

**NSSA Executive Committee / ACNS Organizing Committee Breakfast
07/12/16**

Katharine Page (Secretary), 09/14/16

Present: Doug Godfrin (DG)
Matthew Helgeson (MH)
Mark Lumsden (ML)
Ron Jones (RJ)
Katharine Page (KP)
Megan Robertson (MR)
Stephan Rosenkranz (SR)
Harlyn Silverstein (HS)
Norm Wagner (NW)
Patrick Woodward (PW)

Absent: Mike Crawford (MC)
Chris Wiebe (CW)

Guests: Brent Fultz (BF)
Alexei Sokolov (AS)

Agenda: 1) Adoption of minutes from 06/08/16 (KP/SR/All)
2) Date for next conference call (SR/KP/All)
3) ACNS 2016 update (PW)
4) AOB

Discussion Minutes (by agenda item number):

1. Approval of minutes (KP/SR/All)

The minutes from 06/08/16 were adopted with no corrections.

2. Date for next conference call (SR/KP/All)

A conference call was set for Tuesday, September 14, at 11:00 AM Central Time.

3. ACNS 2016 (PW)

At this point, ACNS committee members have received positive feedback regarding the program and venue. A number of ideas for increasing participation numbers at the next ACNS were discussed. Ideas for session topics that could expand the diversity and number of participants included geology, block copolymer, and materials discovery sessions. In the past, the selection of sessions and their emphases have been left to the discretion of the program and session chairs. It was suggested that white papers could be solicited from the community for 2018 proposed sessions. These could be used to create vision statements when advertising the conference and recruiting speakers and other participants. It was also suggested that invited speakers be confirmed farther ahead of time for the next meeting.

It was estimated that approximately 70 students attended the ACNS 2016 meeting. Ideas to improve the attendance of students included providing student housing rates and several day tutorials over the weekend before the meeting (planned far in advance, and perhaps in collaboration with surrounding universities). Ideas for tutorials/workshops included a diffraction course, a magnetic structure course, and a course on small angle scattering and contrast matching. It was mentioned that mail-ion access to related instruments in conjunction with workshops would be attractive to prospective student participants and their faculty advisers. Facilities may be receptive to supporting this as a user outreach opportunity.

Writing assignments have been given to committee members and several meeting participants for ACNS meeting highlights. Contributions should be sent to ML.

4. AOB

The Women in Neutron Sciences (WiNS) dinner was reported as a success, with approximately twenty participants. The group may request website space from the NSSA in the future, and would like to consider sponsoring a poster prize or other activities at ACNS 2018.

There will be no August meeting. The next conference call will take place in September.

Action items

| Item Number | Person Responsible | Action item | Agenda date (mo/yr) | Agenda Item # for next meeting |
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| 1 | PW/ML | Organize contributions / writing assignments for ACNS highlights. | 05/16 | 3 |