

CHARTER

NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR BIOMEDICAL IMAGING AND BIOENGINEERING

PURPOSE

The Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary) is mandated under section 301 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 241), to support, conduct, and encourage research studies, and related activities in the health fields. This mandate is fulfilled in part by the mechanism of research grants-in-aid awarded by the research institutes, centers, and other authorized components of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). In addition, the Secretary is authorized under section 487 of the PHS Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 288), to support research training through National Research Service Awards. The National Advisory Council for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (Council) shall advise, assist, consult with, and make recommendations to the Secretary and the Director, National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB, also referred to as Institute), on matters related to the activities carried out by and through the Institute and the policies respecting these activities.

AUTHORITY

42 U.S.C. 285r, section 464z of the PHS Act, as amended. The Council is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

FUNCTION

The Council shall advise the Secretary; the Assistant Secretary for Health; the Director, NIH; and the Director, NIBIB, on matters relating to the conduct and support of research, training, health information dissemination, and on other programs that address biomedical imaging, biomedical engineering, and associated technologies and modalities with biomedical applications.

The Council may recommend to the Secretary, in accordance with Section 231 of the PHS Act, as amended, acceptance of conditional gifts for study, investigation, or research respecting biomedical imaging and bioengineering, for the acquisition of grounds, and for the construction, equipping, or maintenance of facilities for the Institute.

The Council may review applications for grants and cooperative agreements for research and training and recommend approval of applications for projects that show promise of making valuable contributions to human knowledge; may review any grant, contract, or cooperative agreement proposed to be made or entered into by the Institute; may collect, by correspondence or by personal investigation, information as to studies that are being carried on in the United States or any other country and, with the approval of the Director, NIBIB, make available this information through appropriate publications for the benefit of public and private health entities, health professions personnel and scientists, and for the information of the general public; and

may call upon special consultants, assemble ad hoc working groups, appoint subcommittees and convene workshops and conferences.

The Council may implement procedures for expediting en bloc Council concurrence of Scientific Review Group recommendations. A member or members may be selected by the Executive Secretary or Chair to provide en bloc concurrence on behalf of the Council. Only those applications that do not require individual consideration shall be included in this expedited process. A report of the en bloc recommendation will be presented at each Council meeting.

STRUCTURE

The Council shall consist of 12 members appointed by the Secretary; and 8 nonvoting ex officio members: the Secretary; the Director, NIH; the Director, NIBIB; the Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs; the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; the Director of the National Science Foundation; and the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (or their designees); and such additional officers or employees of the United States as the Secretary determines necessary for the Council to effectively carry out its functions. Of the 12 appointed members, 6 shall be selected from among scientists, engineers, physicians, and other health professionals who represent disciplines in biomedical imaging and bioengineering and who are not officers or employees of the United States. Six of the appointed members shall be selected from among scientists, engineers, physicians, and other health professionals who represent other disciplines and are knowledgeable about the applications of biomedical imaging and bioengineering in medicine, and who are not officers or employees of the United States. None of these members serves as a Representative. A quorum for the conduct of business by the full Council shall consist of a majority of currently appointed members. A quorum for each subcommittee shall be three members.

Members shall be invited to serve for overlapping four-year terms, except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term shall be appointed for the remainder of that term. A member may serve 180 days after the expiration of the member's term if a successor has not taken office. Terms of more than two years are contingent upon renewal of the Council's Charter by appropriate action prior to its expiration. A member who has been appointed for a term of four years may not be reappointed to this Council before two years from the date of expiration of that member's term of office. If a vacancy occurs among the appointed members, the Secretary shall make an appointment to fill the vacancy within 90 days from the date the vacancy occurs. The Chair of the Council shall be selected by the Secretary from among the appointed members, except that the Secretary may select the Director, NIBIB, to be the Chair. The term of office of the Chair shall be two years.

As necessary, subcommittees may be established by the Executive Secretary or other designated Government official within the Committee's jurisdiction. The advice/recommendations of a subcommittee must be deliberated by the parent advisory committee. A subcommittee may not report directly to a Federal official unless there is statutory authority to do so. The Department Committee Management Officer shall be notified upon the establishment of each standing

subcommittee and shall be given information on its name, membership, function, and estimated frequency of meetings.

A member of one subcommittee may serve as a voting member of other subcommittees when that member's expertise is required. However, that member shall not be counted in determining the presence of a quorum.

The Director, NIBIB, will assign a full-time or permanent part-time NIBIB employee to serve as the Executive Secretary (also known as a Designated Federal Official or government official) of the committee. Management and support services shall be provided by the Office of Research Administration, NIBIB.

MEETINGS

Meetings of the full Committee shall be held not less than three times a year at the call of the Executive Secretary or other designated Government official. A Government official shall give advanced approval of the agenda and be present at all of the meetings of the Committee and its subcommittees.

Meetings shall be open to the public except as determined otherwise by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in accordance with subsection (c) of section 552b of Title 5, U.S.C. Notice of all meetings shall be given to the public.

Meetings shall be conducted and records of the proceedings kept, as required by applicable laws and Departmental policies.

COMPENSATION

Members shall be paid at the rate of \$200 per day, plus per diem and travel expenses as authorized by section 5703, Title 5 U.S.C., as amended, for persons in the Government service employed intermittently. Members who are officers or employees of the United States shall not receive compensation for service on the Council.

ANNUAL COST ESTIMATE

Estimated annual cost for operating the Council, including compensation and travel expenses for members, but excluding staff support, is \$108,168. Estimate of annual person-years of staff support required is 1.2 at an estimated annual cost of \$128,828.

REPORTS

The Council may prepare for inclusion in the biennial report prepared by the Director, NIH, under section 403 of the PHS Act, as amended (1) comments reflecting the activities of the Council in the fiscal years for which the report is prepared, (2) comments on the progress of the Institute in meeting its objectives, and (3) recommendations respecting the future directions and

program policy emphasis of the Institute. The Council may prepare any additional reports as it determines appropriate.

In the event a portion of a meeting is closed to the public, as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b (c)) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, a report shall be prepared which shall contain, at a minimum, a listing of members and their business addresses, the Committee's functions, dates, and places of meetings, and a summary of the Committee activities and recommendations made during the fiscal year. A copy of the report shall be provided to the Department Committee Management Officer.

TERMINATION DATE

Unless renewed by appropriate action prior to its expiration, the Charter for the National Advisory Council for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering will expire August 28, 2009.

APPROVED:

July 27, 2007

Date

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Dr. Elias Zerhouni, Director, NIH