

Minutes

**National Library of Medicine
Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC)
February 22-23, 2018
Minutes of Meeting**

The eighty-third meeting of the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC) (roster under ATTACHMENT A) of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) convened at 8:30AM, February 22, 2018, in the Donald A.B. Lindberg Room of the NLM, Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Benedict Nwomeh, Chairman of the Committee, presided. In accordance with P.L. 92-463 and the determination of the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH), the meeting was announced in the Federal Register. The meeting was open to the public on February 22, 2018, from 8:30-10:00AM, for the discussion of administrative matters and a presentation on the NLM Board of Regents February 13, 2018, MEDLINE Update Discussion by Joyce Backus, Associate Director for Library Operations, NLM. In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(9)(B), Title 5, U.S.C., Pub. L. 92-463, the remainder of the meeting was closed to the public for the review and discussion of journals as potential titles to be indexed by the NLM.

For the Record¹

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Sanjeeve Balasubramaniam

Ms. Marisa Conte

Dr. Karen Corsi

Dr. Kristen Greenland

Dr. Melissa Haendel

Dr. Adina Kalet

Dr. Scott LeMaire

Dr. Benedict Nwomeh

Dr. Elijah Paintsil

Dr. Bill Yates

Dr. Masami Yoshimura

Dr. Karen Young

CONSULTANTS

Ms. Diane Cooper

Dr. John M. Pascoe

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Filipa Godoy-Vitorino

Dr. Felicia Hodge

NLM STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Dianne Babski

Ms. Joyce Backus

Ms. Rebecca Black

Dr. Patricia Brennan

Ms. Rebecca Davies-Venn

Ms. Patricia Feldman

Ms. Erin Friel

Mr. David Gillikin

Ms. Jennifer Marill

Ms. Rebecca Stanger

¹ It is noted that members absent themselves from the meeting when the Committee is discussing journal titles in which a conflict of interest might occur.

I. Call to Order

Dr. Benedict Nwomeh called the meeting to order at 8:30AM, Thursday, February 22, 2018, and welcomed members, consultants, and NLM staff.

II. Administrative Matters

A. Consideration of the minutes from the October 2017 meeting:

The minutes were approved as written.

B. Conflict of Interest Forms:

Conflict of Interest forms were distributed to LSTRC members prior to the meeting, and were completed before members participated.

C. Dates of future meetings:

Confirmed Meetings:

- *Spring 2018 (June 21-22, 2018)*
- *Fall 2018 (October 25-26, 2018)*
- *Winter 2019 (February 21-22, 2019)*

Proposed meeting:

- *Spring 2019 (June 20-21, 2019)*

III. NLM Board of Regents February 13, 2018, MEDLINE Update Discussion

Ms. Joyce Backus, NLM Associate Director for Library Operations, gave an overview of MEDLINE that was previously presented to the NLM Board of Regents on February 13, 2018. Ms. Backus spoke about the challenges NLM has always faced and successfully addressed – how to collect and disseminate the world’s medical literature together to benefit research and practice in the most timely, efficient, and effective way possible. For journals to be included in MEDLINE, they must first be suitable for the NLM collection per the NLM Collection Development Manual, and then be reviewed and recommended by the LSTRC. Currently, MEDLINE contains over 26 million citations to biomedical and life sciences journal articles from over 5,300 scholarly journals published worldwide.

IV. Report and Discussion

Ms. Joyce Backus asked LSTRC to reflect and share their thoughts on the status of MEDLINE and how MEDLINE should evolve. Areas to consider are the scope of MEDLINE, types of articles, the LSTRC review process, and who should the database be serving (researchers, health care professionals, patients, public health workforce, etc.)

V. Director’s Report

Dr. Patricia Flatley Brennan spoke about the 2017-2027 NLM Strategic Plan and NLM’s role as a platform for biomedical discovery and data-powered health. In support of NIH objectives, NLM will advance opportunities for biomedical research, foster innovation, enhance scientific stewardship, and manage for results. The NLM

Strategic Plan envisions three pillars as the foundation for their platform of transforming information into discovery: Accelerate discovery and advance health through data-driven research, Reach more people in more ways through enhanced dissemination and engagement, Build a workforce for data-driven research and health. NLM will foster an ecosphere of discovery. Dr. Brennan ended by thanking the LSTRC members for their participation at the meeting and their diligence in recommending journals to be indexed in MEDLINE, saying that the work of LSTRC is essential and important for NLM's mission to provide access to health information.

VI. Examination and Reviews of Titles

Dr. Benedict Nwomeh announced the meeting was closed for the examination and review of titles on Thursday, February 22, 2018, at 10:00AM. Titles continued to be reviewed until 5:00 PM Thursday, and began again at 8:30 AM on Friday, February 23, 2018. Examination of titles concluded at noon on Friday and the meeting was adjourned.

VII. Certification

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes and attachments are accurate and complete.

Joyce E.B. Backus
Scientific Review Administrator

Benedict Nwomeh
Chairman