



## **American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH) Board of Directors**

### **ASBH/CBS Referendum**

The following referendum is hereby submitted to the ASBH Board of Directors for their consideration.

The American Society of Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH) and The Canadian Bioethics Society (CBS) agree to establish a strategic alliance between both groups to foster the exchange of ideas and promote mutual collaboration between members of each society with common interests and backgrounds. It is agreed that no money will be exchanged for this partnership, although this does not exclude the possibility that there may be potential financial benefits to both partner organizations for such collaboration in the future.

The strategic alliance between ASBH and CBS shall initially consist of the following:

1. Citizens of Canada, who are members of CBS, will be offered a reduced membership rate in ASBH, if they are interested in belonging to both societies. The reduction in membership rate will not exceed 10% of the current ASBH membership rates as listed in the ASBH membership materials.
2. Citizens of the USA, who are members of ASBH, will be offered a reduced membership rate in CBS, if they are interested in belonging to both societies. The reduction in membership rate will not exceed 10% of the current CBS membership rates as listed in the CBS membership materials.
3. Acknowledgement of this strategic alliance will be included on each society's respective website and members will also be notified of this alliance via standard methods of communication.
4. Each organization will agree to exchange information regarding their respective missions.
5. Both organizations agree to freely exchange and list their respective website addresses and contact information on the others' websites.
6. Both ASBH and CBS agree to list information and provide appropriate announcements to members regarding society events such as conferences, presentations, sponsored events and lectures etc.
7. Both ASBH and CBS may, in the future and if appropriate, agree to establish a collaborative agreement to co-sponsor a conference or joint project of interest.
8. The strategic alliance will be reviewed on an annual basis.
9. Either party may elect, at any time and with appropriate notice, to terminate the alliance for any reason as necessary.
10. Additional items may also be included at a later date and as both societies see fit to do so.

The ASBH Board of Directors hereby supports this referendum and agrees to put it into effect on this date May, 18 2012.