

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents

May 20, 2010

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Roundtable Research Agreement between the University of Michigan and John Paul Stapp Association

Action Requested: Authorization to enter into Agreement

Preamble:

A statutory conflict of interest situation was identified by the Division of Research Development and Administration while reviewing the proposed agreement. This then triggered a review by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Review Committee. A plan for management of the possible risks associated with the conflict of interest was then developed and approved by this Committee and agreed to by the parties involved.

The proposed Roundtable Research Agreement ("Agreement") falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because Dr. Lawrence Schneider is both an employee of the University of Michigan ("University") and serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the John Paul Stapp Association. The law permits such an agreement provided it is disclosed to the executive officers and approved in advance by a 2/3 vote of the Regents of the University of Michigan.

Background:

Dr. Lawrence Schneider, Research Professor, University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute and Research Professor, Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering, is an unpaid member of the Board of Directors of the John Paul Stapp Association of Norman, Oklahoma ("Association"). The Association is funded by registrations from the Stapp Car Crash Conference and sales of the Stapp Journal and sponsors Dr. Schneider and the staff of UMTRI to manage and administer the Stapp Car Crash Journal and the annual Stapp Car Crash Conference. The role of Dr. Schneider and UMTRI is described in the statement of work. Dr. Schneider receives no compensation as a board member of Stapp, has no financial interest in Stapp, and receives no support from the sponsored project. He also recuses himself from voting at the annual Stapp Board meeting regarding the decision to fund UMTRI's proposal to administer and manage the Stapp Conference and Journal.

Agreement Terms:

The terms of the proposed Reports-Only Roundtable Agreement conform to University policy and are renewable annually. The amount of the Agreement for 2010 is \$115,181. Standard disclaimers of warranties and indemnification apply, and the Agreement may be amended by consent of the parties. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.

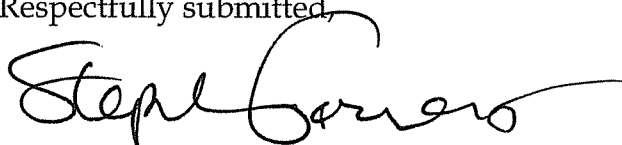
Impact of the Agreement:

The Agreement will enable the University to continue to participate in the administration and publication of this peer-reviewed journal and its annual conference.

Recommendation:

This matter has been reviewed and approved by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Review Committee. In light of the disclosure made in this document and our finding that the Agreement was negotiated in conformance with standard University practices, I recommend that the Board of Regents approve of the University's entering into this Roundtable Research Agreement with the John Paul Stapp Association.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen R. Forrest". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "S".

Stephen R. Forrest  
Vice President for Research

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