

Management Responsibility for Financial Statements

The financial statements of Research Corporation for Science Advancement (the “Foundation”) for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to not-for-profit organizations. The management of the Foundation is responsible for the integrity and objectivity of these financial statements.

In accumulating and controlling its financial data, management maintains a highly developed system of internal accounting controls. Management believes that a high level of internal control is maintained by the establishment and communication of accounting and business policies, by the selection and training of qualified personnel, and by a program of reporting to the Finance Committee to give it reasonable assurance at reasonable cost that the Foundation’s assets are protected and that transactions and events are recorded properly.

The accompanying 2016 and 2015 financial statements, where indicated, have been audited by the Foundation’s independent accountant BeachFleischman PC. Their report expresses an informed judgment as to whether management’s financial statements considered in their entirety, present fairly, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, the Foundation’s financial position, changes in net assets, and cash flows. The independent auditor’s report is based on audit procedures described in their report, which include obtaining an understanding of Foundation systems, procedures, and internal accounting controls, and performing tests and other auditing procedures to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements neither are materially misleading nor contain material errors. While the independent accountants make extensive tests of Foundation procedures and controls, it is neither practicable nor necessary for them to scrutinize large portions of the Foundation’s transactions.

The Board of Directors, through its Audit Committee composed of members not employed by the Foundation, is responsible for engaging the independent accountants and meeting with management and the independent accountants to assure that each is carrying out its responsibilities, and to discuss auditing, internal control and financial reporting matters. The independent accountants have full and free access to the Audit Committee. They meet with the Audit Committee at least twice annually with and without the presence of management representatives.



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