

NSSA Executive Committee

Minutes of the conference phone call 11:00am ET, 11/07/03

(action items in bold red)

Present on the conference call:

Simon Billinge

Rob Briber

Jim Jorgensen

Susan Kreuger

Greg Smith

Franz Trouw

Missing:

Dave Belanger

Shenda Baker

Agenda

1.) ACNS 2004 update (J. Jorgensen and R.M. Briber)

2.) Shull Prize (R.M. Briber)

We have 5 nomination packages for the Shull prize: Ferenc Mezei, Gen Shirane, Jack Carpenter, Mike Rowe, Ralph Moon, Sam Werner, Sow Hsin Chen. Please keep this list confidential. Attached is a spreadsheet with the nominees names and the people writing letters.

We need to pick a prize committee: The following are the names were collected

3.) Student Award (R.M. Briber)

Letter sent to Mike Rowe accepting his offer of a student award. Jack Carpenter has declined to fund a similar award. Other ideas for possible sponsors of student awards? Companies?

4. Any news on plaques, glass sculptures, etc. (Shenda Baker/Dave Belanger)

We will need plaques (or alternatives) for the Shull prize, the proposed student prize.

5. Other business

Discussions:

1.) ACNS 2004 Programming committee formed, invited speaker requests have gone out. **Send suggestions for invited speakers by Nov 17.** U Maryland will support conference. NIST and Oak Ridge will help getting "big-name" speakers (Frist, Marburger, etc.) on first day. Press people will be contacted. JJ: no other news. No money issues.

2.) Shull Prize (R.M. Briber)

7 nominations (see above). Prize committee (5 plus Rob as non voting). Exclude letter writers. Need soft matter (for Chen) and facilities (for Carpenter). Define interest groups: Soft matter physics, materials science, condensed matter physics, instrumentation, neutron physics. After discussion the following list was agreed: Ray Osborne

(cmp+instrumentation), Jeff Green (neutron physics), Lee Magid (soft), Dan Neuman (cmp/materials science/chemistry), Jim Rhyne (cmp).

3.) Student Award (R.M. Briber)

NSSA officially accepted Mike Rowe's letter. No other offers have been received for additional prizes. Chuck Marczeck will be happy to talk to Gen Shirane, but RB should fill him in on some background before he makes the call. JJ: we should have prizes that are more focused. Also we need a more balanced portfolio of prizes. RB: far away from funding a Shull-scale prize, the finances are easier for a small student prize. FT: we need to talk about getting money before we talk about what prizes to have! **RB and FT will formulate a general letter calling for donations for prizes.**

4. Any news on plaques, glass sculptures, etc.

FT: Design can be done at Los Alamos (Audrey Archuleta is enthusiastic)

5. Other business

Booth at APS: do we want to do it? It may not be a big APS because of cross-border issues. Many people on the committee won't be sending people. Consensus is to not go.

Call ended 12:10pm

Respectfully submitted, Simon Billinge, 11/07/03