

NSSA Executive Committee

Minutes of the conference phone call 4:00pm EST, 9/27/07

(action items in red)

Present on the conference call:

Roger Pynn (RP)
Angus Wilkinson (AW)
Simon Billinge (SJB)
Brent Fultz (BF)
Suzanne te Velthuis (StV)

Missing:

John Root (JR)
Shenda Baker (SB)
Greg Smith (GS)

Agenda

- 1) Approval of minutes of 8/28/2007 teleconference calls**
- 2) Review of action items from last minutes**
- 3) ICNS 09**
- 4) ACNS 08**
- 5) web site**
- 6) NSSA goals**
- 7) AOB**
- 8) Set date for next call**

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Discussions

1) Approval of minutes of 8/28/2007 teleconference calls

Minutes of 8/28/2007 teleconference calls are approved.

2) Review of action items from last minutes

a) ICNS, International advisory committee list (item 2a). RP sent list to Ian Anderson (IA). IA did not know of good representative for Korea. GS had suggestion someone he knows, but that person may be too junior. **GS will approach that person and ask him for a suggestion.**

b) ACNS funding proposals (item 2b).

RP will soon speak to DOE and NSF program managers and warn them proposals are forthcoming.

SJB collected proposal information and sent to StV, AW and Rob Briber.

AW has more NIST information and **will send to StV and copy SJB.**

Maybe need proposals for facilities this time. At least for LANL

Next step is to see what to put in what proposal and see if we can expect NSF to support the conference

SJB and RP will ask facilities what they need from us by way of a proposal and what they can support.

SJB will contact IPNS (already has invoice) & NIST (needs proposal in January)
RP will contact LANL, SNS & HFIR

Proposal writing sub-committee will have conference call in the near future.

- c) Call for prizes and fellow nominations have been sent out (item 2c).
- d) Website on hold because of ACNS (item 2d)
- e) ICNS09 action items are done (item 4)
- f) ACNS08 action items are done (item 5)

3) ICNS 09

Discussed above (2a), and is done.

4) ACNS 08

The organization is now moving along.

The Chinese-US meeting came up again when RP was in China. LANL may host meeting consecutive with ACNS08. RP conveyed our previous decision that we did not have time in the program for a full session. The question is raised whether the program committee consider having two talks from China about their facilities? SJB reports that the program committee is actually considering not having the typical plenary session about facility updates.

RP: Since facilities are paying, we should ask them if they would be okay with that.
StV raises the idea to have proposal writing workshop/session

SJB will report our discussion back to Dan Neuman (Program chair).

RP & SJB will ask facilities (each the same ones as on item 2b) for their opinion about the facilities session.

5) web site

Not discussed

6) NSSA goals

Not discussed

7) AOB

There was some ambiguity in the announcements and web-site about to whom the nomination packages should be sent. So, it is decided to move the deadline for nominations for the prizes and fellows by 2 weeks to October 15th. **GS will send out the announcements. He will also contact Jim Rhyne to change the web-site as well.** If he can't get a hold of Jim, he will send out the announcements to the membership anyway.

8) Set date for next call

Tuesday 10/30/07, 4pm EST

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne te Velthuis, 10/29/07.