

NSSA Executive Committee
Minutes of the conference phone call at 3:00pm ET, 7/26/2010

Present on the conference call:

Bruce Gaulin (BG)
Simon Billinge (SJB)
Suzanne te Velthuis (StV)
John Tranquada (JT)
Shenda Baker (SB)
Jaime Fernandez-Baca (JFB)

Missing:

Thomas Proffen (TP)
Norm Wagner (NW)
Angus Wilkinson (AW)
Flora Meilleur (FM)

Agenda

- 1) Approval of minutes of 6/8/2010 teleconference call**
- 2) Set date for next call**
- 3) ACNS 2010 report**
- 4) Report on Discussion with facility directors during ACNS**
- 5) Upcoming Election**
- 6) Membership update**
- 7) Review of action items**
- 8) Any other business**

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Discussions

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- 2) Set date for next call.**

The next call will be: Monday August 23rd at 1pm ET.

- 3) ACNS 2010 report**

SJB reports that the original budget was based on 350 registrants and an exchange rate of 1.2 CAN\$/US\$. However there were only 270 registrants and the exchange rate had dropped to about 1.0. During the meeting the projections was that the conference was costing about 10-20K\$ over budget.

BG concluded that despite the finances, it was a successful meeting.

JFB received feedback that the program was excellent and people were happy about the venue.

StV asks about the service awards for Roger Pynn and Lee Magid, who did not attend the meeting. SJB has notified them and is sending the award to Lee. Roger Pynn will pick his up next time he is at ORNL.

StV will send draft letter to JFB for newly elected fellows who did not attend ACNS, which can accompany the certificate JFB will send them.

- 1) Approval of minutes of 6/8/2010 teleconference call**

JFB moves to accept the minutes of the 6/8/2010 teleconference call, SB seconds, The minutes are approved.

5) Upcoming Election

During the ACNS the ExecCom members present started discussing potential candidates. Potential candidates for the open positions (Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) are discussed during the call.

JT would be willing to run again as treasurer and serve a second term.

SJB remarks that the position of Secretary is best filled by someone junior.

Dan Neumann (NIST) has mentioned on his views to some on the ExecCom that it would be nice to have someone from NIST on the ExecCom, and that a slate of 3 candidates is too many, as it can split the vote.

It is agree that there should be a call for nominations around the time of the next conference call. JFB has a copy of the call from last time that can be adapted.

4) Report on Discussion with facility directors during ACNS

During ACNS BG, SJB, JT and JFB attended part of a meeting of the facility directors (R. Dimeo, NIST; J. Root, NRC Canadian Neutron Beam Centre; A. Hurd, Lujan Center; J. Rhyne, Lujan Center; I. Anderson, ORNL) with the goal of hearing what the directors are concerned about and how ACNS could help.

- There is a concern about the ^3He issue.
- With respect to lobbying, it is a good idea to be organized in case an issue comes up.
- BG has been asked to join in on a Neutron and Synchrotron directors call which takes place about 4 time a year.

JT remarks that one aspect is lobbying to congress but that is also the issue of communicating within DOE and emphasizing excitement of neutrons.

There is a discussion about putting together materials to present in DC or at our own booths at conferences. However we would need help to create material. BG suggests talking to Ian Anderson (ORNL) to see what support they could provide. JFB suggest we could also talk to MRS. We might also be able to buy effort from them. BG will send email to Pat Hastings (MRS) to see what MRS could do and at what cost.

6) Membership update

JFB reports that there is no update and he and TP still need to discuss the matter.

7) Review of action items from last minutes

Action items were reviewed.

Comments:

#6. BG was asked to write article about ACNS for Neutron News. BG will draft it.

#7. Regarding advocacy contacts mentioned by Judy Franz at the American Physical Society, BG will only follow up with them if there is something specific to discuss.

Outstanding actions items are listed below, along with new action items.

#	Person	Action item	Agenda date (yr/mo/dy)	Agenda Item
1	TP	Survey existing websites & make plan for NSSA website.	10/04/05	4
2	BG	Get NSSA boxes from RP.	09/04/09	3
3	BG	Talk to Neutron News about a deal with them to have Neutron News for free for our membership or at a reduced rate.	09/07/13	7e
4	JFB & TP	After ACNS decide on how to proceed with respect to email addresses in the membership database that no longer work.	10/05/18	4
5	TP	Look into ways of doing the voting for the upcoming ExecCom member elections.	10/05/18	7
6	BG, JFB, NW	Solicit nominations and put together a slate of candidates for the upcoming ExecCom member elections. Open positions are: Vice President (4 yrs), Secretary (4 yrs), Treasurer (2 yrs).	10/05/18	7
7	ExecCom	Send photo for the web-site to TP	10/06/08	4a
8	BG	Finalize wording regarding the new NSSA Student thesis prize.	09/10/06	2c
9	BG	Follow up with facilities with respect to them adding a NSSA checkbox to their proposal submission forms. The checkbox would trigger information about NSSA being sent to the proposer.	09/09/08	5h
10	StV	Send draft letter to accompany Fellow certificates to JFB	07/26/10	3
11	JFB	Send Fellow certificates with letter from StV to Fellows that did not attend ACNS	07/26/10	3
12	BG	BG will send email to Pat Hastings to see what MRS could do regarding preparing material we could use for lobbying or promotion at our booths, and at what cost.	07/26/10	4
13	JFB	Send out call for nominations for NSSA execom member elections	07/26/10	5
14	StV	Forward information about C. Shull memoir to TP	07/26/10	8
15	TP	Add link to C. Shull memoir to website	07/26/10	8

8) Any other business

StV received a copy of a C. Shull memoir written by his son that can be found on the National Academy of Sciences website and thought it might be nice to add a link to it from our website. StV will forward the information to TP.

Submitted, Suzanne te Velhuis, 8/23/10.