Mr. Alexander called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. on June 28, 2010. A quorum was present, and 37 of the Board members were in attendance during the meeting.

The Board approved several resolutions contained in the Consent Agenda in a single vote. The subject of the various individual resolutions follows here:

1. The Board approved the minutes of the November 8-9, 2010, meeting of the Board of Directors in St. Louis, Missouri.

2. The Board approved a modification to Policy 3.5.5.3 (Kidney Payback Debt Limit) to remove references to reprioritization of candidates at certain payback debt levels, as this reprioritization no longer occurs pursuant to previously approved policy modifications.

3. The Board approved modifications to living donation-related policies and bylaws to clarify which transplant program has responsibility for elements of the living donation process and to reassign reporting responsibility for living donation from the recipient transplant program to the transplant program performing the living donor nephrectomy or hepatectomy.

4. The Board approved modifications to the Charge of the Living Donor Committee to more closely align its mission with the directive to the OPTN regarding the development of policies for living donors and living organ donor recipients.

5. The Board approved a guidance document on ABO subtyping of blood group A and AB donors.

6. The Board approved the dissolution of the Organ Availability Committee and corresponding modifications to the Bylaws, Article VII (Permanent Standing Committees). Organ availability issues will be integrated into the work of the remaining committees.

7. The Board approved a change to Policy 3.7.3 (Adult Candidate Status) to clarify Adult Heart Status 1A exception language to enable consistent interpretation of the policy and to reflect current programming in UNetSM.

8. The Board approved the deletion of Policy 3.7.13 (Status 1 Listing Verification) to reflect current practices regarding the verification and audit of such listings.

9. The Board approved a resolution acknowledging that sharing patient information will give greater meaning to the gift of life and positively enhance the donation experience for all donors and recipients; and to support the development of a guidance document for sharing patient information in collaboration with professional societies.
10. The Board approved modifications to Policy 2.2.3.2 to clarify the requirements for screening for HIV-1 and HIV-2.

11. The Board approved a guidance document for screening and confirmation of HTLV-1 in potential donors and reporting HTLV-1 infections.

12. The Board approved a guidance document for reporting potential donor-derived disease transmission events.

Following passage of the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the 2010 audited financial statements for OPTN Operations and the related OMB Circular A-133 compliance audit for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010.

The Board approved the OPTN 2012 Operating Budget and an increase in the Registration Fee from $585 to $603 based upon the projected level of operational activities.

The Board approved a resolution requesting CMS, HRSA, and UNOS to coordinate compliance efforts to reduce the financial and operational burden on transplant centers and OPOs.

The Board approved a request to dissolve the Region 8 “Share 29” Alternative Allocation System (AAS). A majority of the members of the Region voted that the AAS, which was scheduled to expire in May 2010, should be dissolved.

The Board approved new Bylaws at Appendix B, Attachment I, Section XIII, D(3) (Qualifications for Director of Liver Transplant Anesthesia) to add a new bylaw that describes qualifications for directors of liver transplant anesthesia.

The Board approved modifications to the Bylaws, Appendix B, Attachment I, XIII (2) (Living Donor Related Bylaws), to provide surgeons who perform living donor kidney recoveries an additional means for meeting the open donor nephrectomy qualifications and more closely align the bylaws with current practice.

The Board approved modifications to the Bylaws, Appendix B, Section I (Organ Procurement Organizations) to introduce OPO performance metrics that will help to maximize the utilization of organs.

The Board approved modifications to Policy 5.10.1 (Vessel Recovery and Transplant) to require a time out prior to implant of vessels to ensure compatibility between the donor and recipient.

The Board approved the modified list of items that will appear in the existing dropdown list of items to select in response to the “citizenship” data entry question in the DDR, LDR, and TCR. In addition, the data entry options will include the country of permanent residence and the year of entry to the United States for non-US citizens/non-US residents who traveled to the United States for transplant.

The Board approved the addition of HLA to Policy 3.7.12.1 (Essential Information for Thoracic Offers) to allow transplant centers to consider offers for sensitized candidates in circumstances where prospective crossmatch is not practical.