

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

**Minutes of the Twenty-Second Meeting of the  
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders  
Board of Scientific Counselors**

October 25, 2002

The meeting of the NIDCD Board of Scientific Counselors was convened at 8:45 AM in Conference Room 2 of Building 50 at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Laurence O. Trussell presided as Chairman.

**Members Present:**

Dr. Laurence O. Trussell, Chairman

Dr. Lynn T. Landmesser  
Dr. Margaret I. Lomax  
Dr. Alfred L. Nuttall  
Dr. Randall Reed

Dr. Diego Restrepo  
Dr. Richard J. Smith  
Dr. Bruce L. Tempel

**Ad Hoc Reviewer:**

Dr. Lewis Tilney

**NIDCD Staff:**

Dr. James F. Battey, Jr., Director, NIDCD  
Dr. Robert J. Wenthold, Director, Division of Intramural Research, NIDCD  
Dr. David Robinson, Deputy Director, Division of Intramural Research, NIDCD

**Other NIH Staff:**

Dr. Arlyn Garcia-Perez, Office of the Deputy Director for Intramural Research (DDIR),  
NIH

**Administrative Business**

Dr. Trussell called the open meeting to order at 8:45 AM.

The minutes of the March 22, 2002 meeting of the NIDCD Board of Scientific Counselors were approved as submitted.

Dr. Robinson discussed the rules of conduct for intermittent government employees and consultants and the need for confidentiality. He reminded the Board that a portion of the meeting was open to members of the public and press and that the only member of the NIH staff present during the Board's deliberations in the closed session was the Executive Secretary of the Board, Dr. Wenthold. Dr. Robinson noted that the next meeting would be held on March 28, 2003 to review two tenure-track scientists, Drs. Doris Wu and Matthew Kelley.

### **NIDCD Director's Report**

Dr. Battey informed the Board that the NIH budget has not been finalized and that NIH may be operating on Continuing Resolutions for some time. The budget proposed for FY03 would provide NIDCD with a 9% increase and complete the goal of doubling the whole NIH budget within five years. Presently 71% of the NIDCD budget goes to R01s, a proportion that is high relative to most of NIH. NIH has increased the stipends for pre- and post-doctoral fellows.

Dr. Battey noted the NIH-wide tendency for very few young investigators being awarded R01 grants. The NIDCD has adopted several measures to provide maximal opportunity for young applicants to be funded.

### **NIDCD Scientific Director's Report**

Dr. Wenthold informed that Board that the two tenure track scientists reviewed at the last BSC meeting, Drs. Van Waes and Braun, have now been reviewed and approved by the NIDCD Tenure and Promotion Committee. In the next few months, both cases will be considered by the Central NIH Tenure Committee as well as by Dr. Michael Gottesman, DDIR.

Dr. Wenthold also informed the Board of the selection of Dr. Dennis Drayna as a tenure track scientist for the Laboratory of Molecular Genetics.

Dr. Wenthold informed the Board that NHLBI is planning to vacate the first floor of the 5 Research Court facility and that NIDCD intends to occupy that space. If this would happen, it would provide an additional 10,000 square feet of laboratory and animal housing space. This addition would allow the Institute to recruit tenure track scientists as well as moving some investigators from campus to 5 Research Court.

Dr. Wenthold provided the Board with an update on the progress of the Neuroscience Center. NIDCD will have 1,500 sq ft in Phase I that should be completed in 2004. He also provided information on the decision process for space allocation as well as the complex plans for moving investigators before, during, and after construction. Phase II is expected to be completed in 2008.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

This portion of the meeting was closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S. Code and Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2).

The Board of Scientific Counselors moved to Closed Session to consider the NIDCD responses to the reviews from the last meeting for Drs. Carter Van Waes and Allen Braun. During the remainder of the closed session the Board reviewed a tenured scientist.

### **NIH Deputy Director for Intramural Research Report**

Dr. Arlyn Garcia-Perez, on behalf of Dr. Michael Gottesman, Deputy Director for Intramural Research, first thanked the Board members and Ad Hoc reviewer for their services. She gave a brief update on the NIH Intramural Program and answered questions about the Tenure Track Process.

### **Adjournment**

The Board adjourned at 1:50 PM on October 25, 2002.

We certify that, to the best of our knowledge, the foregoing minutes of the NIDCD Board of Scientific Counselors meeting are accurate and correct. 1

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Robert J. Wenthold, Ph.D.  
Executive Secretary  
Board of Scientific Counselors  
NIDCD

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Date

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Laurence O. Trussell, Ph.D.  
Chairman  
Board of Scientific Counselors  
NIDCD

1 These minutes will be formally considered by the Board of Scientific Counselors at its next meeting: corrections and notations will be incorporated into the minutes of that meeting.