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)
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
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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/