

## CNMS UEC Agenda – Wednesday, January 19, 2022

3:00PM Eastern Time

**Participants** (attendees in blue)

**Chair** – Shengxi Huang (Penn State)

**Vice-Chair** – Zach Hood (Argonne Natl Lab)

**Secretary** – Masoud Mahjouri-Samani (Auburn U.)

**At-Large Members:**

Tatiana Allen (U. Tennessee-Chattanooga); Liam Collins (ORNL.); Piran Kidambi (Vanderbilt U.);

Peter Moeck (Portland State U.); Michael Naguib (Tulane U.); Ethan Self (ORNL)

**Past Chair, *ex officio* member** – Josh Agar (Lehigh U.)

**CNMS (non-members)** – Brad Lokitz, Sandy Lowe, Tracy Whitaker, Karren More, Bobby Sumpter

**Industrial Liaison Member:** Jacob Swett (Recognition AnalytiX)

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**Welcome and Introductions (Brad, Shengxi, everyone)**

**CNMS and ORNL operations update: (Karren)**

- CNMS is welcoming users back onsite
- ORNL cannot mandate vaccines for users, staff, etc.
- A user who is not vaccinated will test regularly for COVID (they must attest to their status at the Visitor Center)
- Primary goal for CNMS is to get as many people back onsite as possible
- There are still limitations on how many people can be in a lab at a time at the CNMS
- The CNMS/ORNL policy is still social distancing and mask mandates
- The CNMS is not sure when it will be approved to be back to “normal operations”
- The ORNL Guest house will re-open on February 13th

**CNMS UEC recommendations update (Karren)**

- The report was submitted on 12/6/21 to Brad and Sandy
- One of the most poignant “complaints” from users was the fact that users want to be back onsite
- A response letter will be drafted in the coming month

**CNMS UEC DEI subcommittee update (Zach, Josh, Tracy)**

- Volunteers: Josh, Zach, Ethan, Shengxi, Tracy
- We will have a meeting in the new year to discuss the action items for DEI-focused items
- Zach will send out an e-mail to schedule a meeting with the subcommittee
- Things to keep in mind: we can try to ingrate a workshop that is useful for HBCUs, minority serving institutions, and under-represented universities
- Possible idea for the CNMS user meeting: having a specific symposium or track session focused on HBCUs, followed by a short workshop on how one can access the CNMS
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**CNMS User Meeting:**

- Tentatively set for August 8-12th
- Brad and Sandy signed up for Whova
- We will most likely have an online User Meeting this year
- Brad and Sandy will poll the CNMS staff for their suggestions for invited and plenary speakers
- Subcommittee: Zach, Liam, Shengxi, Michael, Josh, Masoud

**Webinars and Newsletter (Brad)**

- CNMS is currently working on the two items

**Suggestion box**

- Nothing submitted

**New business:**

- No new business to discuss

**Adjourned: 2:00pm EST**

Next Conference Call: February 23, 2022, 1:00pm Eastern Time