

NSSA Executive Committee
Minutes of the conference phone call 11:00am ET, 10/14/04
(action items in bold red)

Present on the conference call:

Shenda Baker (SB)
Dave Belanger (DB)
Simon Billinge (SJB)
Rob Briber (RB)
Jim Jorgensen (JJ)
Susan Krueger (SK)
Greg Smith (GS)
Franz Trouw (FT)

Missing:

Agenda

- 1.) Accept minutes from 9/9/04 conference call**
- 2.) Booth at APS March 2005 meeting (in LA)**
- 3.) Update on IPNS proposal for ACNS 2006 (Rob and Jim(?))**
- 4.) Continued discussion of additional NSSA prizes (Simon and Susan)**
- 5.) Continued discussion ISI/Web of Science search (Jim)**
- 6.) NSSA Affiliate membership with AIP**
- 7.) Other Business**

Discussions:

1.) Accept minutes from 9/9/04 conference call

Simon will send out minutes from last meeting. Members will have 1 week to respond with corrections. Corrected minutes will be considered accepted 1 week after the last correction/comment is submitted.

2.) Booth at APS March 2005 meeting (in LA)

Who will be going? Posters from facilities are put up but need volunteers to man the booth. Probables: Simon/Greg/Rob/Shenda. Facilities will also solicit volunteers. Booth costs ~\$2k. Decision: Will go ahead.

3.) Update on IPNS proposal for ACNS 2006 (Rob)

Not much to report. Tom Worlton will work on both local and program committee as scientist. Negotiation of costs with the hotel are still in progress.

4.) Continued discussion of additional NSSA prizes (Simon and Susan)

Nothing to report. Awaiting a resolution of the ISI/Web of Science debate

5.) Continued discussion ISI/Web of Science search (Jim)

Information that we would like to have: 1) Hot/growth areas of science involving neutron scattering (2) High impact scientific results involving neutron scattering JJ gave a summary: the web-page is hard to use (purposely?) which argues for following up with ISI on their proposals, maybe on a trimmed down basis. However, many neutron scattering papers (possibly important ones) don't mention neutron in the abstract or title. It will be hard to get the info we want and may make the money spent at ISI not high impact. Shenda: can we use the publication lists from the facilities? They are rather complete. General agreement that this is a good resource, but combining it with citation searching is a huge time-effort. SJB: It is possible to extract info from regular ISI searches by downloading a text file of marked search results and running a script to extract the number of cites. Rob/Simon: will run a test on neutron AND diffraction since 2000 and report back the results. Discussion about using publication lists from the facilities to pick up papers that don't list neutron in the title or abstract but this was tabled since the amount of work was deemed to be enormous.

6.) NSSA Affiliate membership with AIP

affiliate membership is free. AIP do analyses of physics related issues. Could contact them to ask, but may be expensive.

7.) Other Business

None

Next call 11/18/04, 11:00am ET

Call ended 11:42pm

Respectfully submitted, Simon Billinge, 10/14/04