

NSSA Executive Committee
Minutes of the conference phone call 12:30am ET, 10/18/05

Present on the conference call:

Shenda Baker (SB)
Dave Belanger (DB)
Simon Billinge (SJB)
Rob Briber (RB)
Susan Krueger (SK)
Greg Smith (GS)

Missing:

Franz Trouw (FT)
Jim Jorgensen (JJ)

Agenda

- 1.) Accept minutes from 10/18/05 conference call (draft attached).**
- 2.) Update on ACNS 2006 (Rob)**
- 3.) NSSA elections (Rob)**
Draft e-mail ballot circulated
- 4.) Prize Committees (Rob)**
- 5.) ACNS 2008 and ICNS 2009 (Rob)**
- 6.) Other business**

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Discussions:

- 1.) Accept minutes from 10/18/05 conference call (draft attached).**

Minutes accepted without dissent.

- 2.) Update on ACNS 2006 (Rob)**

Registration website about to go live. RB has regular conference calls with the organizers. DB sending letters to raise money for the program. Invited speaker nominations call is out. All appears to be going smoothly.

- 3.) NSSA elections (Rob)**

Draft e-mail ballot circulated

Web-based election done by LANSCE has fallen through => back to email ballot. RB suggests having the bio statements as an attachment as well as a link to them on the web. Reply-to address should be aliased so that they go to a special account. Responses will go to DB's server and domain. RB will send the reply-to address to GS. Sub-committee

(SK, RB, DB) will be formed to run the election. Target date for closing the election: Settled on 12/16/05 is a Friday. Get the call out asap, then send a reminder on 12/12/05. Wording of the preliminary email was approved by all. Executive committee will test the voting by trying to vote. Also, send any feedback about difficulties/poor formatting, etc. of the email.

4.) Prize Committees (Rob)

RB and JJ have been working on this. Pretty much converged but a few final tweaks to make. JJ not on the call so table discussion on this. GS: need to set some dates for getting the word out on the NSSA prizes so it doesn't slip. RB is waiting to iterate with JJ, but will send something immediately following this.

5.) ACNS 2008 and ICNS 2009 (Rob)

Everyone involved in the email discussion (current and potential future excom officers) agreed that ICNS 2009 should be sponsored by NSSA and affiliated with one of the major neutron centers. LANSCE has expressed a continuing interest in hosting ACNS 2008. ACNS could be moved up to April in 2008 with ICNS in November time-frame to give good separation. Another possibility would be to roll together the 08 and 09 meetings. Another possibility would be to cancel ACNS 2010 in lieu of the '09 ICNS. This might make sense since LANSCE is still keen on having the '08 ACNS and this would mean that ORNL would be the most logical choice for '10 and they are likely to be heavily involved in the ICNS. These details will be discussed between the facilities with NSSA giving feedback and guidance.

6.) Other business

None.

Call ended 12:40 pm

Respectfully submitted, Simon Billinge, 11/15/05