

Minutes

**National Library of Medicine
Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC)
October 24-25, 2019
Minutes of Meeting**

The eighty-eighth 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, October 24, 2019, 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 October 24, 2019, from 8:30-9:20 AM, for the discussion of administrative matters and a presentation on the new MEDLINE portal. 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. Scott LeMaire
Dr. Alan Louie
Dr. Elijah Paintsil
Dr. Kelly Sandberg
Dr. Marina Sokolsky-Papkov
Dr. Bill Yates
Dr. Karen Young

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Dr. Karen Corsi
Dr. John M. Pascoe
Dr. John R. Pascoe
Ms. Catherine Soehner

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Melissa Haendel
Dr. Sabra Klein
Dr. Dingbo Lin
Dr. Nancy Lowe

NLM STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Dianne Babski
Ms. Joyce Backus
Mr. Philip Banh
Ms. Becca Black
Ms. Brenna Cox
Ms. Jennifer Diffin
Dr. Kathel Dunn
Ms. Judith Eannarino
Mr. David Gillikin
Ms. Sharon Han
Ms. Eden Kinzel
Ms. Jennifer Marill
Ms. Julie Silverman
Ms. Louise To
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, October 24, 2019, and welcomed members, consultants, and NLM staff.

II. Administrative Matters

A. Introductions

B. Consideration of the minutes from the June 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:

Confirmed Meetings:

- *Winter 2020 (February 20-21, 2020)*
- *Spring 2020 (June 11-12, 2020)*
- *Fall 2020 (October 22-23, 2020)*

Ms. Joyce Backus noted that building renovations will impact the meeting location beginning with the spring 2020 meeting.

III. MEDLINE Publisher Portal

Jennifer Marill, Chief, Technical Services Division (TSD), NLM, and Jennifer Diffin, Head, Library Technology Services Section, TSD, NLM, presented on the history of LSTRC and implementation of a new MEDLINE portal for use by publishers, NLM staff and LSTRC members.

IV. Director's Report

Dr. Patricia Flatley Brennan thanked the LSTRC members for their service on the committee and noted that LSTRC is a communication tool for NIH to solicit public input and outside expertise. Dr. Brennan reported that the NLM Board of Regents approved a new NLM Collection and Preservation Policy. The policy serves as public documentation on how and why NLM collects, sets priorities and makes decisions on effective use of funds. Dr. Brennan reported on the NLM staff data science training program, which included an intensive data science course and a data science open house in August. She noted organizational changes including closure of the Specialized Information Services (SIS) division, creation of the Office of Engagement and Training (OET), and realignment of audiovisual staff. Dr. Brennan announced that some NLM staff will be moving into new space while the building is renovated. NLM is recruiting for a Scientific Director and has added two new investigators to the intramural research staff. The extramural research program is also expanding, particularly in data science. There is ongoing support for public access through PMC and NLM is now looking at expanding literature services to include citations for pre-prints, for NIH-funded research only.

V. Report and Discussion

Ms. Joyce Backus solicited feedback from LSTRC members and consultants on their use of the new MEDLINE portal. Comments will be taken into consideration for future meetings.

VI. Examination and Reviews of Titles

Dr. Karen Young announced the meeting was closed for the examination and review of titles on Thursday, October 24, 2019, at 9:20 AM. 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 10:15 AM 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

Karen Young
Chairman