



ANS-SR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Time & Date: 6:00 – 7:00 pm
May 25, 2017 (Thursday)

Location: Wine World of North Augusta and Teleconference

Officers and Members Present:

- Karen Bobkowski, Chair
- Tinh Tran, Vice Chair
- Tracy Stover, Secretary
- Dan Thomas, Treasurer
- Kevin O’Kula, Programs Chair
- Jeff Brault, CNTA Liaison
- Tim McKinsey, Arrangements Chair
- Phil Cupp, Publication Chair
- Mary Mewborn, NAYGN Liaison

The following members delegated proxy prior to the meeting:

- Chuan Wu, Past Chair

Quorum Present: Yes.

Motion Summary:

A motion was made and carried to allow a one-time increase of the total allotment for the Benjamin Memorial Scholarship from \$8000 to \$10500, an increase of \$2500 to allow for commendation awards.

Action Items Summary:

1. **Tracy Stover** – archive photos circulated from recent outreach events
2. **Tracy Stover and Dan Thomas** - try one last time to distribute the one pending Tritium refund. If unsuccessful the refund of \$40 will be donated to the Benjamin memorial Scholarship Fund.
3. **All** – contract Tinh Tran with any potential nominations for Vice Chair as soon as possible.
4. The section should prepare a save the date notice and a sponsorship advertisement to be distributed at the 2017 PSA Topical in September.



Minutes from Agenda Topics:

1. Roll Call and Opening Remarks

Tinh Tran led the meeting and welcomes everyone back.

2. Secretary's Report

Tracy Stover provided the Secretary's Report.

Minutes from the last EC meeting were read.

The only outstanding item of note was progress on the Vogtle plant tour for the PSA Topical in May 2019. Due to the current financial situation at Vogtle, tours beyond August 2017 will need to be discussed at a later date.

3. Treasurer's Report

Dan Thomas provided the current Treasurer's Report.

Last full update was in February with a balance of \$6551.07. We have had an income of \$1226.58 and expenses of \$1194.48 for a balance of \$6583.17 as of May 24.

There has been no change in the scholarship fund, however \$500 donation is pending to show up in May.

Tritium 2016 funds will be released at the end of May as well.

Tracy and Dan will try one last time to distribute the one pending Tritium refund. If unsuccessful the refund of \$40 will be donated to the Benjamin memorial Scholarship Fund.

4. Outreach

Bob Eble provided Tinh with a report prior to the meeting and circulated information about the recent activity with the Boy Scouts.

Upcoming outreach events include the Summer Southeastern Nuclear Institute in June.

Requests for assistance will be upcoming.

Mel Buckner is inquiring about additional funding for the institute through ANS HQ including the PIA and the NEEDS grant.

5. Nominating Committee and Leadership

Tinh Tran provided this summary.



A Vice Chair candidate is still highly sought. Someone with past leadership roles is preferred. Contact Tinh with any potential nominations as soon as possible.

Tinh will take on the chair role and appreciates other EC members who have volunteered to continue in their same or other leadership roles.

The EC will continue to focus on membership, community outreach, topicals, and the scholarship. Tinh wants Chair and Vice Chair to have a continuing succession plan going forward.

6. Technical Program Update

Kevin O’Kula provided the report.

The final technical meeting was held in conjunction with the CNTA on May 24.

There will be an awards dinner for the scholarship winners on June 8 at Newberry Hall in Aiken. There are 4 winners and 5 commendation award recipients. Parents and teachers are invited. A past winner is being sought for a talk.

The EC needs to focus on increasing technical dinner attendance next year.

Tinh met recently with Jim Marra of the CNTA (on April 10) to discuss further collaboration including shared meetings or speakers. CTNA will hold an October fundraiser for young professionals which the ANS-SR should help support. Cooperation in Nuclear Science Week and scholarships was also discussed.

7. PSA 2019 Topical Update

Kevin O’Kula provided the report.

2 of 3 main steps have been completed including calendar placement and preliminary approval for publication plan. Tracy and Kevin will meet with the topical committee at the ANS National meeting in San Francisco on June 11.

A conservative revenue distribution plan has been agreed to by ANS-SR, ANS-Columbia, ANS-HQ, and the Nuclear Installation Safety Division.

Tinh has had discussions with Bonnie Shapiro on organizing the topical and put her in contact with Jim Klein of SRNL who was program chair for the Tritium topical.

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8. Neutrino

This report was given by Phil Cupp.



The 2016-17 Neutrino will follow the same format as last year's. Phil is collecting information for the trivia sponsorship and for the scholarship winners as that becomes available. A draft should be out after the scholarship dinner.

9. Benjamin Scholarship

Kevin O'Kula provided the report.

The scholarship had a record number of applicants this year – 24 high school seniors going to 4-year colleges and 3 technical college students. All technical college students were from Aiken Tech so next year additional outreach to Augusta Tech may be needed. High schools ranged from Monetta to Grovetown.

Three winners were chosen at the 4-year college level and one winner at the 2-year/technical college level.

Due to a high number of qualified applicants, Kevin requested a one-time additional funding for 5 commendation awards – 3 for the 4-year college level and 2 for the 2-year college level. A debate followed. Additional discussion on sustainability was had. The request was initially made for \$3250 (3 at \$750 and 2 at \$500) and then lowered to \$2500 (5 at \$500).

Mary Mewborn seconded the modified motion. The motion carried with 9 yays and 1 nay.

An open discussion question was posed – what is the hook for winners? Do they stay in the area? Do they successfully complete a science or technology degree? What is the success rate?

10. Nuclear Trivia

Mary Mewborn provided the report.

A joint session with NAYGN will be held on June 22 at Aiken brewing company, unless otherwise notified. Mary has also reserved July 20 as a fallback date.

11. Round Table

No new topics.