

**NSSA Executive Committee  
Conference Call Minutes, 4/10/12**

**Chris Leighton (Secretary), 4/10/2012**

**Present:** Julie Borchers (JB)  
Chris Leighton (CL)  
Bruce Gaulin (BG)  
John Tranquada (JT)  
Norm Wagner (NW)

**Absent:** Tonya Kuhl (TK)  
Flora Meilleur (FM)  
Thomas Proffen (TP)  
Jaime Fernandez-Baca (JFB)

**Agenda:**

1. Approval of minutes from 3/13/2012 (All).
2. Set date for next conf. call (BG/CL).
3. ACNS 2012 progress (JB).
4. Certificates/plaques/trophy for ACNS (JFB).
5. Prizes: Emails of thanks to nominators (BG/TP/CL)
6. NSSA insurance update (NW).
7. ICNS 2013 booth/co-sponsorship (TP).
8. AOB.

**Discussion Minutes (by agenda item number):**

**1. Approval of minutes**

After the committee examined the minutes CL moved to accept them, seconded by JB. All in favor; minutes from 3/13/2012 approved.

**2. Date for next conference call**

The committee agreed to Wednesday May 9th at 12:00 noon (central). CL will send an email reminder on Monday May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**3. ACNS 2012 progress**

JB provided a brief progress report, including current numbers on abstract submissions and expected attendance, which compare favorably with recent conferences. Best estimates at this stage are for > 400 attendees. The after-dinner program for the banquet is now approaching a finalized stage. Comments from founders of the NSSA

(including Sam Werner) will be followed by service award presentations, and a main speaker. Sunhil Sinha has been invited as the main speaker. Means to keep the full registration fees under \$500 are being discussed and it is hoped that this remains possible. JB again encouraged the committee members to spread the word on discounted housing and travel support for students and post-docs. The local organizing committee is in the process of working through requests for such funding, JB reported. The current plans for the plenary session was also reviewed by JB and discussed by the committee. Following negative responses from various DOE staff, and considering the need for balance if such a path was taken (e.g. invites to DOC, NSF, etc.), the ACNS organizers have resolved to instead focus on a more science-based plenary session. At the current time speakers from AONSA, ENSA and OSTP are set up, in addition to Leon Balents and Tim Lodge.

#### **4. Certificates/plaques/trophy for ACNS**

JFB reported (via email) that this is under control and that he plans to order all items required for the main prizes, student prizes, and service awards. CL has now started a record of past service awards. BG brought up the issue of service award selection for ACNS 2012 and pledged to circulate an email solicitation for input from the Exec Comm. xxxx were raised as possibilities.

#### **5. Prizes: Emails of thanks to nominators**

CL will re-send the list of nominators and BG plans to send the appropriate emails shortly. It was discussed that a future email will elaborate on the plan to eliminate rollover nominations.

#### **6. NSSA insurance update**

NW reported that the insurance companies he contacted for this purpose have been sluggish in response. He is considering contacting other companies to seek quotations.

#### **7. ICNS 2013 exhibit**

Due to TP's absence this discussion was deferred until the next call.

#### **8. AOB**

CL agreed to contact TP regarding posting to the NSSA website the NSSA letter in response to the NSF instrumentation solicitation.

#### **Action items**

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Action item</b>	<b>Agenda date (mo/yr)</b>	<b>Agenda Item # for next meeting</b>
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3	BG	Suggestions for service awards	4/13	5
4	BG/CL	Prizes: Emails of thanks to nominators	2/12	6
5	BG	Follow up with facilities with respect to them adding a NSSA checkbox to their proposal submission forms. The checkbox would trigger information about NSSA being sent to the proposer.	9/09	-
6	JT	Addressing the issue of signing authority for the NSSA checking and savings accounts.	1/11	-
7	NW	NSSA insurance	12/11	7
8	TP	ICNS 2013 Booth/Co-sponsorship	3/13	8