NSSA Executive Committee
Conference Call Minutes, 5/30/14

Chris Leighton (Secretary), 5/30/14

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 5/6/2014 (CL/All).
2. Date for next conference call (SR/CL/All).
3. LANSCE updates/action items (NNSA (F.Klotz), NM politicians, APS GMAG and DMP) (SR/All).
4. Neutron news distribution (ML/RJ/All).
5. ACNS 2014: Update, last minute planning items (incl. NSSA booth posters and staffing) (JB/ML/All).
6. Prizes for ACNS: Last minute planning items (SR/All).
7. AOB.

Discussion Minutes (by agenda item number):
1. Approval of minutes
The minutes from 5/6/14 were adopted with no corrections and no objections.

2. Date for next conference call
After some discussion, Wednesday July 2nd at 11:00 am (central) was agreed upon. CL will send an email reminder on 07/01/14, along with a proposed agenda.

3. LANSCE updates / action items
4. Neutron news distribution
After a recap of the situation from ML and SR it was agreed that this items can now be removed from the agenda for future calls. JB noted that additional highlights to post on the NSSA website would be a good move. ML has contacted Kline for example at NIST, and agreed to do so again. ML confirmed that the ultimate goal is to post as many highlights as are shared with him.

5. ACNS 2014
JB reported that 390 is the current total on confirmed registrants, and that the MRS staff expect a final tally of 410. Progress continues to be good. ML raised the point that further sign-up is still needed for the NSSA booth staffing, but that some possibilities were still being pursued. JB noted that she plans to send thank you gifts to the MRS staff organizing the conference, and it was agreed that a gift such as flowers would be covered by NSSA. MC confirmed that he could arrange for payment with JB. JB also reported that the room block could perhaps fall short by some number of order 10, but that the MRS staff were confident that such a minor shortcoming would not result in financial penalty. It was also noted that an ORNL photographer will attend the ACNS and that NSSA should archive some photographs of the various events. ML confirmed that he had the NSSA posters for the booth, as well as a sign-up sheet for new members. Some discussion also took place of various events with the local press in Knoxville. NW agreed to attend an event to represent NSSA in this regard.

6. Prizes for ACNS
SR confirmed that all plans were in place for this. MC further confirmed that checks and W-9’s have been prepared for the prize winners. Finally, SR noted that he had received a somewhat mixed response from new fellows regarding attendance and that it seemed likely that some will not be present in Knoxville.

7. AOB
SR requested that CL place a discussion of the location for the next ACNS conference on the agenda.
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