

NSSA Executive Committee
Minutes of the conference phone call 11:00am ET, 1/13/05
(action items in bold red)

Present on the conference call:

Shenda Baker (SB)
Dave Belanger (DB)
Simon Billinge (SJB)
Rob Briber (RB)
Jim Jorgensen (JJ)
Susan Krueger (SK)
Greg Smith (GS)
Franz Trouw (FT)

Missing:

Agenda

- 1.) Accept minutes from 12/9/04 conference call**
Documents distributed by Simon
- 2.) Update on IPNS proposal for ACNS 2006 (Rob)**
- 3.) Continued discussion of additional NSSA prizes (Simon and Susan)**
Document circulated by Simon and Susan
- 4.) Discussion of NSSA Fellows**
Document circulated by Shenda and Greg
- 5.) Other Business**

Discussions:

- 1.) Accept minutes from 12/9/04 conference call.** Minutes accepted without dissent.
- 2.) Update on IPNS proposal for ACNS 2006 (Rob)** Pheasant run looks good. RB gave go ahead to get a contract through conferon. Don't have it yet. RB will distribute it when he gets it.
- 3.) Continued discussion of additional NSSA prizes (Simon and Susan) document circulated by Simon and Susan.**

Prizes: Discussion of the proposed criteria/description of the new "science" and "Neutron Scattering" prizes. (1) North Americans only? YES (2) Prize amount? Less than Shull Prize, => \$2500. (3) Deadline for nominations? Should be earlier, November before the following meeting for example. (4) Presented at NSSA meeting? YES (5) Nomination

package? Limited number of reprints (2-3) in the Science prize, list of publications in the other (important pre-electronic reprints can be included) (6) Committees? Not resolved. Should have one committee per prize. One person from previous round. Odd number of voting people. Some representation from the executive committee, but not necessarily the NSSA president on all the committees. (7) Nominations remain open? No. People can be renominated with an updated package. (8) One person can win more than one prize in a single year? No, but what mechanism to prevent it? Biggest overlap is between Shull and "Sustained" prize. Have Shull prize decided before the other? Candidate can be nominated for any number of prizes, but can only win one in a given cycle.

Fellows: Wording looks good. Add back the "half of one percent" back, though it may be modified in the first year. How to do it? 1% every other year? What should the nomination look like. APS version is pretty good, but have to worry about service oriented nominations who won't have strong publications. Nominations by members, not by fellows. Two letters of nomination so it is less than the Shull prize. Should it be in the by-laws? This would make it harder to change. This is a good thing. Have this vote to change the bylaws to synch with the next executive committee election.

4.) Discussion of NSSA Fellows document circulated by Shenda and Greg

Synchronizing NSSA and Neutron News mailing list. Good because we can advertise the receiving of neutron news as a perk of membership. Greg, I have been sending them updated mail lists so I am confused. RB: can you contact Joel to see what is going on? Privacy issue. We should ask what they do with the addresses other than sending neutron news.

5.) Other Business

None.

Call ended 12:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Simon Billinge, 1/13/05