

## 2021 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases

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**1. Department or Agency** Department of Health and Human Services **2. Fiscal Year** 2021

**3. Committee or Subcommittee** Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases **3b. GSA Committee No.** 248

**4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?** No **5. Current Charter** 01/04/1990 **6. Expected Renewal Date** **7. Expected Term Date**

**8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?** No **8b. Specific Termination Authority** **8c. Actual Term Date**

**9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year** Continue **10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?** Not Applicable **10b. Legislation Pending?** Not Applicable

**11. Establishment Authority** Authorized by Law **12. Specific Establishment Authority** 42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16) **13. Effective Date** 11/20/1985 **14. Committee Type** Continuing **14c. Presidential?** No

**15. Description of Committee** Other Committee

**16a. Total Number of Reports** No Reports for this Fiscal Year

**17a. Open Meetings and Dates** 0 **17b. Closed Meetings and Dates** 0 **17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total Meetings and Dates** 0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

This committee is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities who represent the forefront of research and technical knowledge and who provide evaluation and peer review of Institute laboratories and staff scientists in the fields of arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin diseases.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Board consists of 10 members who are outstanding authorities knowledgeable in the specialized fields of basic and clinical medical sciences related to the fields of arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin diseases. The advisory role of the Board is scientific and substantive. The Board, through periodic visits to the Laboratories, assesses the research in progress and evaluates productivity and performance of staff scientists.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Board met once during this reporting period. The committee reviewed one research program, two clinical programs, and two core staff scientists.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

This committee is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities from outside the NIH in order to secure unbiased and objective evaluation of intramural research programs. Their recommendations are invaluable because the complex nature of research in each laboratory requires a unique balance and breadth of expertise not available on the NIH staff or from other established resources.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

The meeting of the Board was closed with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual intramural programs and projects conducted by the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

**21. Remarks**

Committee Function - Other, Scientific and Technical Peer Review. Recommendations: This board had 5 recommendations; The recommendations pertained to levels of financial support, numbers of research trainees, and expansion or closure of research programs. Committee URL - This committee does not have a public website. Reports - The committee did not produce any public reports. DFO and Committee Decision Maker positions are held by the same individual based on the assignment of responsibilities within this Institute. Reappointments: Drs. Rosen (Chair through 6/30/20) and Weaver were reappointed for one year. Dr. Davidson was reappointed for 2 years. Dr. Payne was reappointed as Chair for 2 years. Chairperson: Dr. Antony Rosen served as chair until 06/30/2020 (then reappointed for a year as a member). Dr. Aimee Payne replaced Dr. Rosen and was reappointed to the chair role.

### Designated Federal Officer

John O'Shea Scientific Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
DAVIDSON, ANNE	09/17/2017	06/30/2022	INVESTIGATOR, THE FEINSTEIN INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
PAYNE, AIMEE	07/01/2020	06/30/2022	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
ROSEN, ANTONY	06/30/2020	07/01/2021	PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
WEAVER, CASEY	07/01/2019	06/30/2021	PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 4**

### Narrative Description

Section 402(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act states that “the Director, NIH...shall assure that research at...the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492.” Section 492(b) states that the “Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health. The mission of the Board of Scientific Counselors is to assess the quality of the Institute’s intramural research programs and to evaluate the productivity and performance of intramural scientists and shall also, as requested by the Director, NIH, undertake peer review of extramural funding applications as required by section 492 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended.”

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety

Trust in government

Major policy changes

- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

**Outcome Comments**

NA

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

**Cost Savings Comments**

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

82

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The recommendations pertained to levels of financial support, numbers of research trainees, and expansion or closure of research programs.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Additional information is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

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**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Agency Feedback Comments**

The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases provides formal, written responses to the BSC regarding actions taken to implement the recommendations at subsequent meetings.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

NA

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

Although grant reviews are included in the duties of this Board, there were no grant reviews performed during this fiscal year.

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

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| Contact DFO               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Access Comments**

N/A