

Minutes

**National Library of Medicine
Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC)
October 26-27, 2017
Minutes of Meeting**

The eighty-second meeting of the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC) (roster under ATTACHMENT A) of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) convened at 8:30AM, October 26, 2017, 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 October 26, 2017, from 8:30-10:00AM, for the discussion of administrative matters and a presentation on the NLM Strategic Plan by Dr. Michael Huerta, Associate Director for Health Information Programs Development, 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

Ms. Marisa Conte
Dr. Kristen Greenland
Dr. Felicia Hodge
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. Thu Annelise Nguyen
Dr. Jaya Rao
Ms. Nancy Tannery

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Sanjeeve Balasubramaniam
Dr. Karen Corsi
Dr. Filipa Godoy-Vitorino
Dr. Melissa Haendel

NLM STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Dianne Babski
Ms. Joyce Backus
Ms. Gabrielle Barr
Dr. Kathel Dunn
Mr. David Gillikin
Dr. Michael Huerta
Ms. Elizabeth Lilker
Dr. Barbara Rapp
Ms. Kim Santoro
Ms. Shannon Sheridan
Ms. Rebecca Stanger
Ms. Nicole Strayhorn
Ms. Lauren Topper
Ms. Kristina Womack

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, October 26, 2017, and welcomed members, consultants, and NLM staff.

II. Administrative Matters

A. Consideration of the minutes from the June 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:

- *Winter 2018 (February 22-23, 2018)*
- *Spring 2018 (June 21-22, 2018)*
- *Fall 2018 (October 25-26, 2018)*

Proposed meeting:

- *Winter 2019 (February 21-22, 2019)*

III. NLM Strategic Plan

Dr. Michael Huerta, Associate Director for Health Information Programs Development and Coordinator of Data Science and Open Science Initiatives, NLM, gave an overview of the development and current status of the NLM strategic plan. In 2015, as a result of Dr. Donald Lindberg's retirement announcement, Dr. Francis Collins established a working group of his advisory committee to form a strategic vision for NLM. The final report of the working group, issued in 2015, had 6 recommendations. The first was to continue leadership of existing NLM efforts at NLM; the second was to lead and innovate Open Science worldwide; the third was to lead Data Science at and for NIH; the fourth was to strengthen the role of NLM in workforce development, which is important because NLM has a long tradition of supporting informatics and Data Science; the fifth was to continue as a custodian of historic collections; and the sixth was that NLM identify how to best pursue our mission and vision. In 2016, Dr. Patricia Brennan, NLM's new director, initiated the Strategic Planning Process with a goal of identifying bold ideas to inform an NLM Strategic Plan with a vision for the next 10 years and action priorities for five years. There were many sources of input from external and internal stakeholders, such as two Requests for Information, five working group meetings, and two NLM town halls with NLM staff participation. With this broad and diverse input, the NLM Strategic Plan is being drafted and the final report is expected by December 2017.

IV. Report and Discussion

Joyce Backus spoke about the ongoing public concern over predatory publishers. NIH will be putting out guidance for authors submitting manuscripts to journals. The World Association of Medical Editors (WAME)

expects to give a tutorial for medical editors; NLM staff will contribute content about PubMed, PMC, and MEDLINE. In August 2016, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Consumer Information posted “Academics and scientists: Beware of predatory journal publishers.” Also in August 2016, the FTC charged academic journal publisher OMICS Group deceived researchers; the complaint alleges company made false claims and failed to disclose steep publishing fees.

V. Director’s Report

Dr. Patricia Flatley Brennan began 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. She then talked about the NLM Strategic Plan of enabling a future of data-powered health and NLM’s role as a platform for discovery and pathway for engagement, serving the 21st century. Data-powered health will require new approaches to NLM-delivered information. NLM will continue to support our products and services and make resources more accessible, efficient, and interoperable. NLM will also focus on building workforce excellence and training. Advanced data management is a priority for the 2018 fiscal year and NLM will play a major role in the trans-NIH solutions for data science.

VI. Examination and Reviews of Titles

Dr. Benedict Nwomeh announced the meeting was closed for the examination and review of titles on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 10:00AM. Titles continued to be reviewed until 5:00 PM Thursday, and began again at 8:30 AM on Friday, October 27, 2017. 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