NSSA Executive Committee
Conference Call Minutes, 3/12/14

Chris Leighton (Secretary), 3/24/14

Present: Stephan Rosenkranz (SR)
Chris Leighton (CL)
Tonya Kuhl (TK)
Mike Crawford (MC)
Julie Borchers (JB)
Norm Wagner (NW)
Mark Lumsden (ML)

Absent: Chris Wiebe (CW)
Ron Jones (RJ)

Agenda:
1. Adoption of minutes from 2/11/2014 (CL/All).
2. Date for next conference call (SR/CL/All).
3. Website expansion, listserv, neutron news, ACNS web link (ML/RJ/All).
5. NSSA prizes, awards and fellows: ACNS planning (certificates/checks/tax forms/service awards) (SR/All).
6. Exhibit booths: APS 2014 plans (ML/All), proposed statement (NW/All).
7. AOB

Discussion Minutes (by agenda item number):
1. Approval of minutes
The minutes from 2/11/14 were adopted with no corrections and no objections.

2. Date for next conference call
After some discussion, Thursday April 10th at 12 noon (central) was agreed upon. CL will send an email reminder on 04/09/14, along with a proposed agenda.

3. Website expansion / listserv / neutron news / ACNS web link
ML reported that the link to the ACNS website from the NSSA website is now up and running. Discussion of all other items was shelved due to recent developments discussed under 7.
4. ACNS 2014: Progress, financial support, finalized invited speakers, plenary/after-dinner speakers, other items
JB relayed a very brief summary of progress to the committee. Abstracts are coming in and the initial numbers look encouraging. Invited speaker invitations are all out, and Ivan Schuller has been contacted with an invitation for the after-dinner speech. The registration fee ($500) has now been set and posted.

5. NSSA prizes, awards and fellows: ACNS planning (certificates/checks/tax forms/service awards)
SR mentioned that these items are in his immediate plans and that he will work with JFB to this end.

6. Exhibit booths: APS 2014 plans, proposed statement
ML reported that the booth at APS was a success, with a significant number of visitors, and about 50-60 new members signed up. NW's proposed web statement pledging potential symposium support was briefly discussed. SR noted that any mention of “US” should be replaced with “North America”, in both this statement and any pages on the NSSA site. ML agreed to post the statement on the web, with a link/email address for submission.

7. AOB – LANSCE/DOE situation
The major discussion item was the news from BES SUFD regarding the plans to withdraw future DOE support for LANSCE.

Please refer to the NSSA website (www.neutronscattering.org) for a statement, and updates, regarding the status of LANSCE.
the NNSA was discussed as a potential motivation to increase support. The NNSA investment in the Lujan LINAC upgrade was also touched upon. Discussion also took place of letters to various NM senators. It was observed that a number of NM senators serve on important committees (and might therefore have substantial input on such budgetary matters); the influence of the Lujan family in NM politics was also discussed. Potential involvement of the APS through DMP and GMAG was discussed in detail, with John Mitchell, Suzanne te Velthuis, Yves Idzerda and Laura Greene being mentioned as good contacts. MC also raised the question of the extent of industrial work at LANSCE, although no one on the Exec Comm mentioned great familiarity with this. NW raised the possibility of an open letter on the NSSA website, which was received positively by a number of committee members. The executive committee additionally resolved to take the following action: (a) to draft a letter to the LANL management offering support and arguing a case for continued operations at LANSCE; (b) to clarify which individuals at NNSA would be most receptive to arguments regarding further support for LANSCE; (c) to do the same for the various NM representatives.
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