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

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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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. 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