



CHARTER
of the
SUBCOMMITTEE ON OPEN SCIENCE
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE
NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

A. Official Designation

The Subcommittee on Open Science (SOS) is hereby re-established by action of the Committee on Science of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC).

B. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the SOS is to coordinate and advance efforts related to open science across Federal agencies. Such efforts include, but are not limited to, making the products and processes of Federally funded research, including scholarly publications and data, more equitably findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable to the public, policymakers, industry, and the scientific community.

C. Functions

The SOS shall (no order of priority is implied):

- Provide continuity in functions, as appropriate, from its predecessor deliberative bodies including the Interagency Public Access Committee and the Interagency Working Group on Open Science;
- Promote the exchange of information regarding open science initiatives, policies, practices, and programs between and among Federal agencies, including but not limited to improving consistency and sharing good practices for implementation;
- Facilitate interagency coordination and cooperation on topics of common interest related to open science;
- Advise on and contribute to OSTP's reporting requirements to Congress on public access of Federally funded research and data;
- Facilitate coordination of agency efforts to support training, education, and Federal workforce development related to open science policies, practices, and programs; and,
- Engage with national and international stakeholders to advance open science.

In conducting its work, the SOS may, as needed:

- Liaise with the OSTP Director, heads of agencies, the OMB Director, and other stakeholders to best optimize, streamline, and prevent duplicative work across the Federal government;
- Confer with and gather input from stakeholders inside and outside government, using a variety of methods including but not limited to: convening meetings, requesting data, and issuing public requests for information or comment;
- Convene meetings with and gather input from relevant members of Executive Branch departments and agencies;
- Consult and collaborate with other NSTC bodies as needed;
- Create standing and term-limited subgroups as needed; and,
- Establish meeting cadence, notetaking procedures, and other requirements in the conduct of SOS administration.

D. Membership

The Membership of the SOS shall be constituted by members appointed by Executive Branch departments and agencies. Representative departments and agencies include but shall not be limited to:

Department of Agriculture
Department of Education
Department of Energy
Department of Defense
Department of Health and Human Services
Department of Homeland Security
Department of the Interior
Department of State
Department of Transportation
Department of Veteran Affairs
General Services Administration
Institute of Museum and Library Services
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
National Institute of Standards and Technology
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Science Foundation
Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Office of Management and Budget
Smithsonian Institute
United States Agency for International Development
United States Environmental Protection Agency
United States Patent and Trade Office

Co-chairs of the SOS shall be appointed from the following departments and agencies:

Department of Health and Human Services
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
National Science Foundation

Co-chairs may be recalled by a majority vote of the agency membership, subject to NSTC procedures.

Co-chairs may appoint one or more Executive Secretaries from the SOS membership to support in the administration of the SOS.

The following organizations in the Executive Office of the President are represented on the SOS:
Office of Management and Budget; and
Office of Science and Technology Policy (permanent co-chair)

E. Private-Sector and Inter-Governmental Agency Interface

The SOS may work with the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) to secure appropriate private-sector advice and will recommend to the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy the nature of additional private-sector advice needed to accomplish its mission. The SOS may also interact with and receive *ad hoc* advice from various private-sector groups as consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

The SOS may seek input from communities involved in open science or are otherwise affected by Federal open science programs, policies, and practices. Input from these communities may be acquired through interactions with state, local or Tribal governments, or with private and non-profit organizations.

F. Determination

I hereby determine that the establishment of the permanent Subcommittee on Open Science is in the public interest in connection with the performance duties imposed on the Executive Branch by law, and that such duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group.

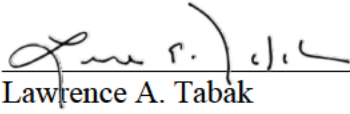
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June 11, 2022

Date



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July 8, 2022

Date



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