

# 2020 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Biotechnology Information, National Library of Medicine

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of Health and Human Services	2020
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Biotechnology Information, National Library of Medicine	28054
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<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	12/23/2005		

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

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Merge	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

**11. Establishment Authority** Authorized by Law

<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16)	11/20/1985	Continuing	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 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 was composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities who represent the forefront of research and technical knowledge and who provided evaluation and peer review of Institute laboratories and staff scientists in the following areas: health sciences, computer sciences, information sciences, information technology, library science, behavioral sciences, social sciences, educational technology, communications engineering, molecular biology, biochemistry, genetics, structural chemistry, mathematics, statistics, and media development

and utilization.

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

The Board consisted of members who are outstanding authorities knowledgeable in the fields of health sciences, computer sciences, information sciences, information technology, library science, behavioral sciences, social sciences, educational technology, communications engineering, molecular biology, biochemistry, genetics, structural chemistry, mathematics, statistics, and media development and utilization.

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

The committee did not meet this fiscal year. The Board was merged with the Board of Scientific Counselors, Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communication, which was renamed Board of Scientific Counselors, National Library of Medicine and will meet twice in FY2021.

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

NA

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

NA

**21. Remarks**

Committee Function: Other - Scientific and Technical Peer Review. Reports: This committee did not produce any reports during this reporting period. URL: This committee does not have a dedicated website. Committee Decision Maker and Designated Federal Official are the same individual based on assigned duties within the

National Library of Medicine. This Board was merged with the Board of Scientific Counselors, Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communication, and was renamed Board of Scientific Counselors, National Library of Medicine. The members of this Board was moved to the National Library of Medicine Board of Scientific Counselors.

### **Designated Federal Officer**

MILTON CORN ACTING SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR

### **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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements

☐

Other

☐

### Outcome Comments

N/A

### 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

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\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

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\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

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Over \$10,000,000

☐

Cost Savings Other

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### 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 disease.

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

0

### Number of Recommendations Comments

It is not possible to assign a number for the recommendations made by the Board. They review the research and the scientists and make numerous suggestions and recommendations.

### 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 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**

As part of the reports to the Board of Scientific Counselors, the Executive Secretary presents appropriate remarks regarding actions taken to implement the Board's recommendations and guidance from previous 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**

The Scientific Director and other NIH officials use the recommendations made by the BSC

in evaluating the quality of the intramural research programs including scientific priorities and resources available. As a result, NCBI has adjusted institute resources for senior investigators and evaluated program priorities based on increasing constraints on program budgets.

**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

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

Contact the National Library of Medicine Committee Management Office.