

**NSSA Executive Committee Meeting
11/07/16**

Katharine Page (Secretary), 12/12/16

Present: Mike Crawford (MC)
Doug Godfrin (DG)
Matthew Helgeson (MH)
Mark Lumsden (ML)
Katharine Page (KP)
Stephan Rosenkranz (SR)
Chris Wiebe (CW)
Patrick Woodward (PW)

Absent: Megan Robertson (MR)
Harlyn Silverstein (HS)
Ron Jones (RJ)

Agenda: 1) Adoption of minutes (KP/SR/All)
2) Date for next call (SR/KP/All)
3) NSSA elections (SR)
4) Webpage updates
5) ACNS 2018 planning / ACNS 2016 report for DOE
6) AOB

Discussion Minutes (by agenda item number):

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

The minutes from 10/03/16 were adopted with minor corrections.

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

The date for the next conference call was set for Monday, December 12, at 11:00 AM Central Time.

3. NSSA elections (SR)

NSSA elections for officers will be held towards the end of November with a two week open election. Positions that need to be filled this year are President, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Communications Secretary. SR has confirmed NNNN as a candidate for Communications Secretary and NNNN as a candidate for Membership Secretary. SR will approach NNNN and NNNN as candidates for the position of President. Alternative members identified were NNNN, NNNN, and NNNN. SR will approach NNNN and NNNN as candidates for the position of treasurer, NNNN as a candidate for Communications Secretary, and NNNN, NNNN, and NNNN as candidates for Membership Secretary. A pool of alternative candidates was discussed for various positions and included NNNN, NNNN, and NNNN. ML will add candidate bios to the NSSA webpage and facilitate open voting as soon as the list of candidates is confirmed.

4. Webpage updates

The NSSA Minutes have been updated on the NSSA webpages. ML will add a tab for Women in Neutron Scattering (WiNS). WiNS will need to provide an outline of the content that will be included and an estimate of how often it will need updating. Suggestions included profiles of women in neutron scattering and an announcement section for special events, fellowships, and other items of interest.

The company that manages the NSSA webpages has approached ML with several options for maintaining and modernizing the site. Options for \$5K and \$3K in upgrades were presented. One set of options outlined an overhaul of the membership component of the webpages, and another included changes to make the webpages more mobile friendly. ML will ask for further clarification and send out any quotes received.

5. ACNS 2016 review / ACNS 2018 planning

PW will write a report for the Department of Energy summarizing the 2016 American Conference on Neutron Scattering (ACNS). Information on the number of participants has been provided by the Materials Research Society (MRS), but a financial summary from MRS is still needed.

An article summarizing ACNS 2016, "The 8th American Conference on Neutron Scattering," has been published in *Neutron News* (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10448632.2016.1237248>). A link to the article will be added to the NSSA webpage. The print version of the article will be out at the end of November.

Planning for 2018 ACNS was briefly discussed. PW had discussed Fort Collins, CO, as a potential conference site with Prof. James Neilson at Colorado State. He thought the available venues would not be large enough for the meeting. PW is in discussion with Efrain Rodriguez, Srini Raghavan, and Rob Brieber at the University of Maryland regarding the DC area (close to NIST) as an attractive location for the 2018 meeting. Program Chairs will be selected when the new Executive Committee members are confirmed.

6. AOB

SR has sent Dalini Maharaj and Bruce Gaulin a message to get in touch with MC regarding \$4K sponsorship for the Gordon Research Seminar (GRS) and \$3K sponsorship for the Gordon Research Conference (GRC). MC will send a check to GRC for the events.

CW reported that a number of parties met to discuss Canadian interests in Neutron Scattering in North America. Canada is discussing \$35M in Neutron Scattering initiatives over the next five years to address its impending "Neutron Gap". It is not clear at this time who will lead the initiative(s); both McMaster and Saskatchewan are developing plans. Some resources will be moved from Chalk River to McMaster. A portion of the funding could upgrade McMaster to run 24/7, and/or could increase reactor flux. A portion of the funding will be allocated to instrument projects/upgrades at the Second Target Station (STS) or First Target Station/High Flux Isotope Reactor (FTS/HFIR). Saskatchewan would like to develop a Neutron Scattering outpost at its synchrotron facility, akin to the Brookhaven model. The Canadian outstations would keep talent in place while plans to build a new Canadian source are developed. The Canadian government is receptive to big science projects, but parties were told to wait a year. It is now time to go back and discuss specific plans. CW will keep NSSA informed.

Action items

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1	PW/SR/MC	ACNS 2016 Conference Report for DOE	10/16	4
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3	ML	Add candidate bios to NSSA webpage and facilitate two week election	11/16	3/4
4	ML	Webpage updates / distribute and evaluate proposals by website service	11/16	4
5	MC	Send sponsorship for GRC/GRS events	11/16	6