

## Minutes

**National Library of Medicine  
Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC)  
February 21-22, 2019  
Minutes of Meeting**

The eighty-sixth 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 21, 2019, in the Donald A.B. Lindberg Room of the NLM, Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Adina Kalet, 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 21, 2019, from 8:30-8:45AM, for the discussion of administrative matters. 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 Record<sup>1</sup>

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Sanjeeve Balasubramaniam  
Ms. Marisa Conte  
Dr. Luisa DiPietro  
Dr. Filipa Godoy-Vitorino  
Dr. Kristen Greenland  
Dr. Melissa Haendel  
Dr. Adina Kalet  
Dr. Scott LeMaire  
Dr. Dingbo Lin  
Dr. Alan Louie  
Dr. Elijah Paintsil  
Dr. Bill Yates  
Dr. Karen Young

### **CONSULTANTS**

Dr. Thu Annelise Nguyen

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Nancy Lowe

### **NLM STAFF PRESENT**

Ms. Joyce Backus  
Ms. Rebecca Black  
Ms. Jennifer Diffin  
Ms. Judith Eannarino  
Ms. Jennifer Marill  
Ms. Julie Silverman  
Ms. Rebecca Stanger  
Dr. Lauren Topper  
Ms. Cecelia Vetter  
Ms. Beth Weston  
Ms. Erin Zellers

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<sup>1</sup> 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. Adina Kalet called the meeting to order at 8:30AM, Thursday, February 21, 2019, and welcomed members, consultants, and NLM staff.

## **II. Administrative Matters**

### **A. Consideration of the minutes from the October 2018 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 2019 (June 20-21, 2019)*
- *Fall 2019 (October 24-25, 2019)*
- *Winter 2020 (February 20-21, 2020)*

Proposed meeting:

- *Spring 2020 (June 18-19, 2020)*

## **III. Report and Discussion**

Ms. Joyce Backus spoke about foreseeable changes to the MEDLINE Application form and the LSTRC Journal Review form and asked the committee to share their thoughts on the MEDLINE journal review process.

## **IV. Director's Report**

Dr. Patricia Flatley Brennan thanked the LSTRC members for their participation at the meeting and their diligence in recommending journals to be indexed in MEDLINE saying the work of the LSTRC is essential to ensure the integrity of the literature for NLM's mission to provide access to health information. She explained that NLM is guided by the NLM Board of Regents for setting collection development plans for NLM and the LSTRC guides NLM for including valuable content in MEDLINE. Dr. Brennan then talked about the progress NLM has made implementing the NLM Strategic Plan. Major accomplishments have been made in all three of the strategic pillars 1) Accelerating discovery and advance health through data-driven research, 2) Reach more people in more ways through enhanced dissemination and engagement, 3) Build a workforce for data-driven research and health. Accomplishments include more automation in MEDLINE indexing; expanding the capabilities of the NLM Digital Collections, physical space redesign and renovation of the first floor of the building, infrastructure reorganization and bringing in data science investigators, and launching a data science training program for staff.

## **V. Examination and Reviews of Titles**

Dr. Adina Kalet announced the meeting was closed for the examination and review of titles on Thursday, February 21, 2019, at 8:45AM. Titles continued to be reviewed until 5:00 PM Thursday, and began again at 8:30 AM on Friday, February 22, 2019. Examination of titles concluded at noon on Friday and the meeting was adjourned.

## **VI. 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

Adina Kalet  
Chairman