

Minutes

**National Library of Medicine
Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC)
February 20-21, 2020
Minutes of Meeting**

The eighty-ninth meeting of the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC) (roster under ATTACHMENT A) of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) convened at 8:30 AM, February 20, 2020, in the Donald A.B. Lindberg Room of the NLM, Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Karen Young, 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 20, 2020, from 8:30-8:40 AM, 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 Record¹

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Pamela Bagley
Dr. Luisa DiPietro
Dr. Kristen Greenland
Dr. Melissa Haendel
Dr. Scott LeMaire
Dr. Alan Louie
Dr. Nancy Lowe
Dr. Elijah Paintsil
Dr. Kelly Sandberg
Dr. Marina Sokolsky-Papkov
Dr. Bill Yates
Dr. Karen Young

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Dr. Thu Annelize Nguyen
Ms. Marisa Conte

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Dingbo Lin

NLM STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Alla Amyx
Ms. Dianne Babski
Ms. Joyce Backus
Mr. Philip Banh
Ms. Jennifer Diffin
Ms. Kristina Elliott
Ms. Patricia Feldman
Ms. Kathryn Funk
Mr. David Gillikin
Ms. Iulia Kristanciuk
Ms. Deborah Lockett
Ms. Jennifer Marill
Ms. Julie Silverman
Dr. Lauren Topper
Ms. Beth Weston
Ms. Erin Zellers

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. Karen Young called the meeting to order at 8:30AM, Thursday, February 20, 2020, and welcomed members, consultants, and NLM staff.

II. Administrative Matters

A. Introductions:

The LSTRC Executive Secretary, Ms. Joyce Backus, Department of Library Operations, NLM, announced that she would be leaving federal service at the end of February, 2020. Ms. Dianne Babski, Department of Library Operations, NLM, was introduced as the incoming LSTRC Executive Secretary.

B. Consideration of the minutes from the October 2019 meeting:

The minutes were approved as written.

C. Conflict of Interest Forms:

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

D. Dates of future meetings:

- Spring 2020: June 11-12, 2020 (Confirmed)
- Fall 2020: October 22-23, 2020 (Confirmed)
- Winter 2021: February 25-26, 2021 (Confirmed)
- Spring 2021: June 24-25, 2021 (Confirmed)

III. Director's Report

Dr. Brennan thanked Joyce Backus for her contributions to LSTRC and NLM. She reported that the NLM budget has increased in the past 3 years and that the library is a key driver for data-driven science. She alerted attendees to the new PubMed interface, which is the first refresh in 20 years. She also noted a MEDLINE 2022 effort to increase automated indexing. In the area of the research enterprise of NLM, two new investigators have been hired this year, both focusing on the microbiome. Due to renovations in Bldg. 38, the fall LSTRC meeting will be held in Bldg. 38A.

Dr. Brennan announced that NLM will be undertaking an experiment with preprints. NLM will partner with existing preprint servers (such as bioRxiv, the preprint server for biology) that can send XML information for papers generated by NIH-funded research to be included in PMC. The articles will be clearly marked as preprints. The experiment is anticipated to begin in May and run for one full calendar year. Supplemental files that are submitted with the preprints will be accessible. Commentaries will not be ingested.

IV. Examination and Review of Titles

Dr. Karen Young announced the meeting was closed for the examination and review of titles on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 8:40 AM. Titles continued to be reviewed until 5:00 PM Thursday. Reviews began again at 8:30 AM on Friday, February 22, 2020 and concluded at 9:20 AM.

V. Report and Discussion

Ms. Joyce Backus solicited recommendations from LSTRC members and consultants relating to the orientation and onboarding of new LSTRC members. New members whose terms begin in October, 2020 will attend the June 2020 meeting as observers.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM

VI. Certification

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

Dianne Babski
Scientific Review Administrator

Karen Young
Chairman