

BYLAWS OF NEUTRON SCATTERING SOCIETY OF AMERICA
[INCLUDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, PENDING SOCIETY VOTE OCTOBER
2020]

A District of Columbia Nonprofit Organization

The Registered Office of Neutron Scattering Society of America (the “Society”), required by the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act (“the Nonprofit Corporation Act”) to be maintained in the District of Columbia, shall be as designated in the Articles of Incorporation , and the location of the Registered Office may be changed from time to time by action of the Executive Committee to any other place in the District of Columbia, provided notice of such change is delivered to the District of Columbia Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs (the “Department”).

1. The name of the proposed corporation is “Neutron Scattering Society of America”.
2. The Executive Committee shall have all the powers and duties of a Board of Directors.

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.1: Classes of Membership and Rights.

The Society shall have one class of members, and the voting rights, and other rights, interests and privileges of each member shall be equal. Members shall be entitled to attend all activities sponsored by the Society (upon payment of any applicable registration or attendance fees or assessments) and shall be entitled to submit requests and ideas for activities to any member of the Executive Committee.

Section 1.2: Eligibility for Membership.

All persons interested in becoming a member shall be eligible for membership; however, the targeted membership of the Society is those persons in academia, industry or government who have indicated an interest in neutron scattering research and have completed a membership application to become a member of the Society. Membership is open to citizens of any country.

Section 1.3: Admission.

Eligible persons shall be admitted to membership on making application and submitting the same to the Society’s Executive Committee. The application shall be on a form authorized by the Executive Committee and posted on the Society webpage. Application can be submitted online or face-to-face during conferences where the society has a presence.

Section 1.4: Fees, Dues and Assessments.

- (a) Applications for membership in the Society shall be free. If enrollment fees are deemed necessary, such a decision will be voted on by the members of the Society.

- (b) If the business and affairs of the Society so require, the Executive Committee may require that all members pay dues in such amount as determined by resolution of the Executive Committee and voted on by the membership. No part of the dues shall be refunded to any party.
- (c) Any dues and registration fees paid to the Society become the property of the Society and any severable or individual interest of any member in dues and assessments paid terminates on such payment.

Section 1.5: Termination of Membership.

- (a) The membership of any member of the Society shall automatically terminate on receipt of the member's written request for such termination delivered to the President, Secretary or Membership Secretary of the Society by email.
- (b) The membership privileges of any member of the Society may automatically be suspended upon failure of the member to pay applicable dues, if any, to the Society within a period of sixty (60) days following the date on which such dues are payable. The suspended member will immediately be notified of the suspension and the delinquent amount. If within thirty (30) days from that date, the member's account is not brought current or the member does not respond in writing by email to the Executive Committee, such member's membership will be automatically terminated unless the Executive Committee decides the termination should not take place.
- (c) The membership of a member who cannot be contacted for a period of six (6) months using the address or other contact information of record with the Society, may, at the decision of the Executive Committee, be terminated.
- (d) All rights and interests of a member in the Society shall cease upon termination of membership.
- (e) Any member whose membership is terminated may have their membership reinstated on such terms as the Executive Committee may deem appropriate by submitting a request by email to the President, Secretary or Membership Secretary of the Society and on approval of the request by a vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 1.6: Membership List.

The Society shall keep a membership list containing the name and address of each member. Termination of the membership of any member shall be recorded in the records of the Society, together with the manner of termination and the date on which membership ceased. The membership list shall be kept by the Membership Secretary and shall be available for inspection by any Executive Committee members.

ARTICLE II MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 2.1 : Biennial Meetings.

A face-to-face meeting of the members of the Society shall be held biennially in connection with the biennial American Conference on Neutron Scattering (ACNS) at the place, time and manner

determined by the Executive Committee. An agenda for such members meeting will be prepared by a designated program committee in consultation with the vice-President of the Society and emailed to all members at least two (2) months prior to the meeting. In the intervening year between the biennial meetings of members in connection with the ACNS, the members shall take any required actions by electronic balloting or electronic survey processes administered by the Membership and Communication Secretaries.

Section 2.2: Special Meetings.

Special meetings (virtual) may be called by an affirmative vote of the majority of the Executive Committee, or by ten percent (10%) or more of the general membership

Section 2.3: Notice.

Written notice of virtual meetings of the members of the Society shall be provided to the members by personal delivery to each member by electronic mail, no less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days prior to such meeting, or by posting notice of such meeting on the website of the Society at least forty-five (45) days prior to such meeting date. Notice shall be deemed given at the time it is emailed to the members. No action shall be taken on any of the following proposals at any meeting unless written notice of the general nature of the business or proposal has been given in the case of a special meeting: (a) any proposal to amend the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of this Society or (b) any proposal to wind up and dissolve the Society.

Section 2.4: Contents of Notice.

All notice of meetings of members shall specify the place (biennial meetings)/virtual platform (special meetings), the day, and the hour of the meeting and, in the case of special meetings, the general nature of the business to be transacted and no other business may in that case be transacted, or in the case of the biennial meeting, those matters which the Executive Committee at the time of giving the notice, intends to present for action by the members. Notice of any meeting at which Executive Committee representatives are to be elected shall include the names of all those who are nominees at the time the notice is given to members.

Section 2.5: Quorum and Vote for Action.

At all meetings, the presence in person or by proxy of at least five percent (5%) of the total membership of the Society will constitute a quorum. Members voting by email shall be deemed present for purposes of the quorum requirements. All actions and decisions will require an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum.

Section 2.6: Loss of Quorum.

The members present at a duly called or duly held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum.

Section 2.7: Voting Rights.

Each member is entitled to one (1) vote.

Section 2.8: Conduct of Meetings.

(a) Meeting of members shall be presided over by the President of the Society or in their absence, by the Vice-President, or in the absence of both, by a chairperson chosen by a majority of the members present. The Secretary of the Society shall act as Secretary of all meetings of members. In their absence, the Membership Secretary shall serve or the presiding officer shall appoint another person to act as Secretary of the meeting.

(b) Meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, as such rules may be revised from time to time, insofar as such rules are not inconsistent with or in conflict with these Bylaws, with the Articles of Incorporation of the Society, or with applicable law.

ARTICLE III EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 3.1: General Powers and Election.

The property, affairs and business of the Society shall be controlled and managed by an Executive Committee consisting of up to twelve (12) representatives. The number of representatives on the Executive Committee may be increased or decreased, to a number not less than three (3), from time to time by amendment to these Bylaws. The Executive Committee shall be divided into two classes of representatives: (1) the Officers, who shall be those persons elected by the membership to fill the offices specified in Article V of these Bylaws and those persons who are the Past President and Past Treasurer as described in Article V, and (2) the member-at-large representatives, postdoc representative and graduate student representative. Each of the representatives on the Executive Committee shall have one vote except for the Past President and Past Treasurer, who shall be nonvoting representatives of the Executive Committee and may be referred to as the "nonvoting Officers". The term "Executive Committee", when used alone, shall refer to the Officers, the member-at-large representatives, the post-doc representative and the graduate student representative and the term "Representative", when used alone, shall refer to an Officer, a member-at-large representative, the postdoc representative or the graduate student representative. The Executive Committee representatives shall be elected as follows:

(a) The Officers having voting rights shall be elected by the membership through an electronic balloting process administered by the Communication Secretary and Membership Secretary. Each voting Officer shall hold office until the next succeeding election by the membership applicable to their office and their successor is elected and qualified or until their earlier removal, resignation or death. Immediately following the election of the voting Officers, the persons qualifying as the Past President and Past Treasurer as described in Article V shall be vested automatically as

nonvoting Officers without any further action or deed of the membership or other Executive Committee representatives. The term of each Officer shall be as set forth in Article V.

(b) Four member-at-large representatives shall be elected by the Officers. Each member-at-large representative shall hold office until their successor is elected and qualified or until their earlier removal, resignation, or death. The term of all members-at-large representatives shall be four years. Elections of the member-at-large representatives shall be staggered such that two shall be elected every two years for purposes of diversity and continuity on the Executive Committee. For the purposes of full representation of the neutron scattering community, two additional representatives shall be elected by the representatives with voting rights, with terms of two years. One of these shall be a Student Representative, who shall be a graduate student at the time of election. The other shall be a Postdoc Representative, who shall be a postdoctoral researcher at the time of election.

Section 3.2: Qualification of Executive Committee representatives.

The Executive Committee representatives of the Society must be members of the Society but need not be residents of the District of Columbia.

Section 3.3: Removal of Executive Committee representatives.

At a meeting called expressly for that purpose, an Executive Committee representative may be removed with or without cause by the vote of all the other Executive Committee representatives having voting rights then in office.

Section 3.4: Quorum and Act of Executive Committee representative.

The presence of at least two-thirds of the Executive Committee representatives having voting rights immediately before a meeting begins shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Executive Committee. The approval of a majority of the representatives having voting rights, present at a meeting at which a quorum is present, shall be required for any action or decision by the Executive Committee.

Section 3.5: Vacancies.

Any vacancy occurring on the Executive Committee may be filled by the Executive Committee. A representative elected or appointed to fill a vacancy shall be elected or appointed for the unexpired term of their predecessor in office and until their successor has been elected and qualified.

Section 3.6: Appointment of Committees.

The Executive Committee may (i) designate sub-committees of the Executive Committee and other committees or advisory councils to assist in carrying out the objectives and business of the

Society, and (ii) appoint the initial members to serve on such Sub-Committees and other committees or advisory councils.

(a) Sub-Committees: Sub-Committees shall consist of at least two (2) representatives having voting rights and shall have and exercise the authority of the Executive Committee in the management of the Society upon such terms and conditions as the Executive Committee representatives shall establish; however, establishing such a Sub-Committee and delegating such authority to it shall not relieve the Executive Committee representatives of any responsibility imposed upon them by applicable law. The President of the Society shall be an ex officio member of each Sub-Committee. Each Sub-Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies in their respective memberships. A majority of any Sub-Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(b) Other Committees: Other committees or advisory councils that shall not have nor exercise the authority of the Executive Committee in the management of the Society may be designated by a resolution adopted by a majority of voting-members of the Executive Committee present at a meeting at which a quorum is present. The NSSA Fellows Committee has been established pursuant to this provision.

Section 3.7: Diversity and inclusion of Executive Committee representatives

During the nomination call for executive committee members, the presiding executive committee will encourage nominations of candidates from diverse background, including those from non-majority races, religions, gender identifications, sexual orientations, ages, disability statuses, and other identifiers.

Section 3.8: Compensation.

Executive Committee representatives shall not be compensated for their services as Executive Committee representatives; however, the Executive Committee may determine reimbursement for reasonable costs and expenses actually incurred by Executive Committee representatives for Society business.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 4.1: Regular Meetings.

Commencing with the year 2019, the Executive Committee shall convene at least once per month by teleconference for the transaction of such business as may come before them concerning the Society. Executive Committee representatives shall be entitled to at least ten (10) days prior notice of such meetings of the Executive Committee.

Section 4.2: Special Meetings.

Special Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President or Secretary or by a majority of the Executive Committee representatives upon electronic notice sent to each representative. Notice of any Special Meeting shall be given at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. Notice shall be deemed given at the time it is sent by electronic mail to the representative. The attendance of a representative at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a representative attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted nor the purpose of any meeting of the Executive Committee need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting.

Section 4.3: Place of Meeting.

Meetings of the Executive Committee, whether Regular or Special, shall be held by teleconference and bi-annually during the ACNS.

Section 4.4: Actions of the Executive Committee Without a Meeting.

Any action may be taken without a meeting of the Executive committee if the action to be taken is electronically communicated and approved by all of the members of the Executive Committee. Such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote at a meeting duly held and may be stated as such in any certificate or document filed under The Nonprofit Corporation Act. The Secretary shall file such consents with the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee, as the case may be. Such action shall be effective when the last Executive Committee representative approves the consent unless the consent specifies a different effective date.

Section 4.5: Participation.

Members of the Executive Committee or of any committee designated by the Executive Committee representatives may participate in a meeting of the Executive Committee by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment as long as all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other person; participation in a meeting in this manner shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

Section 4.6: Conduct of the meeting of the Executive Committee.

The President and Secretary of the NSSA will set the agenda of the Executive Committee meeting after seeking input from all the committee members. The President of the NSSA will typically chair all meetings of the committee.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 5.1: Number.

The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Membership Secretary, a Communications Secretary, a Treasurer and such other Officers as may be determined by the Executive Committee representatives. No two offices may be held by the same person.

Section 5.2: Election and Term of Office.

The Officers designated in Section 1 of this Article shall be elected by the membership through an electronic balloting process administered by the Communication Secretary and Membership Secretary. The nominations for each office shall be solicited from the general membership by a Nominating Committee. This Nominating Committee shall develop a slate of candidates for each office and provide such slate in connection with the notice of the biennial meeting or written balloting process, but in no event less than thirty (30) days prior to voting or official balloting deadlines. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members appointed by the Executive Committee. Failure to elect Officers does not dissolve the Corporation.

Each Officer shall hold office until the next succeeding election by the membership applicable to their office and their successor is elected and qualified or until their earlier removal, resignation or death. Each Officer other than the President may be elected to serve more than one consecutive term. The Officers’ terms are as described herein and shall be staggered for preservation of corporate memory and continuity purposes as set forth below.

Office	Term	Following adoption of the 2019 amendments, next election to occur in the year noted below
President	4 years	November 2020
Vice-President	4 years	November 2022
Secretary	4 years	November 2022
Membership Secretary	4 years	November 2020
Communications Secretary	4 years	November 2020
Treasurer	4 years	November 2020
Past President	1 year	n/a
Past Treasurer	2 years	n/a

The “Past President” shall be that person who served as the President of the Society immediately prior to the election of their successor pursuant to an election in accordance with this section. The “Past Treasurer” shall be that person who served as the Treasurer of the Society immediately prior to the election of their successor pursuant to an election in accordance with this section.

Section 5.3: Removal and Resignation.

Any Officer may be removed by the Executive Committee whenever, in the judgment of the Executive Committee representatives, removal will serve the best interests of the Society. An Officer may resign at any time by delivering notice to the Society President. A resignation is effective when delivered unless the notice specifies a future effective date. Such removal or resignation shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed or so resigning.

Section 5.4: Vacancies.

Vacancies among the Officers arising from any cause shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Executive Committee.

Section 5.5: The President.

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Society and, subject to the direction and under the supervision of the Executive Committee, shall have general charge of the business, affairs and property of the Society and control over its Officers, agents and employees; shall represent the Society; shall preside at meetings of the Executive Committee and the members at which they are present; and shall do and perform such other duties and may exercise such other powers as from time to time may be assigned to them by these Bylaws or by the Executive Committee. The President shall not be an employee of a major neutron facility.

Section 5.6: The Vice President.

At the request of the President or in the event of their absence, disability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall also have such powers and discharge such duties as may be assigned to them from time to time by the President or the Executive Director. The Vice President should not be a director of a major neutron facility.

Section 5.7: The Secretary.

The Secretary shall record all the proceedings of the meetings of the Society; act as custodian of the records of the Society and of the Executive Committee; see that all books, reports, statements, certificates and other documents and records required by law to be kept or filed are properly kept and filed; and, in general, perform all duties and have all powers incident to the office of Secretary and perform such other duties and have such other powers as may from time to time be assigned to them by these Bylaws, the President or the Executive Committee. Any member of the Society, regardless of affiliation with a major neutron facility, may hold this office.

Section 5.8: The Membership Secretary.

The Membership Secretary shall monitor membership of the Society; maintain and update the membership list of the Society; have charge over the recruitment of new members; oversee the balloting process for the Officers of the Society; and perform such other duties as the President or

the Executive Committee shall prescribe. Any member of the Corporation, regardless of affiliation with a major neutron facility, may hold this office.

Section 5.9: The Communications Secretary.

The Communications Secretary shall maintain the Society's website; prepare brochures and posters advertising the Society's activities and programs; write articles on the Society's activities and programs; coordinate and arrange for publication of such articles in various media; and perform such other duties as the President or the Executive Committee shall prescribe. Any member of the Society, regardless of affiliation with a major neutron facility, may hold this office.

Section 5.10: The Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall have supervision of the funds, securities, receipts and disbursements of the Society; cause all monies and other valuable effects of the Society to be deposited in its name and to its credit in such depositories as shall be selected by the Executive Committee, if pursuant to authority conferred by the Executive Committee; cause to be kept at the accounting office of the Society correct books of account, proper vouchers and other papers pertaining to the Society's business; render to the President or the Executive Committee, whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the Society and of their transactions as Treasurer; and, in general, perform all duties and have all powers incident to the office of the Treasurer and perform such other duties and have such other powers as from time to time may be assigned to them by these Bylaws, the President or the Executive Committee. Any member of the Society, regardless of affiliation with a major neutron facility, may hold this office.

Section 5.11: Salaries.

The salaries or other compensation of all Officers, if any, shall be fixed by the Executive Committee and may be changed from time to time by a unanimous vote of the disinterested members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

Section 6.1: Execution of Instruments Generally.

All documents, instruments or writings of any nature shall be verified and acknowledged by such Officer or Officers or by such agent or agents of the Society and in such manner as the Executive Committee from time to time may determine.

Section 6.2: Checks, Drafts and Other Documents.

All notes, drafts, acceptances, checks, endorsements and all evidence of indebtedness of the Society whatsoever, shall be signed by such Officer or Officers or by such agent or agents of the Society and in such manner as the Executive Committee from time to time may determine. Endorsements or instruments for deposit to the credit of the Society in any of its duly authorized

depositories shall be made by rubber stamp of the Society or in such other manner as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine.

Section 6.3: Proxies.

Proxies to vote with respect to shares of stock of other corporations that may be owned by or stand in the name of this Society may be executed on behalf of this Society by the President, Vice President or Secretary or by any other person or persons authorized so to do by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII DISTRIBUTIONS

No part of the income or property of the Society shall be distributed to the Officers of the Society; provided, however, this prohibition does not prevent payment to such persons of reasonable compensation for services actually rendered or goods actually provided to the Society.

ARTICLE VIII CORPORATE SEAL

The Society may acquire, but shall not be required to acquire, a corporate seal of the Corporation which shall be in the form of a circle and shall bear the name of the Corporation as well as the words "Corporate Seal."

ARTICLE IX FISCAL YEAR

Except as from time to time otherwise provided by the Executive Committee, the fiscal year of the Society shall extend from the first day of January to the last day of December of each year, both dates inclusive.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

Section 10.1: Articles of Incorporation/Bylaws.

The Articles of Incorporation of the Society and/or these Bylaws may from time to time be amended, altered, or repealed and new provisions may be adopted (a) during a conference call of the Executive Committee or by unanimous written consent of the Executive Committee representatives and (b) upon submission to the membership for consideration, approval by two-thirds of the votes cast. Notice must be given of the meeting at which an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and/or the Bylaws is to be approved and such notice must be accompanied by a copy or summary of the proposed amendment or state its general nature.

ARTICLE XI MISCELLANEOUS

Section 11.1: Trade Names.

The Society may operate or transact business under such certain trade names other than its corporate name as may be adopted by the Executive Committee.

Section 11.2: Maintenance of Records.

The Society shall keep as permanent records minutes of the proceedings of its Executive Committee, and a record of all actions of the Executive Committee or a sub-committee taken without a meeting. The Society shall also maintain correct and complete accounting records.

Section 11.3: Loans to Officers Prohibited.

No loan shall be made by the Society to any of its Executive Committee representatives. Any Executive Committee representative of the Society who votes for or assents to the making of any such loan and any Executive Committee representatives participating in the making of such loan shall be jointly and severally liable to the Society for the amount of such loan until its repayment.

Section 11.4: Waiver of Notice.

Whenever any notice is required to be given under the laws of the District of Columbia or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, a waiver of such notice in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated in such waiver, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

ARTICLE XII INDEMNIFICATION

To the maximum extent that the laws of the District of Columbia allow, the Society shall indemnify an Executive Committee representative, Officer, or any other person who is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a Director or Officer for any liability, expense, cost, judgment, penalty, or fine by reason of the fact that such person is or was an Executive Committee representative or Officer of the Society; provided, however, such persons shall not be entitled to such relief for their gross negligence or willful misconduct.

ARTICLE XIII Society Member Recognition Awards

Section XIII.1. Diversity and inclusion of prize recipients.

During the nomination call for prize recipients and NSSA fellowship, the presiding executive committee will encourage nominations from diverse background, including those from non-majority races, religions, gender identifications, sexual orientations, ages, disability statuses, and other identifiers.

XIII.2. NSSA fellows

Through the NSSA Fellowship Program, the Society recognizes members who have made significant contributions to the neutron scattering community in North America through one or more of the following areas: advances in knowledge through original research and publication; innovative contributions in the application of neutron scattering; contributions to the promotion or development of neutron scattering techniques; and service and participation in the activities of the Society or the neutron community. One nomination letter and up to two supporting letters for each candidate must be submitted by members of the Society to the NSSA Fellows Committee, which shall be appointed biennially by the Society's Executive Committee. Other procedural details for nomination of candidates are set and announced by the Society's executive Committee no later than the Fall prior to ACNS. Each year, no more than one-half of one percent of the then current membership of the Society shall be recognized through election by the NSSA Fellows Committee to the status of Fellow in the NSSA. In addition, all recipients of either the NSSA Shull or Sustained Research awards who are not already Fellows shall automatically be named Fellows of the NSSA. A list of new members shall be announced or made available prior to the ACNS.

XIII.3. NSSA Prizes

General Information: The prize winners shall be announced to the society by the Executive Committee. The NSSA Sustained Research Prize can only be won once by an individual. An individual cannot win more than one NSSA-sponsored prize in the same competition, or one prize in each of two consecutive competitions. If one person is selected for the Shull prize and another NSSA prize in the same competition cycle, that person shall be awarded the Shull Prize and the NSSA Executive Committee shall instruct the Selection Committee for the other competition to select a new winner.

Prize Selection Committees: There are three selection committees, one for the Shull prize, a second one for both the NSSA Sustained Research Prize and the NSSA Science Prize and the third one for the NSSA Prize for Outstanding Student Research. Each committee consists of 5 members who shall be appointed by the Society Executive Committee prior to the solicitation of nominations for the two prizes. The committees shall be independent of the Society Executive Committee. Committee members shall represent a broad range of neutron scattering subfields. Committee membership information shall be made publicly available. If a committee member is nominated for either prize, then the NSSA Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement, if possible, from a similar subfield. The Selection Committee shall submit the names of the prize winners to the NSSA Executive Committee 5 months prior to ACNS 2018.

NSSA Shull Prize: To recognize outstanding research in neutron science and leadership promoting the North American neutron scattering community in honor of Clifford G. Shull, who received the Nobel Prize in 1994 with Bertram Brockhouse for seminal developments in the field of neutron science. Consideration shall be given to outstanding research accomplishments and contributions

to the advancement of neutron science, including developing or supporting the North American neutron scattering community through teaching, research, technical leadership and scientific writings. Preference shall be given to applicants whose work was carried out predominantly in North America.

NSSA Science Prize: To recognize a major scientific accomplishment or important scientific contribution within the last 5 years using neutron scattering techniques. Nominees must be within 12 years of receiving their PhD degree. Preference shall be given to applicants whose work was carried out predominantly in North America.

NSSA Sustained Research Prize: To recognize a sustained contribution to a scientific subfield, or subfields, using neutron scattering techniques, or a sustained contribution to the development of neutron scattering techniques. In either case, the primary consideration shall be an enduring impact on science. Preference shall be given to applicants whose work was carried out predominantly in North America.

NSSA Outstanding Student Research Prize: To recognize outstanding contributions to neutron science, with a significant portion of the relevant research carried out at a North American neutron scattering facility.