

matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), RRVW shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by RRVW's filing of a notice of consummation by March 4, 2000, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: February 26, 1999.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.  
**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*  
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**UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY:** United States Institute of Peace.

**DATE/TIME:** Thursday, March 18, 1999; 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** 1200 17th Street, NW., 2nd Floor Conference Room, Washington, DC 20036.

**STATUS:** Open Session—Portions may be closed pursuant to Subsection (c) of Section 552(b) of Title 5, United States Code, as provided in subsection 1706(h)(3) of the United States Institute of Peace Act, Public Law 98-525.

**AGENDA:** March 1999 Board Meeting; Approval of Minutes of the Eighty-Eighth Meeting (January 21, 1999) of the

Board of Directors; Chairman's Report; President's Report; Committee Reports; Consideration of fellowship applications and individual Grants; Other General Issues.

**CONTACT:** Dr. Sheryl Brown, Director, Office of Communications, Telephone: (202) 457-1700.

Dated: March 2, 1999.

**Charles E. Nelson,**  
*Vice President for Management and Finance, United States Institute of Peace.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Medical Research Service Merit Review Committee; Notice of Meetings**

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., of the following meetings to be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. as indicated below:

Subcommittee for	Date	Location
Immunology .....	March 15-16, 1999 .....	Holiday Inn Central.
Gastroenterology .....	March 18-19, 1999 .....	Holiday Inn Central.
Alcoholism & Drug Dependence .....	March 19, 1999 .....	Holiday Inn Central.
Oncology .....	March 22-23, 1999 .....	Holiday Inn Central.
Nephrology .....	March 24, 1999 .....	Holiday Inn Central.
Epidemiology .....	March 26, 1999 .....	Holiday Inn Central.
Aging & Clinical Geriatrics .....	March 29, 1999 .....	Holiday Inn Central.
Neurobiology-D .....	March 29-30, 1999 .....	Holiday Inn Central.
Cardiovascular Studies .....	April 5, 1999 .....	The River Inn.
Hematology .....	April 8, 1999 .....	Omni Shoreham.
Mental Hlth & Behavioral Sciences .....	April 8-9, 1999 .....	Omni Shoreham.
Infectious Diseases .....	April 8-9, 1999 .....	The River Inn.
Endocrinology .....	April 12-13, 1999 .....	The River Inn.
Neurobiology-C .....	April 16, 1999 .....	The River Inn.
Respiration .....	April 16, 1999 .....	The River Inn.
Surgery .....	April 17, 1999 .....	The River Inn.
General Medical Science .....	April 22-23, 1999 .....	The River Inn.
Medical Research Service Merit Review Committee .....	June 3, 1999 .....	Holiday Inn Central.

The addresses of the hotels are:

Holiday Inn Central, 1501 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005

Omni Shoreham, 2500 Calvert Street, NW., Washington, DC 20008

The River Inn, 924-25th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037

These subcommittee meetings will be for the purpose of evaluating the scientific merit of research conducted in each specialty by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) investigators

working in VA Medical Centers and Clinics.

The subcommittee meetings will be open to the public for approximately one hour at the start of each meeting to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of each subcommittee meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal projects.

The closed portion of the meetings involves discussion, examination,

reference to, and oral review of site visits, staff and consultant critiques of research protocols and similar documents. During this portion of the subcommittee meetings, discussion and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies (the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), as well as research information (the premature disclosure of which could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed

agency action regarding such research projects.) As provided by subsection 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, as amended by Pub. L. 94-409, closing portions of these subcommittee meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

Those who plan to attend or would like to obtain a copy of minutes of the subcommittee meetings and rosters of the members of the subcommittees should contact Dr. LeRoy Frey, Chief, Program Review Division, Medical Research Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC, (202) 275-6634.

Dated: February 24, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Heyward Bannister,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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