

**NSSA Executive Committee
Conference Call Minutes, 11/18/15**

Katharine Page (Secretary), 12/01/15

Present: Stephan Rosenkranz (SR)
Patrick Woodward (PW)
Mike Crawford (MC)
Doug Godfrin (DG)
Matthew Helgeson (MH)
Ron Jones (RJ)
Megan Robertson (MR)
Norm Wagner (NW)
Chris Wiebe (CW)

Absent: Mark Lumsden (ML)
Harlyn Silverstein (HS)

Agenda: 1) Adoption of minutes from 10/21/15 (KP/SR/All)
2) Date for next conference call (SR/KP/All)
3) LANSCE User group meeting / Letter to Willy May (SR)
4) AONSA/ECNS/NSSA Meeting (SR)
5) MRS Flyer (NW/RJ/ML/DG)
6) ACNS 2016 Planning Update (PW)
7) 2016 NSSA Prizes/Fellows (SR)
8) AOB

Discussion Minutes (by agenda item number):

1. Approval of minutes (KP/SR/All)

The minutes from 10/21/15 were adopted with no corrections and no objections.

2. Date for next conference call (SR/KP/All)

The date and time for the next conference call was agreed to be Wednesday, December 9, at 10 AM Central Time.

3. LANSCE User Group Meeting / Letter to Willy May (SR)

No action has been taken since the last conference call regarding contact with Albert Young regarding the LANSCE User Group (LUG) and letters to NIST and DOE. SR will try to contact Albert Young and get the letter to Willi May, expressing enthusiasm and thanks for his support of NCNR within the next couple of weeks.

4. AONSA/ENSA/NSSA meeting (SR)

A joint AONSA/ENSA/NNSA meeting is planned for ACNS 2016. AONSA leadership has already accepted an informal invitation. SR will request an update from ENSA regarding availability. A date and meeting time will be set up when the ACNS agenda is drafted and formal invitations will be sent to neutron scattering society participants thereafter.

5. MRS Flyer (NW/RJ/ML/DG)

RJ distributed a draft of the flyer for the MRS fall meeting, where NSSA is sponsoring a symposium. RJ and DG will work together to finish it today. DG will print the fliers and visit the MRS conference on the first day to distribute them. Materials for the March APS meeting will need to be discussed in the future.

6. ACNS 2016 planning update (PW)

Four invited plenary speakers were confirmed for the ACNS Meeting: Julie Kornfield (California Institute of Technology), Russell Hemley (Carnegie Institution of Washington), Takeshi Egami (University of Tennessee), and Alan Tennant (Oak Ridge National Laboratory). Most subcommittee chairs have been confirmed at this point: (A) Plenary & Prize Sessions: Despina Louca (University of Virginia) and Alexei Sokolov (University of Tennessee); (B) Sources, Instrumentation and Software: Thomas Proffen (Oak Ridge National Laboratory) and Ray Osborn (Argonne National Laboratory); (C) Hard Condensed Matter: Stephen Wilson (University of California-Santa Barbara), Kathryn Krycka (NIST Center for Neutron Research), and Igor Zaliznyak (Brookhaven National Laboratory); (D) Soft Matter: Janna Maranas (Pennsylvania State University); (E) Biology: Maikel Rheinstadter (McMaster University) and Loukas Petridis (Oak Ridge National Laboratory); (F) Materials Chemistry and Materials for Energy: James Neilson (Colorado State University) and Claire White (Princeton University); (G) Engineering and Industrial Applications: Ron Jones (National Institute of Standards and Technology) and Sean Agnew (University of Virginia); and (H) Neutron Physics: Nadia Fomin (University of Tennessee) and Scott Dewey (National Institute of Standards and Technology).

The program co-chairs will be sending out a call to the community asking for nominations for invited speakers through Dec. 11. A short paragraph will be requested to accompany the nominations. The announcement will be sent to the NSSA, MRS, and neutronsattering.org mailing lists. The invited speakers will be selected by early to mid-January. Meeting abstracts will be accepted beginning January 12.

New DOE rules have been provided for supporting conferences. Any request coming from a DOE contractor is affected, while direct grants from DOE are not impacted. The change initially caused some uncertainty surrounding the level of support that will be offered for ACNS by the DOE National Laboratories

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[REDACTED]. CW discussed Canadian Nuclear Laboratory support for ACNS. Travel reimbursement for Canadian student travel will again be provided at the \$5K level. Participants will be reimbursed after the meeting. RJ talked with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PW will send out an update after the afternoon ACNS planning conference call with MRS.

The opening day tutorials for ACNS will need to be finalized soon. One tutorial will be run on Diffuse Scattering, organized by Christina Hoffman of ORNL. The second tutorial will be focused on a soft matter or biological topic. The program co-chairs, Alexei Sokolov and Despina Louca, are searching for an appropriate topic and volunteer. It was suggested [REDACTED] may run a soft matter tutorial. It was also suggested that quasielastic scattering could be a potential focus.

[REDACTED] contacted PW asking if the NIST user group could run a lunch time meeting at the ACNS. The group plans to review results of a survey sent to all users and review NCNR upgrade plans. [REDACTED] is also interested in speaking to the group. It was discussed that an email needs to be sent out inviting all facility user groups to host similar functions at ACNS.

The co-chairs need to invite representatives from DOE [REDACTED] to the ACNS meeting and gauge their interest in running a mini-workshop. NW further suggested to do the same with the Army and Airforce research branches and agreed to find the corresponding contacts. SR suggested asking [REDACTED] whether there would be an appropriate contact to invite from NNSA.

7. 2016 NSSA Prizes / Fellows (SR)

ACNS 2016 prize nominations are due December 1. Few nominations had been received as of November 18. It was discussed that historically most nominations are submitted the final day of the deadline. When nominations close SR and ML will pass nomination materials along to the prize committee chairs. It was discussed that the number of elected fellows can total one percent of the number of NSSA members: this will allow a possible twelve or thirteen fellows in 2016. Twelve fellows were inducted in 2014. Monetary prizes and award materials will total \$14K- \$15K in 2016. This is available in the current budget, but the levels will need to be monitored year to year to ensure they remain sufficient.

8. AOB

None raised.

Action items

Item Number	Person Responsible	Action item	Agenda date (mo/yr)	Agenda Item # for next meeting
1	SR	Follow up with Albert Young regarding outcome of LUG2015.	10/15	3
2	SR	Letter to Patricia Dehmer urging reinvestment in neutron sources. Letter to Willy Mays applauding NCNR support.	05/15	3
3	SR	Follow up with ENSA regarding interest for a meeting of neutron scattering society presidents at the ACNS 2016 meeting.	10/15	4
4	RJ/DG	Complete and distribute flyer for the MRS Fall meeting symposium.	11/15	5
5	SR/NW/ACNS Co-Chairs	Invite DOE, Army/Airforce, NNSA representatives to attend ACNS and to potentially run a mini-workshop.	10/15	6
6	SR/ACNS Co-Chairs	Post request for ACNS invited speaker nominations to various email lists and webpages.	10/15	6
7	SR/PW	Invite facility user groups to host meetings at the ACNS conference.	11/15	6
8	SR/KP	[REDACTED]	11/15	6