Sec. 286a. Board of Regents

(a) Membership; ex officio members

   (1)(A) The Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine consists of ex officio members and ten members appointed by the Secretary.

   (B) The ex officio members are the Surgeons General of the Public Health Service, the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force, the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Dean of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, the Assistant Director for Biological, Behavioral, and Social
Sciences of the National Science Foundation, the Director of the
National Agricultural Library, and the Librarian of Congress (or
their designees).

(C) The appointed members shall be selected from among leaders in
the various fields of the fundamental sciences, medicine,
dentistry, public health, hospital administration, pharmacology,
health communications technology, or scientific or medical library
work, or in public affairs. At least six of the appointed members
shall be selected from among leaders in the fields of medical,
dental, or public health research or education.

(2) The Board shall annually elect one of the appointed members
to serve as chairman until the next election. The Secretary shall
designate a member of the Library staff to act as executive
secretary of the Board.

(b) Recommendations on matters of policy; recommendations included
in annual report; use of services of members by Secretary

The Board shall advise, consult with, and make recommendations to
the Secretary on matters of policy in regard to the Library,
including such matters as the acquisition of materials for the
Library, the scope, content, and organization of the Library's services, and the rules under which its materials, publications, facilities, and services shall be made available to various kinds of users. The Secretary shall include in the annual report of the Secretary to the Congress a statement covering the recommendations made by the Board and the disposition thereof. The Secretary may use the services of any member of the Board in connection with matters related to the work of the Library, for such periods, in addition to conference periods, as the Secretary may determine.

(c) Term of office; vacancy; reappointment

Each appointed member of the Board shall hold office for a term of four years, except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the predecessor of such member was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term. None of the appointed members shall be eligible for reappointment within one year after the end of the preceding term of such member.

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AMENDMENTS

1993 - Subsec. (a)(1)(B). Pub. L. 103-43 substituted ''Department of Veterans Affairs'' for ''Veterans' Administration''.

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