

# 2023 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of Health and Human Services	2023
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases	248

<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	01/04/1990		

<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>
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

<b>11. Establishment Authority</b>	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** 1 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 1

## Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
NIH Peer Review of Intramural Laboratories/ Programs	05/02/2023	05/03/2023

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1**

	<b>Current FY</b>	<b>Next FY</b>
<b>18a(1). Personnel</b>		
<b>Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel</b>		
<b>Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel</b>		
<b>Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$160,841.00	\$169,205.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel</b>		
<b>Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$4,154.00	\$4,177.00
<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>	\$3,659.00	\$3,682.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$2,755.00	\$2,783.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$177,809.00	\$186,247.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.60	0.60

**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 approximately 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 on May 2-3, 2023 during this reporting period. The committee reviewed programs for 4 laboratory groups, and 1 group of core facilities.

**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. 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. Members: Chairperson - Dr. Aimee Payne served as Chair for the committee until 6/30/2023. Dr. Jane Buckner was reappointed to serve 2 years as Chair beginning 7/1/2023 until 6/30/2025. Drs. Cornelius and Salmon were reappointed for 2 years in 2023 and member records were updated to reflect their updated full terms. Two new members, Drs. Polly Ferguson and Kim Bruce Yancey were appointed in 2023 with term end dates of 6/30/2026.

## Designated Federal Officer

John O'Shea Scientific Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Buckner, Jane	09/26/2021	06/30/2025	President, Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Cornelius, Lynn	04/25/2021	06/30/2025	WINFRED AND EMMA SHOWMAN PROFESSOR OF DERMATOLOGY AND CHIEF DIVISION OF DERMATOLOGY WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
DAVIDSON, ANNE	09/17/2017	06/30/2023	INVESTIGATOR, THE FEINSTEIN INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ferguson, Polly	09/24/2023	06/30/2026	Professor and Chair, Carver College of Medicine, University of Iowa	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gudjonsson, Johann	04/25/2021	06/30/2024	ARTHUR C. CURTIS PROFESSOR OF SKIN MOLECULAR IMMUNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY MEDICAL SCHOOL UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN DIRECTOR, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON MSTP DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS AND MEDICAL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Huttenlocher, Anna	06/20/2021	06/30/2024	MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
PAYNE, AIMEE	09/17/2017	06/30/2023	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

			ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN DEPARTMENTS OF DEVELOPMENT, AGING, AND REGENERATION	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sacco, Alessandra	05/09/2021	06/30/2024	PROGRAM AND THE SBP GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES SANFORD BURNHAM PREBYS MEDICAL DISCOVERY INSTITUTE COLLETTE KEAN RESEARCH CHAIR DEPARTMENT OF RHEUMATOLOGY HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY WEILL MEDICAL COLLEGE OF CORNELL UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, TENURED DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	
Salmon, Jane	04/25/2021	06/30/2025		Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Webb, Tonya	04/25/2021	06/30/2024		Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Yancey, Kim	09/10/2023	06/30/2026	Professor and Chair, Medical College of Wisconsin	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 11**

### **Narrative Description**

Section 402(b)(9) 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 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 type="checkbox"/>            |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Outcome Comments**

NA

**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?**

102

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

This board had 5 recommendations; 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**

Information resulting from closed Board of Scientific Counselors meetings is subject to the



Freedom of Information Act. The public can view information on NIH Intramural Research Reports found on the NIH Intramural Research Sourcebook website located at <https://oir.nih.gov/sourcebook/intramural-research-communications-resources/annual-reports-bit>

**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

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