



CHARTER

BOARD OF SCIENTIFIC COUNSELORS NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

Purpose

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and by delegation the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are authorized under Sections 301 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. Sections 241 and 242m); and the Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health pursuant to Sections 20 and 21 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. Sections 669 and 670); and Sections 427 and 501 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Amendments Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. Sections 937 and 951), to conduct directly or by grants or contracts, research, experiments, and demonstrations relating to occupational safety and health and to mine health.

Authority

Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 217a), as amended. The board is governed by the provisions of Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

Function

The Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, shall provide advice to the Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, on National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health research and prevention programs. Specifically, the board shall provide guidance on the Institute's research activities related to developing and evaluating hypotheses, systematically documenting findings, and disseminating results. The board shall evaluate the degree to which the activities of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health: (1) conform to those standards of scientific excellence appropriate for Federal scientific institutions in accomplishing objectives in occupational safety and health; (2) address currently relevant needs in the fields of occupational safety and health either alone or in conjunction with other known activities inside and outside of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; and (3) produce their intended results in addressing important

research questions in occupational safety and health, both in terms of applicability of the research findings and dissemination of the findings.

Structure

The Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, shall consist of 15 members, including the Chair. Members and the Chair shall be selected by the Secretary, or designee, from authorities knowledgeable in the pertinent disciplines involved in occupational safety and health, such as occupational medicine, occupational nursing, industrial hygiene, occupational safety and engineering, toxicology, chemistry, safety and health education, ergonomics, epidemiology, biostatistics, and psychology. Of the appointed members, four may be representatives of industry and labor who are knowledgeable in occupational safety and health research and dissemination of scientific research findings.

Members shall be invited to serve for overlapping terms of up to four years, except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term shall be appointed for the remainder of that term. Terms of more than two years are contingent upon the renewal of the board by appropriate action prior to its termination. A member may serve 180 days after the expiration of that member's term if a successor has not taken office.

Subcommittees may be established from time to time with the approval of the Secretary, HHS, or designee. The Department Committee Management Officer will be notified upon establishment of each subcommittee, and will be provided information on its name, membership, function, and estimated frequency of meetings.

Management and support services shall be provided by the Office of the Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Meetings

Meetings shall be held approximately two times per year at the call of the Designated Federal Official, in consultation with the Chair. The Designated Federal Official shall also approve the agenda and shall be present at all meetings.

Meetings shall be open to the public except as determined otherwise by the Secretary, HHS, or other official to whom the authority has been delegated, in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)) and Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act; notice of all meetings shall be given to the public.

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

Compensation

Members who are not full-time Federal employees shall be paid at the rate of \$250 per day, or at the rate of \$31.25 per hour, as determined by the agency, not to exceed \$250 per day; plus per diem and travel expenses in accordance with standard government travel regulations.

Annual Cost Estimates

Estimated annual cost for operating the board, including compensation and travel expenses but excluding staff support is \$29,049. Estimate of annual person-years of staff support required is .40 at an estimated annual cost of \$49,809.

Reports

In the event a portion of a meeting is closed to the public, as determined by the Secretary, HHS, in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)) and Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, a report shall be prepared which shall contain, as a minimum, a list of members and their business addresses, the committee's activities, and recommendations made during the fiscal year. A copy of the report shall be provided to the Department Committee Management Officer.

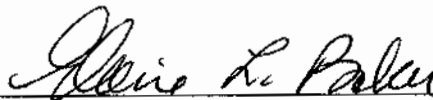
Termination Date

Unless renewed by appropriate action prior to its expiration, the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health will terminate on February 3, 2009.

Approved:

12/28/06

Date



Acting Director

Management Analysis and Services Office