

## Minutes

**National Library of Medicine  
Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC)  
June 24-25, 2021  
Minutes of Meeting**

The ninety-third meeting of the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC) (roster under ATTACHMENT A) of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) convened virtually at 10:00 AM on June 24, 2021. Dr. Scott LeMaire, 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. In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(9)(B), Title 5, U.S.C., Pub. L. 92-463, 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. Armand Antommara  
Dr. Angela Arenas-Gamboa  
Dr. Pamela Bagley  
Dr. Luisa DiPietro  
Dr. Sharon Greenblum  
Dr. Scott LeMaire  
Dr. Dingbo Lin  
Dr. Nancy Lowe  
Dr. Elijah Paintsil  
Dr. Kelly Sandberg  
Dr. Marina Sokolsky-Papkov  
Dr. Henry Young

### **OBSERVERS PRESENT**

Dr. Jonathan Eldredge  
Dr. Nutan Sharma  
Dr. Stephen DiBartola

### **CONSULTANTS PRESENT**

Dr. Filipa Godoy-Vitorino  
Dr. Karen Young

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Alan Louie

### **NLM STAFF PRESENT**

Ms. Dianne Babski  
Mr. Philip Banh  
Ms. Rebecca Black  
Dr. Patti Brennan  
Ms. Brittney Davis  
Ms. Kristina Elliott  
Ms. Kathryn Funk  
Mr. David Gillikin  
Mr. Chris Kelly  
Ms. Iulia Kristanciuk  
Ms. Esther Lee  
Ms. Jennifer Marill  
Ms. Allie McDougall  
Ms. Oksana Prokhvacheva  
Ms. Julie Silverman  
Dr. Lauren Topper  
Ms. Amanda Wilson  
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. Scott LeMaire called the meeting to order at 10:00AM, Thursday, June 24, 2021, and welcomed the members and NLM staff.

## II. Administrative Matters

### A. Introductions:

Dr. Scott LeMaire led introductions of the LSTRC members, new member observers, and NLM staff.

### B. Consideration of the minutes from the February 2021 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:

- Fall 2021: October 28-29, 2021 (Confirmed)
- Winter 2022: February 24-25, 2022 (Confirmed)
- Summer 2022: June 23-24, 2022 (Confirmed)
- Fall 2022: October 27-28, 2022 (Proposed)

### E. Other matters:

Dr. Lauren Topper led the group in a moment of silence to honor the late Nancy Tannery, who made many contributions to the committee and was a former LSTRC Chair. Dr. Lauren Topper and Ms. Dianne Babski thanked the departing LSTRC members, Dr. Scott LeMaire and Dr. Elijah Paintstil, for their service on the committee and welcomed the new member observers.

## III. Director's Report

Dr. Patricia Brennan began her report by recognizing Dr. Milton Corn, who passed away earlier this year, as a tremendous colleague and leader. She announced the appointment of Dr. Richard Palmer as the Acting Director of Extramural Programs. Dr. Brennan gave an update on NLM's progress with respect to its strategic plan and noted one current focus is AI and analytics. NLM continues to look at new ways to reach the public and clinicians and is supporting other institutes and centers around the NIH campus. As an example, NLM has provided support with an ongoing NCATS initiative called LitCoin which is looking at micropublications as a means to get information out early to the public. Dr. Brennan stressed that while the manner in which NLM brings literature to the public has changed over the years and will continue to evolve, our branding and our integrity will not go away.

Dr. Brennan announced the addition of several new investigators to our intramural research programs, including Dr. Lauren Porter, a Stadtman tenure track investigator whose research focuses on fold-switching proteins, and Dr. Xiaofang Jiang who focuses on the metabiome and metabolomics, with a particular concentration on wastewater and what that can tell us about public health. NLM is currently searching for two more intramural researchers. Dr. Brennan briefed the committee on a recent talk given by Dr. Eugene Koonin at the NLM Board of Regents in regard to increasing our understanding of viruses through their organizational structures.

Dr. Brennan briefed the committee on recent efforts to modernize existing, NLM resources, such as GenBank, which were built with 90s technology and need to be brought up to current standards. To this end, she noted that ClinicalTrials.gov will be moving to a cloud-based system. Dr. Brennan also noted that NLM has started a new project this year called Research Organism Data Resource (RODR), in which a suite of tools will be built of NLM-stewarded data repositories to better leverage tools from the community and promote sharing of these resources. NLM continues to invest in health data standards, including terminology such as MeSH. She also provided an update on the renovation progress and plans for the NLM's physical space in buildings 38 and 38A. Plans include updated space for staff and visitors, upgrades to NLM's data center, and over 3300 linear feet of

compact shelving for NLM's physical objects storage. She touched on the current status of the NLM's budget and that NIH is focusing on the future of work and what return to work might look like.

Finally, Dr. Brennan updated the LSTRC on several ongoing and/or recent initiatives involving the NLM, including the RADx project, NIH research on diversity of grant awardees and what efforts are being made to eliminate disparities in funding, and the Bridge 2 AI project. She noted that over 200 NIH staff members, including some NLM staff, participated in the unaccompanied children program. NLM staff set-up a library of children's books in Spanish for the children to use.

**IV. Examination and Review of Titles**

A total of 84 titles were reviewed at the meeting. The review of titles began on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 11:25 AM and continued until 12:45 PM. The committee resumed the review of titles in the afternoon at 1:45 PM and continued until 4:00 PM. Reviews began again at 10:00 AM on Friday, June 25, 2021 and continued until 11:10 AM. The committee resumed reviews at 11:40 and continued until 12:15 PM. The NLM Director's report occurred at 1:15 PM. After the report, the committee resumed review of journals at 2:05 PM and concluded at 3:35 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

**V. 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

Scott LeMaire  
Chairman