

NSSA Executive Committee

Minutes of the conference phone call 2:00pm ET, 12/21/05

Present on the conference call:

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

Missing:

Jim Jorgensen (JJ)

Agenda

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2.) Update on ACNS 2006 (Rob)

3.) NSSA elections (Rob)

results:

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VP: **Billinge**
Treasurer: **Wilkinson**
Secretary: **te Velthuis**
Membership Secretary: **Smith**

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4.) Prize Committees (Rob)

5.) Other business

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Discussions:

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Accepted without dissent

2.) Update on ACNS 2006 (Rob)

RB and DB working on it. Abstract website being finalized. Speakers being identified. While in Australia RB volunteered NSSA to host the next ICNS (2009). Planning should start soon, but we are waiting on word from the ICNS organizing committee. Australian ICNS had 700+ people attending. One in US at a new facility could exceed 1000.

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Will have a call in January with the new committee. Everyone on the existing committee should plan to attend if they can. DB has agreed to help Angus Wilkinson get going with treasurer duties. RB agreed to participate in the ACNS planning meetings, though this will be handed to Roger Pynn (RP) and SJB in a more official capacity.

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The announcement email has been sent to excom for comment. GS will send it to all the members. RB will forward the email to facility directors and user group chairs with an accompanying letter requesting efforts to solicit a vigorous response.

Change in the constitution is passed to begin a fellows program. Discussion about whether the process should be initiated by this committee or handed to the next one. The decision was that this should be a business item for next meeting so the new committee can decide how to handle it.

5.) Other business

No other business.

Call ended 2:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Simon Billinge, 12/21/05