

National Institutes of Health

Scientific Management Review Board

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NIH Reform Act of 2006

- Reauthorization bill passed Congress with unanimous support, affirming importance of NIH and its vital role in advancing biomedical research to improve the health of the Nation
- Signed into law by the President (1/07)

One Hundred Ninth Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,
the third day of January, two thousand and six*

An Act

To amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the authorities of the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Institutes of Health Reform Act of 2006".

TITLE I—NIH REFORM



Scientific Management Review Board

Mission:

- Advise the NIH Director
- Conduct continuous comprehensive organizational reviews of NIH and reports findings to DHHS and Congress at least every seven years



Scientific Management Review Board: Composition

- **NIH Director**
 - permanent *ex officio*, nonvoting member
- **Voting Members**
 - Odd number of additional voting members, not to exceed 21 members, overlapping terms of 5 years
 - 9 Institute and Center Directors
 - 12 Non-federal members
 - Chair—2 year term, selected from non-federal members



Scientific Management Review Board: Members

- **Norman Augustine** (Chairman), Lockheed Martin
- **Jeremy Berg**, NIGMS
- **Josephine Briggs**, NCCAM
- **William Brody**, Salk Institute for Biological Studies
- **Gail Cassell**, Eli Lilly and Company
- **Anthony Fauci**, NIAID
- **Dan Goldin**, Intellisis Corporation
- **Richard Hodes**, NIA
- **Stephen Katz**, NIAMS
- **Thomas Kelly**, Sloan-Kettering Institute
- **Elizabeth Nabel**, NHLBI



Scientific Management Review Board: Members (*cont...*)

- **John E. Niederhuber**, NCI
- **Deborah Powell**, University of Minnesota Medical School
- **Griffin Rodgers**, NIDDK
- **William Roper**, University of North Carolina
- **Arthur Rubenstein**, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine
- **Solomon Snyder**, Johns Hopkins University
- **Lawrence Tabak**, NIDCR and OD/NIH
- **Eugene Washington**, University of California, San Francisco
- **Huda Zoghbi**, Baylor College of Medicine



Scientific Management Review Board: Consultations

- **Members of the Board are expected to consult:**
 - Institute and Center Directors not on the SMRB
 - NIH scientific leaders not on the SMRB
 - Institute and Center advisory councils
 - Scientific organizations
 - Patient organizations



Scientific Management Review Board: Activities

Issue report not less than once every 7 years

– **Activities include:**

- Evaluating NIH research portfolio
- Determining scientific opportunities and public health needs relevant to the NIH mission
- Assessing organizational issues, including:
 - Use of organizational authorities, including reorganizing and restructuring areas within NIH
 - Budgetary and operational consequences of any proposed changes
 - Recommendations on allocation of resources among the Institutes and Centers



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Review Board Legislation: Meetings and Forums

- **Meetings**
 - Meet at the call of the Chair or NIH Director
 - Not fewer than 5 times with respect to issuing any particular Report
 - Summary of meetings must be posted on the NIH website
- **Forums for Reports on Organizational Issues**
 - With scientific community: needs and opportunities related to proposal for organizational changes (1 or more)
 - With consumer organizations: needs and opportunities of patients and their families related to proposals for organizational changes (1 or more)



Scientific Management Review Board: Inaugural Meeting Goals

- Receive briefing on NIH policies and ethics
- Gain general understanding of NIH mission, structure, budget, and central services
- Understand perspectives on science and structure of NIH from former NIH Directors
- Contemplate organizational change
 - Substance Use, Abuse, and Addiction
 - NIH Intramural Research Program and Clinical Center



Scientific Management Review Board: Public Website

- <http://smrb.od.nih.gov/>



The screenshot shows the public website for the Scientific Management Review Board. The page is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) website, which is under the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. The main navigation bar includes links for HOME, HEALTH, GRANTS, NEWS, RESEARCH, INSTITUTES, and ABOUT NIH. The current page is titled "Scientific Management Review Board" and is located under the "About NIH" section. The page features a "Quick Links" sidebar with options like Overview, Charter, Nominees, Meetings, Working Group Activities, News, Related Links, and Contact Information. The main content area includes an "Overview" section with a paragraph explaining the board's authorization by the NIH Reform Act of 2006 and its purpose. A "Next Meeting" section lists the dates April 27-28, 2009, with links to the agenda and a federal register notice. The footer contains contact information for the NIH and HHS, along with various utility links like Privacy Notice, Disclaimer, and FOIA.

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Overview

The **Scientific Management Review Board** was authorized by the [NIH Reform Act of 2006](#) and signed into law by the President in January 2007. The NIH Reform Act provides certain organizational authorities to HHS and NIH officials regarding NIH Institutes and centers and the Office of the Director. The purpose of the Scientific Management Review Board is to advise HHS and NIH officials on the use of those organizational authorities.



Next Meeting

» April 27-28, 2009:
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