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To the Executive Secretary of the CFSAC,

As a person with ME/CFS for fifteen years, and as a member of four ME/CFS patient advocacy groups, it is clear to me that

1. The CFSAC charter needs to be renewed. And embedded in this new charter ought to be the following additional stipulations:
2. Your annual meetings should be restored to at least four.
3. Your outgoing members should be replaced promptly.
4. Your meetings should be announced well in advance and agendas posted so that all participants can prepare for them.
5. Your meetings should include video live-streaming.
6. The current status of all the CFSAC's recommendations should be posted.

We need to have effective leadership and coordination on the national level for research into this disabling illness to progress. The ball was dropped before; it is now high time to move it down the field, so that people can be treated and new infections can be stopped. With the strong leadership of the WPI in its XMRV findings and the work of other credible research organizations, we are poised as never before on the brink of success. Let's move it forward!

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

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