

NSSA Executive Committee

Minutes of the meeting in Knoxville TN at 7:00am EST, 5/05/2009

(action items in red)

Present on the conference call:

Bruce Gaulin (BG)
John Tranquada (JT)
Suzanne te Velthuis (StV)
Jaime Fernandez-Baca (JFB)
Thomas Proffen (TP)
Flora Meilleur (FM)
Roger Pynn (RP)

Missing:

Shenda Baker (SB)
Angus Wilkinson (AW)
Simon Billinge (SJB)

Agenda

- 1) Advocacy**
- 2) Legacy**
- 3) Set date for next call**

Discussions

1) Advocacy

RP summarizes that with respect the advocacy activities of the past NSSA Execcom, there was a connection with the APS (Steve Pearson) who helped us in our efforts. However Steve Pearson has left his position with the APS. Alternatively we could connect with MRS. BG knows Judy Franz (APS president) and could bring this up with her. **BG will talk to Pat Hastings (MRS) and Judy Franz.** We will try to renew and instigate these activities.

Upcoming issues: 2010 budget will start being discusses soon.

2) Legacy

Several ideas and activities are presented which the current Execcom could pursue.

a) Significantly improving the NSSA website could be part of our legacy.

TP will present a strategy for the NSSA website in about 2 months.

Possible items that could be included on the site are:

- Lists of or links to calls for proposal from facilities
- List of “mentors” or people to contact with respect to different scientific problems.

b) Travel funds for users. It is discussed if the NSSA can support this. It is thought to be logistically hard to realize. Could we advocate it? Opinions differ as to whether or not we could or should.

- c) Address issues of site access and lodging, communicate with user offices/groups
- d) Strengthen contacts with IUPAP
- e) Have programs for students. Other societies have students on the execom and student subcommittees. MRS has student chapter that organizes things, like mixers at conferences.
- e) Possibly have a dissertation prize.
- f) Increase membership numbers. Possibly make sure all users of facilities become a member. We would need to work with user offices. **JFB will look at this and discuss with them.**
- 4) Collin Broholm agreed to be program co-chair for ACNS2010. Tonya Kuhl has not yet replied to BG.
- 6) Set date for next call**
StV will set up doodle survey with the aim of having the next call in early June.

On the next agenda the Prize and Fellows committees should be discussed.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne te Velthuis, 05/20/09.