

NLM Board of Regents (BOR) Sequence Read Archive (SRA) Sustainability Working Group

The NLM Board of Regents (BOR) Working Group on Sequence Read Archive Strategic Transformation is charged with informing the efficient and effective stewardship of SRA, assuring that it significantly advances science in ways that are accountable to its stakeholders. It will consider ways NIH can:

1. Sustain SRA as a strategic asset to the scientific community, including data submitters and users
2. Develop engagement strategies that ensure that the evolving needs of stakeholders are understood and considered during SRA modernization
3. Obtain recommendations for engaging stakeholder communities and building consensus in the context of SRA Program changes
4. Liaise with the NIH Strategic Biomedical Data Assets Stewardship Working Group to demonstrate accountability to the SRA Modernization process, including appropriate models for sustainability of SRA

The Working Group will meet up to four times a year, sometimes occurring in conjunction with NLM Board of Regents (BoR) meetings and report its progress and activities regularly to the full BoR in open sessions on issues essential to the Sequence Read Archive Strategic Transformation project. The Board of Regents will deliberate the findings of the Working Group and provide advice to the government. All analyses and findings will take into consideration the existing legal and policy requirements. The Working Group will be empaneled for three years, and at the end of this term, the progress of the Sequence Read Archive Strategic Transformation project will be evaluated. If needed, a new Working Group will be established.

Deliverables

1. The working group will provide the NLM Board of Regents with an annual written report of its findings.
2. At its conclusion, the working group will provide the NLM Board of Regents with a written summary report of its findings.

Working Group Roster

The Working Group is expected to consist of 11 members: 2 members from the NLM BoR and 9 outside members.

- Co-Chairs: (2), one of whom will be a BoR member
- Executive Secretary: J. Rodney Brister, MS, PhD, NLM, NIH