

**NSSA Executive Committee**  
**Minutes of the conference phone call at 1pm EST, 1/12/2010**  
**(action items in red)**

**Present on the conference call:**

Bruce Gaulin (BG)  
Simon Billinge (SJB)  
Suzanne te Velthuis (StV)  
John Tranquada (JT)  
Jaime Fernandez-Baca (JFB)  
Norm Wagner (NW)  
Roger Pynn (RP)  
Angus Wilkinson (AW)

**Missing:**

Thomas Proffen (TP)  
Flora Meilleur (FM)  
Shenda Baker (SB)

**Agenda**

- 1) Approval of minutes of 12/15/2009 teleconference call**
- 2) Update on Fellowship and Prizes**
- 3) ACNS 2010 update**
- 4) APS March Meeting booth**
- 5) Review of action items from last minutes**
- 6) Any other business**
- 7) Set data for next call: Proposed date - Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1PM EST**

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**Discussions**

**1) Approval of minutes of 12/15/2010 teleconference call**

Item 3d: “only only” should be “only one”

Item 3c: “NCRC” should be “NRC”

BG informs us that he still needs to firm up the increase in contribution for Chalk River for the ACNS

AW mentions that in the past NRC did not directly give NSSA money but they reimbursed specific expenses.

RP moves to approve the minutes, JT seconds.

The minutes are approved.

**2) Update on Fellowship and Prizes**

2a) Sustained Research, Science and Shull Prizes.

BG has contacted chairs of the committees to get an update. Both are making good progress. The Sustained Research and Science Prize committee have had a conference

call and have a second one scheduled. The Shull Prize committee has corresponded by email and will have a call soon.

BG has given them a deadline of January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and it looks like it will be met.

2b) Fellows.

BG has not yet passed on the increased number of possible fellows (up to 14) to the committee chair Sunil Sinha but will do so soon.

### 3) ACNS 2010 update

BG reports that the organization is on track. Chairs for the topical program committees have been asked and agreed to serve. The program chairs are about to give them the charge of selecting invited speakers. The number of parallel sessions is being discussed. The banquet will not be at the venue with a casino but in the conference hotel.

Plenary/keynote session and advocacy event: RP, BG and NW need to start on this soon. They agree to have a conference call within two weeks.

SJB still needs to contact Ian Anderson (HFIR & SNS), Rob Dimeo (NIST), Alan Hurd (Lujan Center, LANL) asking for their financial support.

SJB still needs to contact Helen Kerch (DOE) regarding DOE support for NSSA.

After the last call, StV sent out a list of previous recipients of NSSA service awards. It is decided to discuss possible service awards as items at the next two conference calls.

### 4) APS March Meeting booth

HFIR/SNS will have a booth at the APS March Meeting exhibit. JFB will see if Al Ekkebus (ORNL) can help with the logistics of setting up a possible NSSA booth. StV volunteers to help ordering the booth and the things for it beforehand, but does not want the responsibility of setting up/taking down at the meeting itself. JFB and StV will coordinate the booth together.

### 5) Review of action items from last minutes

Outstanding action items not already discussed:

5a) Previous item 2b (Prizes)

- StV has letters for winners and new fellows from previous years that can be used again. She will send them to BG.

- BG should inform the chairs they should thank the nominators once the selection process is over and announcements have been made.

5b) Previous item 4 (Website)

There should be a discussion about the content of the site. StV will put it on the agenda for the next call.

5c) Previous item 6a (Student Prize)

- BG needs to finalize wording on the prizes taking into account the comments and discussion in Agenda item 1 of the 10/06/2009 minutes regarding the eligibility. As the poster prize should be tied to the call for abstracts that will be going out January 26th, this should be done soon. BG need to contact MRS to make sure this get done.

- BG proposed committee members in a previous email and will contact them asking them to serve.

5d) Previous item 6b (transferring information to new ExecCom members). RP has looked through NSSA boxes none appears to be so important. He has still to give them to BG.

5e) Previous item 6c (legacy, increase membership). 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.

5f) Previous item 6d (AOB). BG will follow up with the advocacy contacts at APS that Judy Franz gave him.

## 6) Any other business

a) AW asks if NSSA has received the profits from ICNS from MRS yet. JT says no, that they are still waiting for one account to close.

b) JFB asks about the roles regarding ordering the awards for the prize winners. Greg Smith (previous membership secretary) did it in the past. StV remarks that it is not necessarily tied to the membership secretary duties.

c) JFB remarks receiving an email about a workshop being held to discuss the  $^3\text{He}$  shortage organized by AAAS on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Washington DC and asks if NSSA should participate. BG received the invitation too.

The consensus is that it would be good if someone representing the NSSA attends the workshop. JFB is interested in going but thinks RP might be a more appropriate choice.

The motion:

**“The NSSA will pay the expenses for an ExecCom member to go to the workshop and represent the NSSA”** is put forward and voted on.

All voting members still present on the call (JFB, StV, JT, SJB, BG) are in favor. AW is in favor but is not a voting member.

BG will email RP to see if he is interested. Alternatively JFB or BG will go.

d) JT remarks that the yearly report with the District of Columbia and payment has been sent.

## 7) Set data for next call

Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1PM EST.

Submitted, Suzanne te Velhuis, 2/8/10.