

NSSA Executive Committee
Minutes of the conference phone call at 1pm EST, 7/13/2009
(action items in red)

Present on the conference call:

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

Missing:

Shenda Baker (SB)
Simon Billinge (SJB)

Agenda

- 1) **Approval of minutes of 6/22/2009 teleconference call**
- 2) **3rd Member at Large**
- 3) **Fellowship committee**
- 4) **Student Prize**
- 5) **Shull Prize & Sustained Research/Science Prize Committees**
- 6) **ACNS10**
- 7) **Review of action items from last minutes**
- 8) **Any other business**
- 9) **Set data for next call**

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Discussions

1) Approval of minutes of 6/22/2009 teleconference call

RP moves to approve the minutes, TP seconds. The minutes are approved

2) 3rd Member at Large

Following the last call BG thought that the ExecCom needed better representation from the NIST users. Dan Neuman suggested Norman Wagner (U. Delaware). BG suggests that he will first as Norm Wagner, and then return to the past list if he declines. The Execcom agrees.

3) Fellowship committee

BG will ask to serve:

Sunil Sinha (UCSD, chair)
Thomas Russell (U Mass.)
Mike Rowe (NIST, emeritus)

Julia Weertman (Northwestern University)

FM agrees to serve as ExecCom member on this committee.

4) Student Prize

The subcommittee has not yet had any discussions, but will do so before the next teleconference. **The subcommittee will formulate some proposals regarding a student prize that the Execcom can vote on.**

5) Shull Prize & Sustained Research/Science Prize Committees

The list as suggested by BG in his email is approved by the Execcom. **BG will contact all potential committee members.**

6) ACNS10

No major developments. The program co-chairs are sketching out the program and deciding which topic subcommittees are needed.

7) Review of action items from last minutes

6a) Previous item 5b (Shull Prize & Sustained Research/Science Prize).

The call for nominations should be sent out after Labor day 2009

6b) Previous item 5c (Fellowships).

The call for nominations should go out July 15th, 2009

6c) Previous item 6a (transferring information to new ExecCom members). TP has the bylaw texts from the email AW sent earlier, so StV no longer needs to send them to him.

RP will look through NSSA boxes he has and give anything relevant to BG.

6d) Previous item 6b (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.**

6e) Previous item 6e (legacy, increase membership). The membership form on the website is not working. **TP will disable this page and provide information on how to contact JFB instead.**

It is discussed how to keep the membership lists current. **JFB will make a proposal.** AW suggests that if we want to use an outside agency we should talk to other societies (MRS).

BG will talk to Neutron News about a deal with them to have Neutron News for our membership for free or at a reduced rate.

BG discussed with NCNR about having users become NSSA members. They would want it to be pro-active (a box to be checked off) and not automatic.

8) Any other business

BG has been in touch with Judy Franz (APS) about a contact person for advocacy. She gave him 2 names (Mike Lubell and Francis Slakey).

BG will follow up with them to see what they suggest regarding possible advocacy actions.

JFB informs us that the call-in number and passcode that we use for these conferences calls can be used at any time for us to have conference calls.

9) Set data for next call

Tuesday August 11th, 1pm EST.

Submitted, Suzanne te Velhuis, 08/10/09.