

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Advisory Neurological Disorders
and Stroke Council

3b. GSA

Committee No.

955

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

05/31/2022

6. Expected Renewal Date

05/31/2024

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 Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 284a

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

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next
FY FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00 \$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00 \$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00 \$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00 \$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00 \$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00 \$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00 \$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00 \$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00 \$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00 \$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00 0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Section 492 of the PHS Act states that The Secretary shall by regulation require appropriate technical and scientific peer review of -- (A) applications and (B) biomedical and behavioral research and development contracts. This council is composed of both scientific and public members who provide the second level of peer review; advise on policy development, program implementation and evaluation; and research needs and opportunities of the Institute. The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council reviewed 8,300 applications (assigned to NINDS primary or secondary) requesting \$16,297,395,430. The Council provided concept clearance for 53 program

initiatives for possible future funding. The Council also provided a second level of peer review of specific laboratories within the Institute's Intramural Program.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council is composed of not more than 18 appointed members with research interests and responsibilities paralleling those of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke and at least 5 nonvoting ex officio members.

Two-thirds are members who are scientists who are outstanding medical or scientific authorities knowledgeable in the fields of neurological disorders including stroke and neuromuscular disorders, as well as public health and behavioral or social sciences. One-third of the members are representatives of the general public with interests in public policy, law, health policy, economics and management. The Committee will also include at least 5 nonvoting ex officio members. The nonvoting ex officio members will include the Secretary; the Director, NIH; the Director, NINDS; the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs; the Assistant Secretary 4 of Defense for Health Affairs (or their designees); and any additional officers or employees of the United States as the Secretary determines necessary for the Council to effectively carry out its functions.

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

Meetings are held not less than three times each fiscal year. The committee met 4 times during the reporting period. The National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council

provides advice on a continuing basis on the type of scientific research programs that should be supported and on how to carry out the designated mission and responsibilities of the Institute. It also provides ongoing review of the relevance and effectiveness of the existing programs.

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

The National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council is composed of both scientific and public members who provide the second level of peer review for research grant applications; advise on policy development, program implementation and evaluation; and research needs and opportunities of the Institute. The quality, scope and balance of advice from this Council cannot be obtained from NIH staff or from other established sources because the membership of the Council is constituted to meet specific requirements of the mandated mission of the Council and of the Institute.

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

The meetings of the National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council were closed or partially closed to the public for the review of grant applications. Sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permit the closing of meetings where discussion could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

21. Remarks

Committee Function: Other - National Scientific

and Advisory Reports: This committee did not produce any public reports during the fiscal year. Dr. Lawrence Tabak's title was updated from Performing the Duties of the NIH Director to Acting Director, NIH this fiscal year. The DFO and Committee Decision Maker positions are both held by Robert Finkelstein, Ph.D. He is the Director of the Division of Extramural Activities, NINDS. As DEA Director, he is responsible for overseeing the committee as DFO and as the Decision Maker.

Members: The Charter allows the Committee to have 23 authorized members included but not limited to SGEs and Ex-Officios. There are five Ex-Officios (X. Becerra, C. Bever, D. Brody, W. Koroshetz, and L. Tabak) and 15 members. One member rotated-off (N. Trevathan) and three more were on-boarded (Y. Jin, J. Larkindale, J. Lee) during this reporting period and there are two vacancies. This is why the Charter states 23 potential members, but this ACR lists 20. Dr. Walter Koroshetz was reappointed as Chair. His term end date was updated to reflect this. C. Bever's term date was incorrectly recorded in FY22. The member record has been corrected to display the correct term of service. Administrative Extensions: Dr. Allan Basbaum, Dr. Kenneth Maynard, Dr. Claudia Lucchinetti and Ms. Christin Veasley were administratively extended through January 27, 2024. Term end dates were updated to reflect these extensions.

Designated Federal Officer

ROBERT FINKELSTEIN DIRECTOR, DIVISION
OF EXTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Basbaum, Allan	08/18/2019	01/27/2024	Professor and Chair, Department of Anatomy, University of California, San Francisco	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Becerra, Xavier	03/19/2021	01/20/2025	Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services	Ex Officio Member
Bever, Christopher	05/20/2015	07/31/2026	Associate Chief of Staff for Research and Development, Office of Research and Development, Department of Veterans Affairs	Ex Officio Member
Brin, Amy	01/30/2022	07/31/2025	Executive Director and CEO, Child Neurology Foundation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Brody, David	04/01/2020	07/31/2024	PROFESSOR, Department of Neurology, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences	Ex Officio Member
Brown, Robert	05/08/2022	07/31/2025	Director, Program in Neurotherapeutics, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jin, Yishi	09/10/2023	07/31/2026	Distinguished Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Section of Neurobiology, University of California, San Diego	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Koroshetz, Walter	02/23/2015	07/31/2025	Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke	Ex Officio Member
Larkindale, Jane	09/10/2023	07/31/2026	Vice President of Clinical Science, PepGen, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lee, Jin-Moo	09/10/2023	07/31/2026	Andrew B. & Gretchen P. Jones Professor and Chair, Department of Neurology, Washington University School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Lucchinetti, Claudia	08/18/2019	01/27/2024	Eugene and Marcia Applebaum Professor of Neuroscience, Chair, Department of Neurology, Mayo Clinic	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Maunsell, John	01/18/2022	07/31/2025	Albert. D. Lasker Professor, Department of Neurobiology, University of Chicago Director, Global Program Team Effectiveness, R&D Center of Operational Performance, Takeda Development Center Americas, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Maynard, Kenneth	08/04/2019	01/27/2024	Professor and Chair, Department of Neurology, McGovern Medical School, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McCullough, Louise	01/18/2022	07/31/2025	Professor, Department of Integrative Biology and Physiology, University of California, Los Angeles	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Poe, Gina	01/21/2021	07/31/2024	Founder and CEO, Coalition for Aligning Science, LLC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Riley, Ekemini	08/15/2021	07/31/2024	Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Weill Cornell Medical College Associate Professor and Vice-Chair, Clinical and Translational Research Department of Neurosurgery Baylor College of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ryan, Timothy	10/11/2020	07/31/2024		
Sheth, Sameer	10/11/2020	07/31/2024		

Tabak, Lawrence	12/20/2021	01/20/2025	Acting Director, NIH	Ex Officio Member
Veasley, Christin	08/04/2019	01/27/2024	Co-Founder and Director, Chronic Pain Research Alliance	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 20

Narrative Description

NIH's mission is to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability. NIH works toward that mission by conducting research in its own laboratories; supporting the research of non-Federal scientists in universities, medical schools, hospitals, and research institutions throughout the country and abroad; helping in the training of research investigators; and fostering communication of medical and health sciences information. Section 492 of the Public Health Service Act states that The Secretary...shall by regulation require appropriate technical and scientific peer review of (A) applications...; and (B)...biomedical and behavioral research and development contracts... The mission of the NANDS Council is to provide advice to the Director, NINDS on policies and priorities governing support of biomedical and behavioral research on the neurological sciences and to serve as the second level of review for research grants in this area. The Council meets its mission through open session discussion of policy issues and programmatic initiatives and closed session discussion of individual grant applications. The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council reviewed 8,300 applications (assigned to NINDS primary or secondary) requesting \$16,297,395,430 first-year direct costs.

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The NANS Council is composed of two-thirds scientific members and one-third public members who provide the second level of peer review, advise on policy development, program implementation and evaluation, and research needs and opportunities of the Institute.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

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?

167,881

Number of Recommendations Comments

The number of recommendations includes the second level review of grant applications plus proposed initiatives. The Council provided concept review and approval for 53

proposed initiatives for possible future funding. The Council also provided a second level of peer review of specific laboratories within the Institute's Intramural Program.

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

Information on the research funded by NIH 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 organizations 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

Information is provided to the public at the open session of each Council meeting through reports and the Director's update. The public can view information related to the Council through the council's official website.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

An action of “approved” or “recommended” for grants receiving review by this Council does not infer that the grant will be or has been funded. Research grant applications submitted to NIH must go through a two-step review process that includes the initial peer review for scientific and technical merit and a second step of review and approval by a National Advisory Council that includes program relevance. In addition, prior to an award or funding being made, NIH staff must conduct an administrative review for a number of other considerations. These include alignment with NIH’s funding principles, review of the project budget, assessment of the applicant’s management systems, determination of applicant eligibility, and compliance with public policy requirements. After all these steps have been completed, NIH officials make funding decisions on individual grant applications.

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

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 8,300
8,300

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval
\$16,297,395,430

Grant Review Comments

NA

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

Checked if Applies

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

Access Comments

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