

Minutes

National Library of Medicine Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC) October 19-20, 2023 Minutes of Meeting

The one hundredth meeting of the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC) (roster under ATTACHMENT A) of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) convened at 8:00 AM on October 19th, 2023. Dr. Armand Antommara served as Chair of the Committee and presided over the meeting. 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. The meeting was open to the public from 10:00 – 10:30 AM on Thursday, October 19th. The open session was videocast and accessible from the NIH Videocasting website (<http://videocast.nih.gov/>).

For the Record¹

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Norma Alcantar
Dr. Armand Antommara
Dr. Angela Arenas-Gamboa
Dr. Erik Black
Dr. Jonathan Eldredge
Dr. Sharon Greenblum
Dr. Nutan Sharma
Dr. Henry Young
Dr. Steven DiBartola
Dr. Praveen Arany
Dr. Weiqun Wang
Dr. Kristen Anderson
Dr. Diana-Lyn Baptiste

NLM STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Dianne Babski
Dr. Michael Huerta
Ms. Kristina Elliott
Ms. Jennifer Marill
Dr. Lauren Topper
Ms. Julie Silverman
Ms. Margaret McGhee

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Erika Newman
Dr. Julie Ann Sosa

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. Armand Antommara called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM, Thursday, October 19th, 2023, and welcomed the members and NLM staff.

II. Administrative Matters

A. Introductions:

Dr. Armand Antommara led introductions of the LSTRC members. Dr. Lauren Topper led introductions of NLM staff members.

B. Consideration of the minutes from the June 2023 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:

- Winter 2024: February 22-23, 2024 (Confirmed)
- Summer 2024: June 27-28, 2024 (Confirmed)
- Fall 2024: October 24-25, 2024 (Proposed)

E. Other matters:

- The upcoming Winter 2024 meeting is confirmed as a virtual meeting. The Summer 2024 meeting is planned as taking place in person.

III. Director's Update

Dr. Michael Huerta gave the Director's update to the LSTRC. Dr. Huerta briefed the committee on several leadership transitions, including the retirement of the former NLM Director, Dr. Patricia Flatley Brennan, and the selection of the new NLM Scientific Director, Dr. Richard H. Scheuermann. He covered Dr. Scheuermann's plan for the next steps of the NLM intramural program. Dr. Huerta also summarized the current leadership positions and noted that a very high proportion are being filled with individuals in "acting" roles. Dr. Huerta gave an update on internal NLM news, including initiatives related to the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS) and the work of the Summer Sprint working groups, which are Federal staff tasked with creating early action strategies for addressing important concerns. Dr. Huerta gave updates about several NLM resources, including ClinicalTrials.gov, NLM's clinical study registry that is making efforts to modernize its user experience and platform, and AccessGUDID, a Global Unique Device Identification Database that contains key device identification information submitted to the FDA about medical devices. He noted that NLM recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of MedlinePlus and Circulating Now's 10th anniversary, and ended with NLM budget updates. Dr. Huerta briefed the committee on the recent history of the NLM and NIH budgets, which have generally increased, as compared to the expectation for the upcoming year in which no increase is anticipated. He summarized how NLM plans to continue operating effectively with these budget constraints.

IV. Examination and Review of Titles

A total of 52 titles were reviewed at the meeting. The review of titles began on Thursday, October 19th, 2023 at 8:23 AM and continued until 9:50 AM. The committee resumed the review of titles in after the open portion at 10:30 AM and continued until 12:00 PM. The committee resumed the review in the afternoon at 1:00 PM and continued until 5:00 PM. The review of titles resumed on Friday, October 20th at 8:00 AM and continued until 11:05 AM. The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 AM.

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

Armand Antommara
Chairperson