NSSA Executive Committee Meeting 10/03/16

Katharine Page (Secretary), 11/04/16

Present: Mike Crawford (MC)

Doug Godfrin (DG)

Matthew Helgeson (MH) Katharine Page (KP) Megan Robertson (MR) Stephan Rosenkranz (SR) Harlyn Silverstein (HS) Norm Wagner (NW) Patrick Woodward (PW)

Absent: Ron Jones (RJ)

Chris Wiebe (CW)
Mark Lumsden (ML)

Agenda: 1) Adoption of minutes

2) Date for next call

3) Funding for GRS student workshop and meeting

4) ACNS 2016 review / ACNS 2018 planning

5) NSSA Elections6) Webpage updates

7) AOB

Discussion Minutes (by agenda item number):

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

The minutes from 07/14/16 were adopted with no corrections.

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

The date for the next conference call was set for Monday, November 7, at 11:00 AM Central Time.

3. Funding for GRS student workshop and meeting

, is organizing a Gordon Research Seminar (GRS) before the Gordon Research Conference (GRC) on Neutron Scattering, intended for graduate students, postdocs and early career faculty. NSSA is considering \$4 K to support the GRS and \$3 K to support the GRC. This will fund participants from North America. The GRC is organized by

4. ACNS 2016 review / ACNS 2018 planning

PW provided a brief summary of the 2016 American Conference on Neutron Scattering. There were 284 attendees, 168 contributed talks, 208 total talks, and 65 poster presentations. A financial summary

from the Materials Research Society was not yet available. It is believed the conference balance was positive. The after-dinner and plenary talks were particularly appreciated. It was noted that participants appreciated The Queen Mary as an ACNS venue. A conference report will be generated for ACNS 2016 sponsors in the near future.

2018 ACNS planning was briefly discussed. The first steps will be to choose a venue and choose program chairs. PW mentioned Fort Collins, CO as a possible location. . NW suggested NIST was an attractive location (ACNS 2004 was there). It was mentioned this would be in keeping with the idea of hosting the ACNS at a source every four years. Ideas for local organizing committee members for a NIST meeting included . from Louisiana State University suggested an ACNS meeting in the Southern United States; however it was agreed that June or July would not be ideal for a meeting in the South.
The Program Chairs will be selected when the new Executive Committee members are confirmed. Ideas for chair selections at this time included . It was agreed that program chairs and invited speakers should be confirmed as early in the process as possible for the 2018 meeting.
5. NSSA elections NSSA elections for officers will be held by the end of November. Positions that need to be filled this year are President, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Communications Secretary. A list of candidates to approach for open positions was discussed.
The process for filling vacant Postdoctoral/Student member positions was discussed. It was decided that these positions would be filled after the Executive Committee is elected every two years. A short list will be generated via nomination and a brief election held. was suggested as a candidate worthy of consideration.
6. Webpage updates Webpage updates will be discussed next meeting when ML is available. It was noted that Women in

7. AOB

It was announced that Norm Wagner is stepping down from the Executive Committee. Harlyn Silverstein is also stepping down as a postdoctoral member (he has accepted a position in industry).

Neutron Scattering (WiNS) may want a tab added to the webpage.

Action items

Item Number	Person Responsible	Action item	Agenda date (mo/yr)	Agenda Item # for next meeting
1	PW/SR/MC	ACNS 2016 Conference Report for DOE	10/16	4
2	SR	Confirm candidates for NSSA elections	10/16	3