

NSSA Executive Committee

Minutes of the the conference phone call at 1pm EST, 6/22/2009

(action items in red)

Present on the conference call:

Bruce Gaulin (BG)
Simon Billinge (SJB)
Suzanne te Velthuis (StV)
Jaime Fernandez-Baca (JFB)
Thomas Proffen (TP)
Flora Meilleur (FM)
Roger Pynn (RP)
Angus Wilkinson (AW)

Missing:

Shenda Baker (SB)
John Tranquada (JT)

Agenda

- 1) Approval of minutes of 4/29/2009 teleconference call and 5/5/2009 meeting**
- 2) ICNS09 wrapup**
- 3) ACNS10**
- 4) 3rd Member at Large**
- 5) Prizes/Fellowships**
 - a) Student Prize**
 - b) Shull Prize & Sustained Research/Science Prize Committees**
 - c) Fellowship committee**
- 6) Review of action items from last minutes**
- 7) Any other business**
- 8) Set data for next call**

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Discussions

1) Approval of minutes of 4/29/2009 teleconference call and 5/5/2009 meeting.

JFB moves to approve the minutes of the 4/29/2009 teleconference call and TP seconds. The minutes are approved.

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2) ICNS09 wrapup

It is not yet known how the conference worked out financially. JT should follow up with MRS about this.

Neutron News requested a write up about ICNS. SJB put together a draft and session chairs added information. SJB is also incorporating part of a contribution from Al Ekkebus (SNS).

3) ACNS10

BG reports that progress is being made. The contract with MRS has been signed. Tonya Kuhl and Collin Broholm have agreed to be program co-chairs. MRS has provided a timeline for the organization. So far we are ahead of schedule.

There was a discussion among the organizers about the timing of the conference as it partially overlaps with a meeting on correlated electron systems. It was decided to leave the conference dates as they had previously been decided on.

The contract with the hotel has been signed and they are looking for locations for the banquet. A similar attendance to that of ACNS08 is being assumed.

4) 3rd Member at Large

It was discovered that according to the bylaws the Execcom should elect a 3rd member-at-large that will serve a 3 year term. It is decided to look for someone working in the area of energy.

BG will contact them asking them to serve and report back.

5) Prizes/Fellowships

a) Student Prize

BG suggests the NSSA awards a student prize for the full body of work of a student dissertation. There is discussion about how this prize would be different from the NSSA Prize for Outstanding Student Research that already exists and is funded by a past donation. The funds of that donation will run out after 2 more ACNS meetings. It is decided that **SJB, BG and TP will form a subcommittee and formulate some proposals that the Execcom can vote on next time.**

b) Shull Prize & Sustained Research/Science Prize Committees

The nomination deadline for the Shull, Sustained Research, and Science Prizes will be December 1st, 2009 and the **call for nominations should be sent out after Labor day 2009.**

BG suggests one of the prize committee members not be from North America in order to decrease the chance of a conflict of interest. This idea is supported by the Execcom.

StV will forward BG invitation letters sent committee chair and members last time.

BG will send around list of suggested names so they can be decided on by email or during the next call.

c) Fellowship committee

The nomination deadline for the Fellows is October 1st, 2009. The **call for nominations should go out July 15th, 2009** and a follow up email after Labor day is desirable. We will need a chair for the Fellowship selection committee by July 15th, when the first call goes out.

BG will ask Sunny Sinha to chair the Fellowship committee.

6) Review of action items from last minutes

4/29/09 minutes outstanding items:

6a) Previous item 2b (transferring information to new ExecCom members) **StV will provide the bylaw texts to TP for posting on web.** BG talked to RP about the NSSA boxes and **will remind him to bring on a next trip to ORNL.**

6b) Previous item 2e (Website) **StV will send TP document that need updating on the NSSA website. In the future TP will propose a plan on how to proceed with the website.**

5/6/09 minutes:

6c) Previous item 1) (advocacy). BG has spoken to Pat Hastings and Judy Franz but there is no specific action has been taken at this time.

6d) Previous item 2a) (legacy, website) Significantly improving the NSSA website could be part of our legacy. **TP will present a strategy for the NSSA website. The goal is to launch something around the time of ACNS10.**

6e) Previous item 2f) (legacy, increase membership) JFB talked to Judy Trimble (ORNL) but it was clear that they could not let NSSA have access to their user base for privacy reasons. She agreed to try to work together but it needs further discussion. **JFB will check where the information gets sent when people fill in the membership form on the NSSA website**

7) Any other business

The question is raised about how the current situation at Chalk River (shutdown of the reactor) may impact ACNS10. It is thought that it may impact the tour to the reactor that was planned but not the rest of the meeting.

8) Set data for next call

Monday July 13th, 1pm EST.

Submitted, Suzanne te Velthuis, 07/13/09.