

Mr. Roy Wheat Named Chief of the Scientific Review Evaluation Activity (SREA) Branch



Mr. Roy Wheat has been selected as the Chief of the Scientific Review Evaluation Activity (SREA) Branch within the CSR Division of Management Services (DMS). As Chief of SREA, Mr. Wheat will oversee a team of 18 staff members who handle reviewer reimbursement, invoicing, and contracts related to non-federal travel, including the negotiation of more than 128 local and non-local hotel contracts within the blanket purchase agreement program necessary to hold in-person peer review meetings. The work of the SREA team extends beyond CSR as SREA is a service center for all of NIH.

Most recently, Mr. Wheat has served as a senior administrative officer at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS). He has 14 years of experience at NIH, having first joined NIH as a Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) fellow at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Roy returned to NIH as a biologist more than a decade later at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and then served as a program specialist at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). He has strong technical skills and expertise in management analysis and reporting, having used quantitative and qualitative metrics to evaluate the efficacy of administrative services and to inform strategic planning. While at NINDS, he implemented changes to long-standing processes that increased efficiency and reduced workload. Particularly relevant to SREA, he has extensive knowledge in acquisition, procurement and contracting, and travel administration. In addition to his expertise in these areas, his strong leadership and communication skills will be an asset in leading SREA.

Mr. Wheat earned a B.S. in biochemistry from Virginia Tech and served in the U.S. Army as a special operations combat medic-advance tactical practitioner prior to joining NIH.