

NSSA Executive Committee

Minutes of the conference phone call 11:00am ET, 12/12/03

(action items in bold red)

Present on the conference call:

Shenda Baker
Dave Belanger
Simon Billinge
Rob Briber
Jim Jorgensen
Susan Kreuger
Greg Smith

Missing:

Franz Trouw

Agenda

1.) ACNS 2004 update (J. Jorgensen/D. Belanger)

Poster, timeline, vendors, etc.

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

2004 Shull Prize Committee (request gone to J. Rhyne to post on NSSA website)

Prof. Geoff Greene (ORNL/UTK)

Prof. Lee Magid (UTK)

Dr. Dan Neumann (NIST)

Dr. Ray Osborn (ANL)

Dr. Jim Rhyne (LANL)

Prof. Rob Briber (UMD) (non-voting)

Conference call scheduled for Monday 12/15/03

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

Check received from M. Rowe for \$3K.

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 and former exec. Committee members.

5. Other business

Discussions:

1.) ACNS 2004 update (J. Jorgensen/D. Belanger) SB: Programming committee report. 150 nominations for 30 invited slots from web-site and sub-committees. Very happy with this showing. Call for papers is on the web-site. Next week the program committee will reduce these. RB: A discussion is going on about having a series of Keynote talks (between Plenury and Invited) each morning to encourage people to drag themselves away from their breakfasts. Will stay in contact with SB as these ideas develop. RB: banquet. Caterer has been found and the idea is to have a buffet style banquet off site at the air museum. After dinner speakers: turned down by Ray Orbach. Barnett (NIST head) has it on his calendar. A number of other big-names are on a list and are being/will

be solicited. No news on the possibility of getting Senator Frist. Budget looks ok. DB: very little money has come in, but strong commitments as per earlier minutes. Emails will go out next week to vendors for the vendor show. Some satellite conference activity is going on. E.g., a Polarized reflectometry satellite conference is planned and NIST will have tutorials before hands on sessions after the main meeting. RB: work is proceeding on registration web-page. RB: Poster has gone out, expect to receive it soon. DB: Mike Rowe has sent a check for \$3000 dollars for the student prize (see below). **DB will send a letter thanking for it.**

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

2004 Shull Prize Committee RB: everyone invited to serve on the award committee agreed on first asking! The final is listed below. (request gone to J. Rhyne to post on NSSA website)

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Packages are electronic and the first, and hopefully only, conference call scheduled for Monday 12/15/03. How will the prize be announced? **Press release with a picture.**

This will be sent round to the executive committee for comments then sent it to MRS, APS, ACS, email to members, Nature, Science, Neutron News, IUCr, ACA, facility directors/ANL mailing list.

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

Check received from M. Rowe for \$3K. Some organizational items: Sub-committee should be formed to take charge. Should all posters be clustered? Yes. How should prize be presented/announced? Do we want to pre-screen entrants. Sense is no, everyone should be propagated forward, but can be tabled for later discussions. How many student posters can we expect? Last time there were ~100 posters in total. **DB will see if he can figure out how many of these were student posters.** Committee will be put together with input from SB to ensure it is large enough and representative enough.

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 and former exec. **Web site www.glassetcher.com has lots of nice possibility. GS and SB will research the best ideas and circulate them to the committee.** We are looking for a more grandiose item for the Shull Prize recipient and a less grandiose one for student.

5. Other business

next meeting will be Wednesday 1/21/04 at 11:00 ET.

Call ended 11:45pm

Respectfully submitted, Simon Billinge, 12/12/03