

NSSA Executive Committee meeting Minutes for 2/26/2004

Conference call attendees: Rob Briber, Dave Belanger, Susan Krueger, Frans Trouw, and Greg Smith

(1) **ACNS update** The funding is starting to come for the meeting. DOE has sent \$25K, and the HFIR and IPNS checks are in the mail. The NSF proposal has been cut from \$50k to \$20k since they don't like to support ongoing meetings. In the future, we probably can't expect funding from NSF. For this year's NSF proposal, Rob and Dave are responding to a list of issues raised by the NSF. As a result of this request, minority scientific societies are being contacted about the ACNS meeting.

Bill Frist cannot come to the ACNS meeting. A second choice is being pursued at the moment.

Arden Bement the acting director of NSF and Pat Dehmer agreed to speak at the ACNS.

Abstracts are due next Monday and there are already about 60 which have been submitted. The committee agreed that abstracts should be accepted for approximately one week after the deadline. Rob will call Jeff and ask him to keep the website open. About 25 travel requests have been submitted so far.

There will be a satellite meeting on Sat. and Sun. before the ACNS on neutrons in chemical science. This will be an invitation only meeting. Frans is one of the organizers and is inviting Walt Stephens, the head of chemical science in BES. Frans is going to call Jeff Lynn to get Walt a courtesy invitation to the ACNS.

We will try to send out one e-mail announcing all of the satellite meetings at once to minimize the email barrage on the membership. Travel support for the ACNS will be coordinated with the satellite meetings. The support is for the ACNS and not for the satellite meetings.

(2) **Letter to Congress about NCNR budget cuts** There was a unanimous decision that the proposed letter to congressmen in support of NCNR is OK to go. Rob will be the only one to sign the letter to avoid any conflict-of-interest issues. One suggestion was made to include what the actual dollar amount of the cut would be (as opposed to simply a percentage). It was decided that Rob would defer this to Mike Rowe. The letter will be posted on the NSSA website.

(3) **Executive Committee meeting(s) at 2004 ACNS**

a.) Deciding the 2006 ACNS venue; Executive Committee to meet (lunch meeting?) with Facility directors to discuss next venue ideas, comments?

We will set a time for a lunch meeting during the ACNS with the facility directors to determine the venue for the 2006 ACNS meeting. The directors will be informed that if

they wish to sponsor the next meeting, they need to present a proposal during this time.

b.) Proposal from SHUG (via Paul Sokol):

We should help the user groups to organize themselves and make a proposal. It was agreed that they should meet together before meeting with the NSSA Exec. Com members. We will set up a time slot for the user group executive committees to meet with one another during the ACNS. We will explore locating a small room possibly with lunch for this purpose. Greg will write a letter to the user groups with a suggestion that they come up with a proposal. He'll get the letter out the week of March 1 to the NSSA committee members for comments.

4.) plaques, glass sculptures, etc. (Shenda Baker/Greg Smith/ Frans Trow)

Frans' artist friend was too busy to work on the plaques so it was decided to go with the options presented at the last meeting:

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| (1) the crystal sculpture for the Shull Prize | \$479 |
| (2) The student awards made of marble | \$26.88 ea |

Greg and Rob will work on the Shull Prize (Rob will do the high resolution graphics needed). The student prizes will come with certificates which have their names. It was agreed that we will order four of the student prize awards. Greg will send Rob the contact information. The turn around time on these awards from acceptance of the artwork is ~5-8 days.

5.) Other business

Next meeting is set for Wed. March 31 at 11am eastern time.