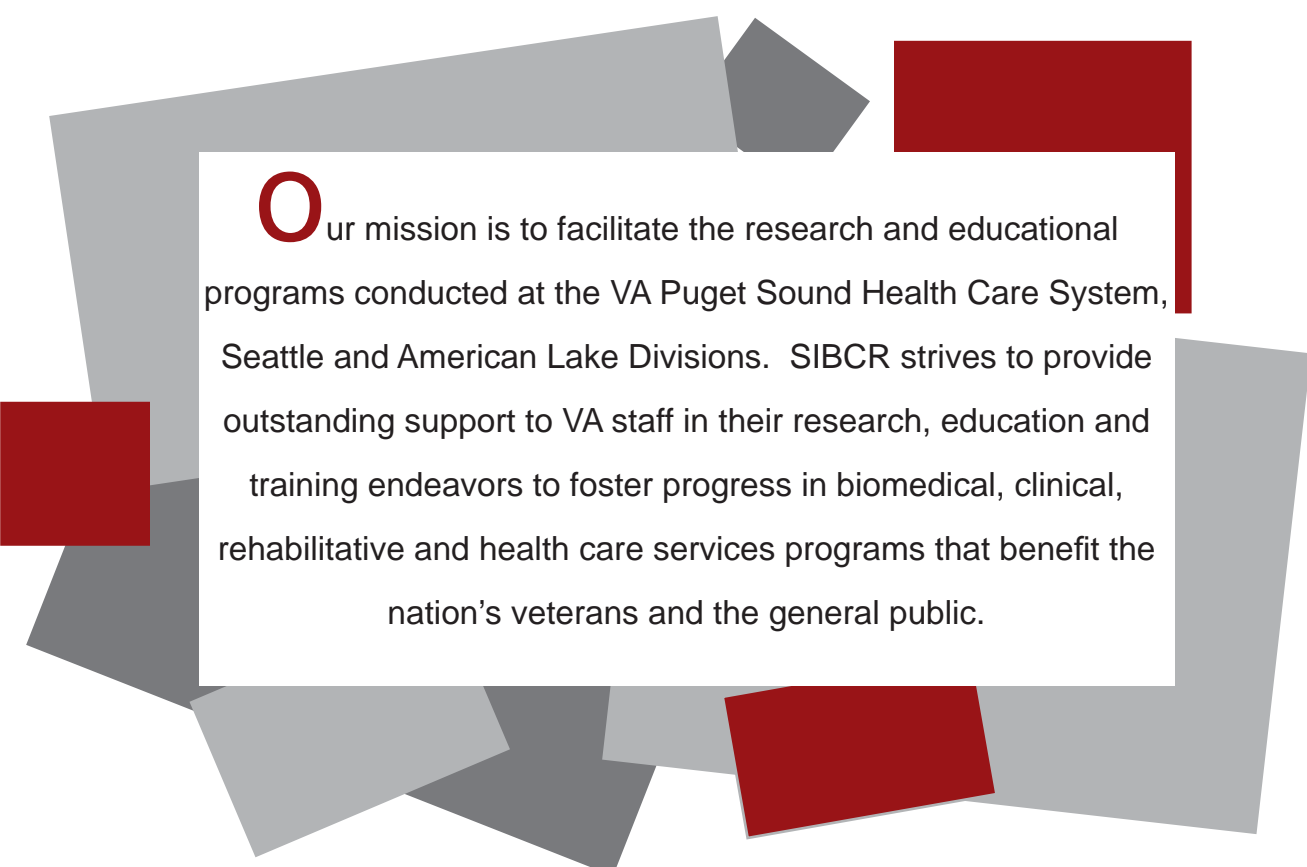
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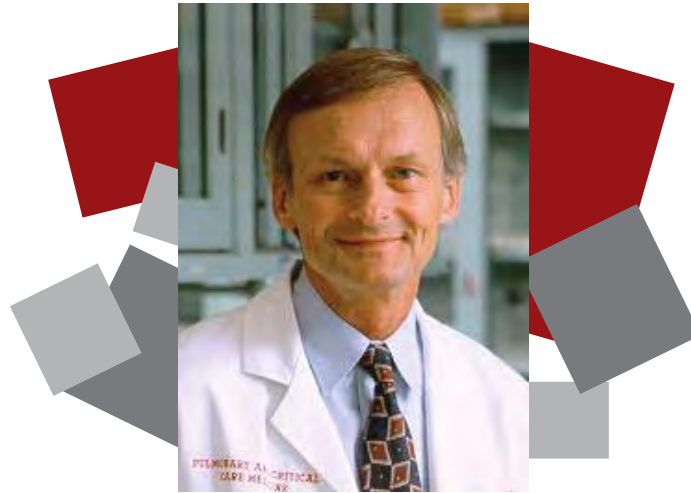


MISSION



Our mission is to facilitate the research and educational programs conducted at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System, Seattle and American Lake Divisions. SIBCR strives to provide outstanding support to VA staff in their research, education and training endeavors to foster progress in biomedical, clinical, rehabilitative and health care services programs that benefit the nation's veterans and the general public.

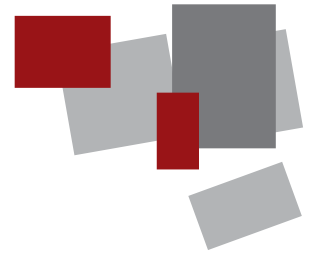
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Board of Directors provides financial and management oversight for the Seattle Institute for Biomedical and Clinical Research. The Board assures that the Institute's assets are safeguarded and available to fulfill its mission, oversees operations and provides strategic direction for the continued growth of SIBCR. We are pleased to report that Clark Nuber, our independent auditors, completed their financial and federal funding A-133 audit for the year ended September 30, 2010. In their report to the Board, they had no findings or issues with the financial statements, operations, internal controls or financial management of the Institute and indicated that this was an outstanding result.

SIBCR is committed to improving the research and educational programs at VA Puget Sound Health Care System. Our Executive Director, Eileen Lennon, PhD, and our knowledgeable staff have worked to ensure that we provide the best possible support to investigators in preparing grant applications and managing research and educational programs. SIBCR grew in 2010 because of the success of our investigators in obtaining new NIH grants. Our goal of further enhancing the research and education environment will require SIBCR to develop an even greater portfolio of sponsored programs, including acquiring more NIH and other federal awards. As we do this, we will have the opportunity to provide greater support to new investigators and new programs as they compete for independent research funding. SIBCR's dedicated support of a broad range of research and education serves our medical center's goal of providing outstanding patient care.

Thomas R. Martin, MD
President
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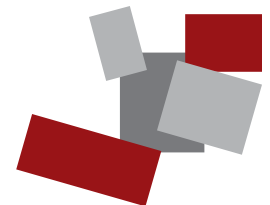
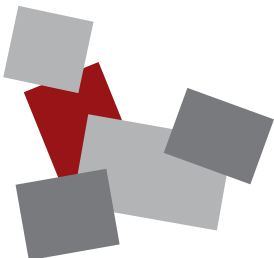
2010 ANNUAL REPORT

The Board of Directors and the administrative staff of Seattle Institute for Biomedical and Clinical Research (SIBCR) are pleased to provide the fiscal year 2010 annual report to our members and employees to summarize a year of growth.

FY 2010 started on a very high note with an outstanding review by the Nonprofit Program Office (NPPO) of Veterans Health Administration. In addition to the NPPO staff, the review also included two VISN 20 representatives. SIBCR was cited for several processes that were considered “best practices” and the NPPO planned to share these practices with the VA-affiliated nonprofits nationally.

Another major factor was the impact of a full year of grants administration after a formal letter from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) was received in July 2009 that approved the process of reimbursing the University of Washington (UW) for the effort of dual-appointed personnel on NIH grants conducted at the VA and administered by SIBCR. SIBCR and the UW participated in an implementation committee to set up procedures and templates to facilitate the interactions between the institutions. The committee worked together to form guidelines for subawards and joint personnel agreements as well as procedures for required sign off prior to submission. This collaboration continues as the two organizations work to support the research programs of the investigators who are SIBCR members, VA staff and UW faculty.

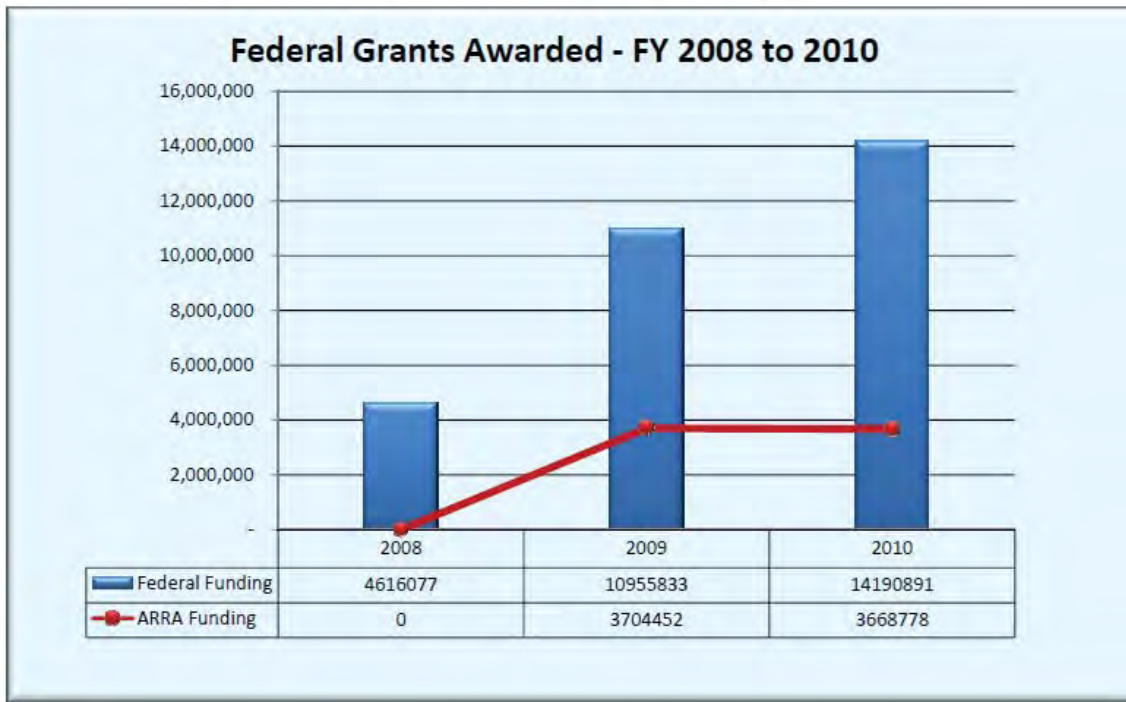
NIH grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) or “stimulus funds” made for a major increase in federal funding awarded to SIBCR. The funding included new two-year awards and supplements to existing awards. SIBCR received ARRA awards totaling \$3.7 million for the first year.



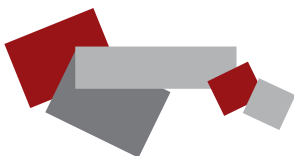


The overall numbers for grant funding increased in FY2010 as well. SIBCR submitted a total of 63 grant applications including 54 to federal agencies and 9 to voluntary health or nonprofit organizations (VHO). This included applications where SIBCR was the prime grantee or a subawardee. As of this writing, 18 of the federal grants have been awarded and two of the VHO submissions, for an overall success rate of 32%. We are still awaiting results for two grants submitted in FY2010.

The graph below presents information based on awarded federal dollars including the percentage of total awarded funding that was due to ARRA grants. The awarded dollars more than tripled from FY2008 to FY2010 from \$4.6 million to \$14.2 million.

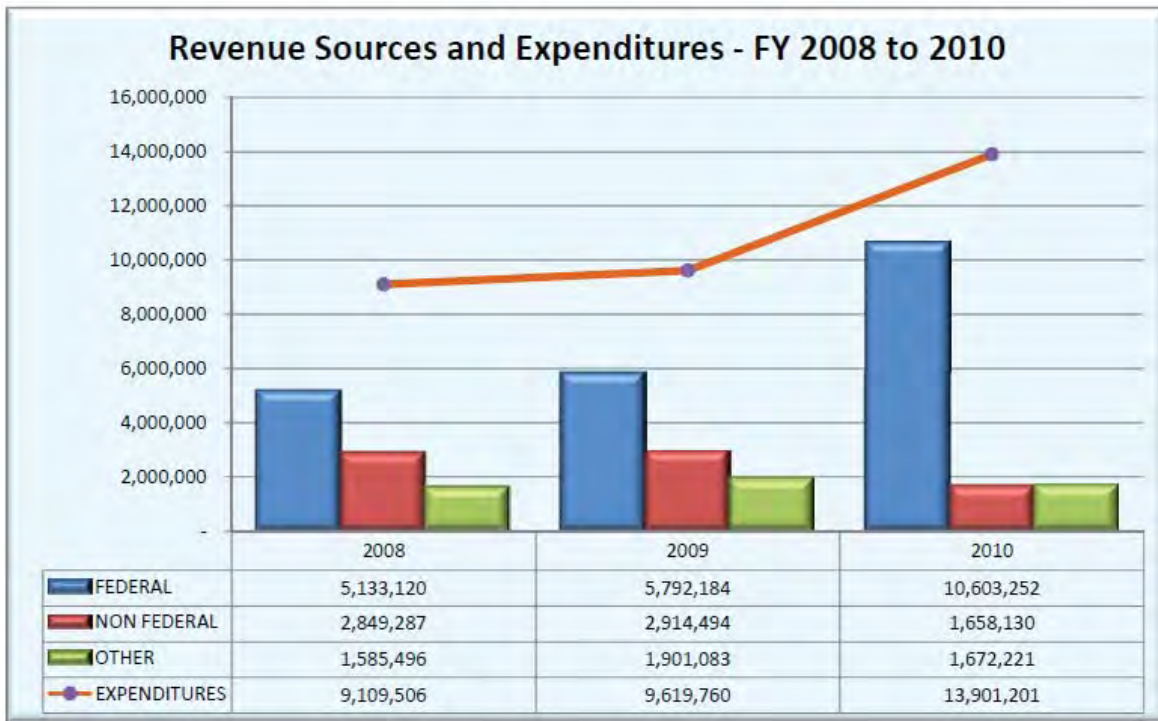


Nonprofit growth is most often represented by expenditure totals. The graph on the next page has several important informational points. It clearly shows the increase in federal revenue and expenditures, and the decrease in funding from non-federal and other sources between FY2009 and FY2010. If you compare the awarded federal dollars from the graph above to the revenue sources and expenditures graphs on the next page, it appears that FY2009 federal revenue and overall expenditures did not match the significant increase in awarded federal grant funding.





This was due to the impact of the Office of Research Oversight (ORO) review and suspension of studies that greatly delayed the VA's approval process. While SIBCR was notified of awards in FY2009, funding could not be expended until all studies had been approved and/or re-approved. For these awards, SIBCR could not count dollars awarded as revenue until actually received; with federal awards, the funds are not received until expended. Therefore, federal revenue and overall expenditures show a large jump from FY2009 to FY2010 when in fact, this increase should have been more evenly spread out from FY2008 to FY2010 if not for the ORO suspension and subsequent delays in approval processes. The graph below highlights that revenue doubled since FY2008 and expenditures increased by almost \$5 million.



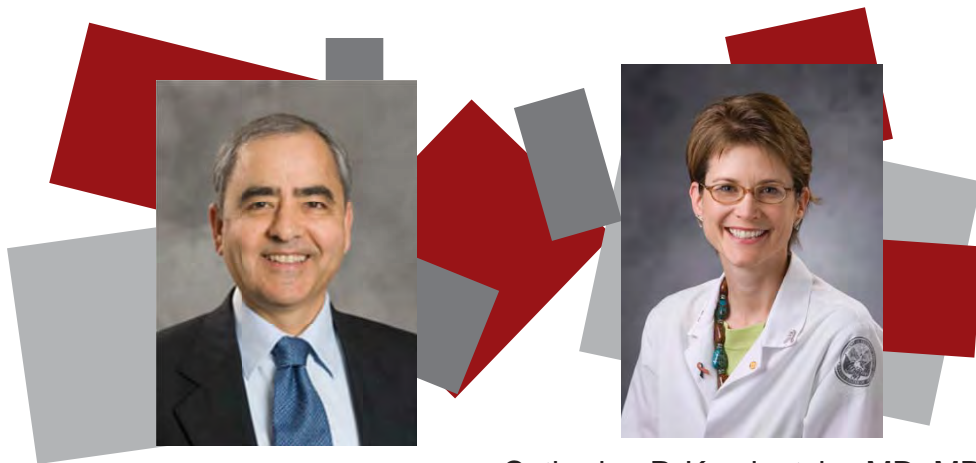
The current Board of Directors is listed on page 13. There were several changes during the year. The authorizing statute for the VA-affiliated nonprofits requires the Medical Center Director, Chief of Staff, Associate Chief of Staff (ACOS) for Research and Development (R&D) and the ACOS for Education to serve on the nonprofit board. After Stan Johnson left, there were two Acting Directors for VA Puget Sound Health Care System (VAPSHCS), DeWayne Hamlin, Director of the Boise VA Medical Center and DeAnn Lestenkof, Deputy Director, VAPSHCS. In April 2010, David A. Elizalde, was named Director, VAPSHCS.



Prior to this position, he served as Senior Procurement Executive and Director, Division of Acquisition & Cooperative Support for the National Science Foundation in Arlington, VA since July 2006. Before that he was the Deputy Director for Management, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD.

In addition, the position of Director, Center for Education & Development was filled in September, 2010 by Catherine P. Kaminetzky, MD, MPH. She replaced Ted Kohler, MD, who had served as the Acting Director after Dr. Phillip Rakestraw retired. Dr. Kaminetzky previously held the position of ACOS for Education at the Durham VA Medical Center where she also served as a board member of their VA-affiliated nonprofit.

We welcome both Mr. Elizalde and Dr. Kaminetzky to the SIBCR board.



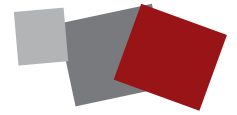
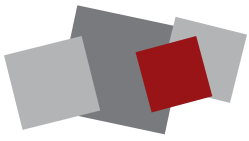
David A. Elizalde

Catherine P. Kaminetzky, MD, MPH

The SIBCR administrative staff had several changes in the year. Renée Parisio joined the grants management staff as a Grants and Contracts Coordinator, replacing Kenji Schwarz. As noted in last year's summary, Alice Victoria joined SIBCR in January 2010 as Program Assistant. Kirise Kramer joined the SIBCR administrative staff in September. Kirise was already an SIBCR employee supporting the ADAPT program, but is now split between that direct support and her position as Grants and Contracts Coordinator.

As the grant funding has increased in SIBCR, so have the number of employees providing direct and indirect support. SIBCR has close to 150 employees supporting the VA research and education missions. Some of these employees are in the Institutional Review Board (IRB) and R&D administrative units providing indirect support to the research program.

The table of members for FY2010 is found on page 15. New SIBCR members welcomed during the year were: William Banks, MD; Amanda Harrington, PhD; Dennis Rasmussen, PhD and Marsha Tarver, PhD.



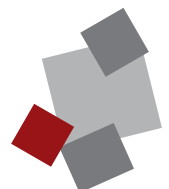
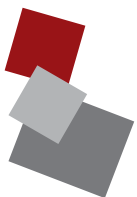
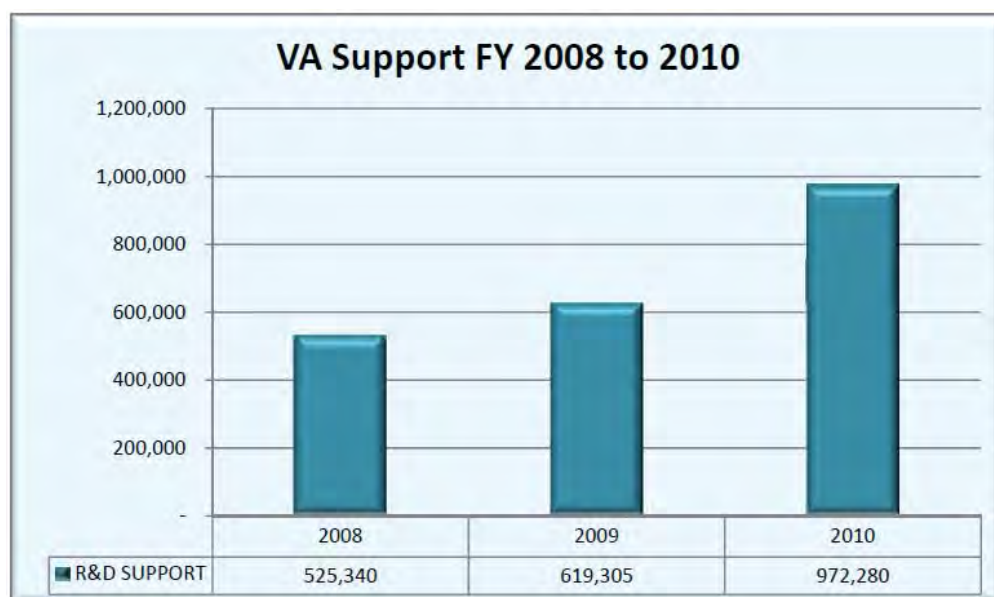
INTRAMURAL FUNDS PROGRAM

The recipients of SIBCR intramural funds were highlighted at the annual meeting last year. Most of those recipients continued their grant funding through FY2010. Several requests have been received for FY2011. The formal Intramural Funds Program started in 2007 and has made awards to eight investigators. Prior to the formal program there were two awards with Board approval. This program took the place of making development funds available to the VA R&D program after review by the R&D Committee.

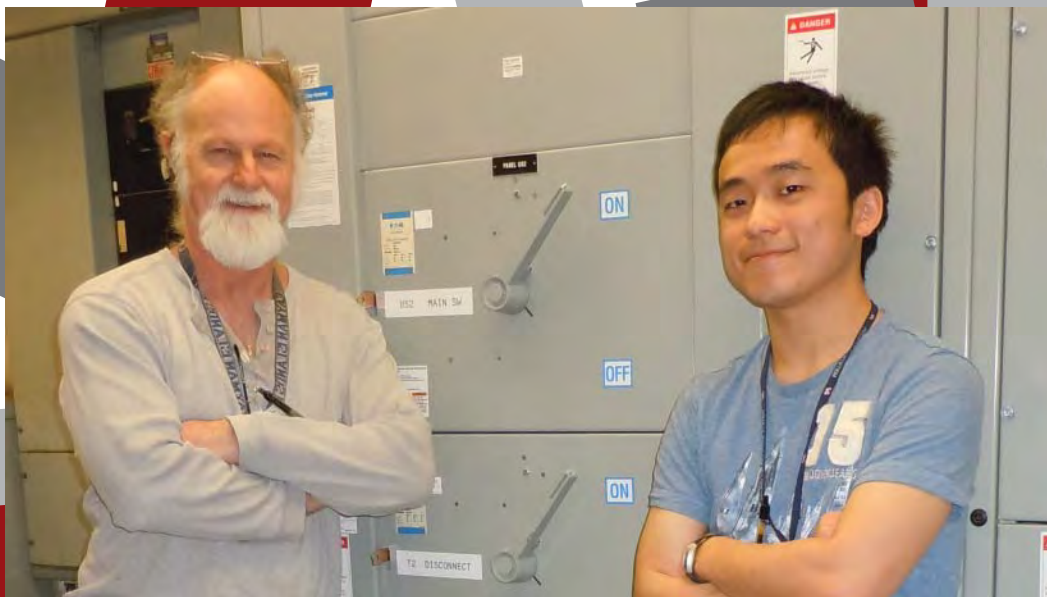
Members may review the full intramural funds policy on the SIBCR website (www.sibcr.org). The priorities for intramural funds requests are: start-up funds for new investigators, funds for novel ideas or pilot projects for junior investigators, and development of new or novel projects within a member's existing program. Requests for assistance with recruitment efforts are also considered.

RESEARCH SUPPORT

The Board of Directors continues to provide support for R&D infrastructure and SIBCR members at VAPSHCS. In FY2010, SIBCR was able to increase the support provided to the R&D program including direct support to investigators and their research programs in proportion to the overall increase in SIBCR funding. This support is a direct consequence of SIBCR's continued administration of extramural grant funding for VA staff conducting research at VAPSHCS.



Significant support was provided to R&D operations including assisting in the relocation of R&D staff. SIBCR assisted in funding the moves of several researchers from American Lake to Beacon Hill. SIBCR was able to provide over \$65,000 for core research freezer repairs or rebuilds, purchase of a backup freezer as well as freezer alarm systems to assist R&D in managing the functioning of these critical assets. Funding for required repairs was also provided for other laboratory equipment including incubators and centrifuges. SIBCR purchased safety equipment to avoid flooding in laboratory space, laboratory chairs recommended after the ORO compliance visit, as well as laboratory coats. Kurt Strand, PhD, an SIBCR employee since 2006, and Carl Lee provided invaluable assistance to the R&D program during all these changes and relocations during the year.



Kurt Strand, PhD and Carl Lee

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The statutory authorization for administering education and training activities began in 1999, but such activities remain a small part of the SIBCR portfolio. The program that continues to successfully compete for additional grant funding is the Multiple Sclerosis Center of Excellence for live national satellite broadcasts and case conferences on MS topics for MS patients, caregivers and clinicians.

SIBCR will assist members in their requests for educational grants. Many of the pharmaceutical companies that fund programs have set up very specific application requirements and usually require an electronic application.

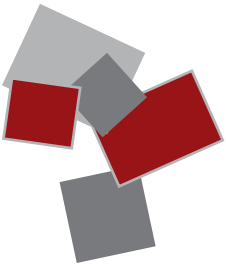
CLINICAL RESEARCH UNIT

The Clinical Research Unit (CRU) underwent a major change this year as it was moved from the sixth floor of building 100 to the first floor of building 1. There have been some adjustment issues that are being worked out in this new space, but please note that the CRU is very much up and running. SIBCR covered some of the furniture costs needed for the CRU due to this relocation. In this new space, the CRU has eight rooms. These include a dedicated DEXA scan room, two 2-bed rooms for procedures and infusions studies, one 1-bed room for study visits or procedures, one geri-chair room, as well as a lab processing room, kitchen and staff office. All rooms have computer access and basic supplies and equipment. The unit has two full-time staff members: Susan Bigda, RN and Teresita Cornell, an SIBCR employee since 2005. With its expertise in nursing and research administration, the unit is able to provide a variety of services in support of clinical research projects.

Dr. Alvin Matsumoto is the Director of the CRU and heads its Advisory Committee. In addition to the CRU staff, the members of the Advisory Committee are Suzanne Craft, PhD; Charlie Keelin; Eileen Lennon, PhD; Elaine Peskind, MD; Andrew Saxon, MD; Kristina Utzschneider, MD and David Powell.



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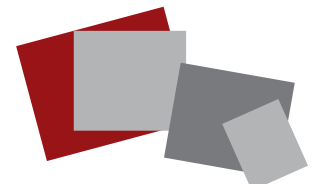
SIBCR is a member of the National Association of Veterans' Research and Education Foundations (NAVREF). NAVREF promotes the interests of its member nonprofits and advocates for issues relevant to its members and the VA research program. Eileen Lennon, PhD, Executive Director of SIBCR, served on the NAVREF Board of Directors as Vice-Chair during FY2010 and is the Chair as of February 2011.

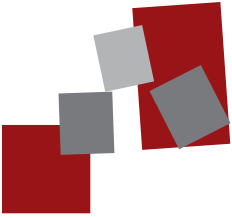
The effort to update and clarify the statute that authorized the VA-affiliated nonprofit corporations was successful and the new statute was signed by President Obama on May 5, 2010. NAVREF has worked with the NPPO and Office of General Counsel to develop the VHA handbook implementing the new statute. The handbook 1200.17 was in concurrence during FY2010, but has since been released.

FINANCIAL REPORT

SIBCR is audited annually by Clark Nuber, an independent auditing firm with significant expertise in nonprofit corporations. Clark Nuber also performs an A-133 audit annually since SIBCR has over \$500,000 in federal expenditures. Both the financial audit and the A-133 single audit for FY2010 will be posted on the SIBCR website (www.sibcr.org). The report for FY2010 was again the best result for an audit - an unqualified opinion and no findings on the single audit report.

The Institute negotiates an indirect cost rate and a fringe benefit rate annually with the Division of Cost Allocation (DCA), Department of Health and Human Services. These rates are subject to change when the DCA reviews our indirect and fringe benefit cost report, which is done within six months after the end of each fiscal year. SIBCR posts the current rates on our website.





ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES MOVE

For all of FY2010, SIBCR was exploring options and preparing for a move off-site. The plan for a move to portable buildings was definitively canceled by the end of calendar year 2009. Under review was a chance to move some of R&D and all of the IRB to Metropolitan Park West (MPW) in add-on space that would be arranged under the HSR&D lease. At that point a move by SIBCR to MPW was also suggested. Since no space was available at VAPSHCS, off-site space seemed the only answer. MPW offered the advantage of having several VA research groups in close proximity. SIBCR was able to negotiate a fair lease for sufficient space for its administrative staff on the 9th floor of MPW. Although the plan was to move by the end of September or early October 2010, the actual move did not occur until December, therefore moving some costs into FY2011. R&D and IRB staffs moved to MPW in March 2011. SIBCR has three offices available for staff in Building 7 so that human resources, grants administration, accounting and management can rotate to be on site at VAPSHCS and continue to provide customer service to members and staff.

CONCLUSION

SIBCR is proud to have been part of the success of the research and educational programs at VAPSHCS over the past year. While we expect to see some slowing compared to the rapid growth of the past two years, we remain hopeful given the high success rate of our members to date, that SIBCR will still increase its grant portfolio allowing for augmentation of the support we are able to provide. We remain committed to providing outstanding support to VA staff in their research, education and training endeavors and look forward to meeting the challenges ahead. Thank you for all your efforts in this partnership!





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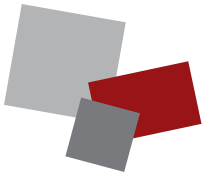
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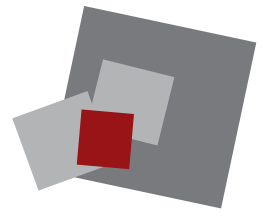
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