

**NSSA Executive Committee  
Conference Call Minutes, 06/08/16**

**Katharine Page (Secretary), 07/10/16**

**Present:** Mike Crawford (MC)  
Doug Godfrin (DG)  
Ron Jones (RJ)  
Katharine Page (KP)  
Stephan Rosenkranz (SR)  
Harlyn Silverstein (HS)  
Norm Wagner (NW)  
Patrick Woodward (PW)

**Absent:** Mark Lumsden (ML)  
Matthew Helgeson (MH)  
Megan Robertson (MR)  
Chris Wiebe (CW)

**Agenda:** 1) Adoption of minutes from 05/04/16 (KP/SR/All)  
2) Date for next conference call (SR/KP/All)  
3) Letter to Basic Energy Sciences (SR)  
4) ACNS 2016 planning update (PW)  
5) 2016 NSSA prizes/fellows/service awards (ML/KP/MC)  
6) AOB

**Discussion Minutes (by agenda item number):**

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

The minutes from 05/04/16 were adopted with no corrections.

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

In place of a July conference call, there will be a meeting of the NSSA Executive Committee and ACNS Organizing Committee at the ACNS Meeting Tuesday, July 12, from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM Pacific Time on the Queen Mary, Mauritania Room, Main Deck.

**3. Letter to Basic Energy Sciences (SR)**

SR sent the NSSA letter to Department of Energy (DOE) expressing concern over the decline of neutron scattering facilities in North America. The letter was sent to Cherry Murray, and copied to Patricia Dehmer and Jim Murphy. In the past, NSSA has not received a response to such letters.

NW discussed a recommendation of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (BESAC) sub-committee that is currently discussing the priority of facility upgrades: the committee has suggested a broader inter-agency working group for neutron scattering (a meeting of the Department of Energy and the Department of Commerce). It was discussed that NSSA should be included in this working group,

with the aims of uniting user communities and representing broader interests. It was also reiterated that the profile of neutron scattering can be raised in the scientific community and in the public domain by pursuing new stories and news feeds highlighting major accomplishments and public interest topics.

#### **4. ACNS 2016 planning update (PW)**

PW provided updates on the status of ACNS 2016. The next ACNS conference call is set for today (June 8) at noontime. All planning activities are on track.

The reserved block of rooms for the conference is sold out, but the conference hotel still has open rooms on its websites.

It was decided that the next NSSA “conference call” will be a face to face meeting Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 AM at the meeting hotel. Logistics for this meeting will be discussed with members of the ACNS planning committee later today.

SR did not receive a commitment for European participation in the scheduled meeting of neutron scattering societies at ACNS. Asian representatives remain interested. A formal meeting is not being scheduled.

It was decided that the committee for judging student posters should be comprised of the newly elected fellows of NSSA in attendance at the meeting. The plan is to select two poster winners per night, and present poster awards the morning following each session.

It was further suggested that the newly elected fellows would be an excellent group to interview for meeting highlights. All willing NSSA committee members will be asked to contribute a highlight. PW will organize contributions.

Canada will not sponsor student travel this year. There are sufficient ACNS funds to cover Canadian student travel to ACNS.

A Second Target Station Town Hall has been scheduled for Wednesday at lunchtime, organized by the Neutron Directorate at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and members of the SNS-HFIR User Group (SHUG).

#### **5. 2016 NSSA prizes / fellows / service awards (SR)**

MC will not attend the ACNS meeting. He will prepare monetary award checks and tax forms for the prize awardees and send these to SR ahead of the ACNS Meeting. ML and KP will finalize and print the 2016 NSSA Fellow certificates.

#### **6. AOB**

ML printed a new poster for the NSSA booth at ACNS. MC has already paid for the poster printing.

**Action items**

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Action item</b>	<b>Agenda date (mo/yr)</b>	<b>Agenda Item # for next meeting</b>
1	PW/SR	Ask 2016 NSSA fellows to serve as student poster prize committee members at ACNS.	05/16	3
2	PW/ML	Organize contributions / writing assignments for ACNS highlights.	05/16	3
3	MC	Prepare checks and tax forms for monetary awards and send these to SR.	03/16	4
4	ML/KP	Print certificates for Fellows. Ship prizes to the Queen Mary.	03/16	4