

NSSA Executive Committee

Minutes of the conference phone call 3:00pm EST, 3/13/07

(action items in red)

Present on the conference call:

Roger Pynn (RP)

Angus Wilkinson (AW)

Suzanne te Velthuis (StV)

Greg Smith (GS)

Brent Fultz (BF)

Missing:

Simon Billinge (SJB)

John Root (JR)

Shenda Baker (SB)

Agenda

1) Approval of minutes of 2/13/07 teleconference call

2) Review of action items from last minutes

3) Letter to members

4) Temporary secretary

5) ICNS09

- Date

- Int. adv. Committee

6) ACNS08

- Chair

7) MRS fall meeting exhibit

8) Any other business

9) Set date for next call

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Discussions

1) Approval of minutes of 2/13/07 teleconference call

Minutes are approved.

2) Review of action items from last minutes

Fellows announcement: StV sent around the list used for the prize announcements to the ExecCom for feedback, but still needs to send out the announcement. **StV will send the announcement to at least Neutron News, ACA, and Jim Rhyne to put on website.**

RP has sent letter to Chun Loong (IPNS/ANL) who said he will get back to us at a later time.

ACNS08: PR has discussed with Simon about asking Dan Neumann to be the program chair. **RP thinks Dan Neumann has accepted the position, but will double check.**

ICNS09: RP still needs to draft letter and talk to Thom Mason (SNS) about the International Advisory Committee. StV still need to look up addresses of facility contacts around the world.

MRS: SB sent out email about cost of booth at MRS (\$2200). BF will draft email to send to facilities to see if they expect to have employee's that will attend conference and could help man the booth, before we commit to reserving a booth.

Request to rename Sustained Research Prize in honor of Jim Jorgensen: RP spoke to Ray Osborn (ANL) about his request and conveyed the viewpoint of the ExecCom as discussed in the previous teleconference. We will now wait for a response from him.

Website: RP will send SJB an email reminding him again and see how to proceed with this point as it would be nice to have some action on this item.

3) Letter to members

RP sent ExecCom a draft letter to be sent to our members encouraging them to write to their representatives again to thank for support with the continuing resolution. There is no further input from the ExecCom.

RP will send out the letter to the members.

4) Temporary secretary

GS will take the minutes at the next teleconference call in case StV is not available. At the next call it will be decided who will be responsible the following call.

5) ICNS09

RP received an email from Kathy Rosenbalm (SNS/ORNL) with a proposal from hotels interested in providing room for the ICNS09 attendees, in case it is held October 26-30, 2009. After some discussion, it is decided that RP will reply to Kathy Rosenbalm saying that we have no objections to what is suggested but also that we have not looked at the details of budget and expect the local organizers at SNS/ORNL to do so.

- Date

The pro's and con's for the two possible dates (May 3-7, 2009 or October 26-30) for the ICNS09 are discussed. The ExecCom has a slight preference for May and vote to hold May 3-7, 2009. It is decided to reply to the local organizers (SNS/ORNL) saying we choose to have it May 3-7, 2009, but to also convey that if the local organizers have a strong motivation for October instead, that that would be alright with us as well.

RP will reply to Kathy Rosenbalm about the dates.

- Int. adv. Committee

Already discussed under agenda item 2

6) ACNS08

- Chair

Already discussed under agenda item 2

7) MRS fall meeting exhibit

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8) Any other business

AW received a request to from Richard Wright from Idaho National Energy Laboratory to provide an abstract describing what the grant the NSSA received from DOE last year was used for. This grant is one received to support the ACNS06 conference. It is understood this abstract will be posted on a public web site along with others who receive funding from DOE.

AW will prepare the abstract and send it around to the ExecCom for suggestions before submitting.

RP will check with Helen Kerch to see if DOE has objections before submitting.

9) Set date for next call

The next teleconf call is set for: Friday, April 6th 2007, **3:00pm** ET.

Call ended 3:55 EST.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne te Velthuis, 3/29/07.