

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Regental Action Required Under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute

Action Requested: Authorization for the University to enter into an agreement with Friends of the Midwest Enzyme Chemistry Conference (University of Michigan Employee, Patrick O'Brien, Director).

Background:

The University of Michigan College of Pharmacy seeks approval to enter into an agreement with Friends of the Midwest Enzyme Chemistry Conference to purchase a sponsorship of the 2022 Midwest Enzyme Chemistry Conference.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Patrick O'Brien is a University employee as Professor with the Department of Biological Chemistry and would be party to the contract as director of Friends of the Midwest Enzyme Chemistry Conference.

However, the Statute allows the University to enter into such agreements if the following conditions are met:

- a) The public servant promptly discloses any pecuniary interest in the contract to the official body which has power to approve the purchase, which disclosure shall be a matter of record in its official proceedings.
- b) The purchase is approved by a vote of not less than 2/3 of the full membership of the approving body in open session without the vote of the public servant making the disclosure.
- c) The official body discloses the following summary information in its official minutes:
  - i) The name of each party involved in the contract.
  - ii) The terms of the purchase, including duration, financial consideration between the parties, facilities or services of the public entity included in the purchase, and the nature and degree of assignment of employees of the public entity for fulfillment of the purchase.
  - iii) The nature of any pecuniary interest.

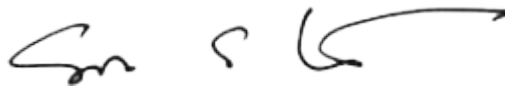
The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (c) above:

- i) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its College of Pharmacy and Friends of the Midwest Enzyme Chemistry Conference.
- ii) The agreement is for a one time fee at a total cost not to exceed \$1,750. Friends of the Midwest Enzyme Chemistry Conference will be supplying all the necessary resources and personnel to fulfill this contract. The remaining base contract terms and conditions are typical to those used in Procurement Services standard templates for other similar contracts entered into by the Regents.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employee, Patrick O'Brien, is director of Friends of the Midwest Enzyme Chemistry Conference.

Patrick O'Brien has met state law requirements with the disclosure of his pecuniary interest and formal appointment arrangements with the University of Michigan. Requirements, if any, that may be applicable by the supervisor of Patrick O'Brien, under the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee's procedures are separately analyzed and managed.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the agreement between the University of Michigan and Friends of the Midwest Enzyme Chemistry Conference subject to requirements, if any, that the supervisor of Patrick O'Brien or the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,



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