



September 20, 2012

Dear Dr. Hopkins;

The steering committee of the Ape Taxon Advisory Group (TAG) has reviewed your proposal entitled “Great Ape Neuroscience Project” and voted to ENDORSE the project. Ape TAG endorsement provides confirmation that the steering committee has reviewed the proposal and found it to be of scientific merit and with direct benefit to captive apes or relevance to Ape TAG priorities. As such, we strongly encourage institutions to participate if they are able to do so. Please note that you will still need to contact individual zoos with your proposal and fulfill whatever application process they require. We also strongly recommend that you provide shipping materials and instructions to zoos in advance of sample collection; I am happy to help you coordinate this effort.

Please let me know if you have any further questions regarding this approval. The TAG wishes you the best in your research endeavor and look forward to seeing results when they are available.

Sincerely,

Tara S. Stoinski, PhD

Chair, Ape Taxon Advisory Group