CNMS UEC Agenda – Tuesday, November 17, 2020
2:00 pm Eastern Time

Participants (attendees in blue)
Chair – Matthew McDowell (Georgia Tech)
Vice-Chair – Joshua Agar (Lehigh U.)
Secretary – Zach Hood (Argonne Natl Lab)
At-Large Members:
Veronica Augustyn (North Carolina State U.); Kelsey Hatzell (Vanderbilt U.); Shengxi Huang (Penn State); Saban Hus (U. Texas, Austin); Josh Kacher (Georgia Tech); Peter Maksymovych (CNMS, ORNL)
Past Chair, *ex officio* member – Rafael Verduzco (Rice U.)
CNMS (non-members) –Brad Lokitz, Sandy Lowe, Tracy Whitaker, Karren More, Bobby Sumpter
Industrial Liaison Member: Christopher Jacobs (B/S/H Home Appliances)

Welcome: (Matt)
CNMS and ORNL Operations Updates (Brad**)**

- CNMS still in Phase 1; no change in status since last meeting
- DOE has modified the definition of a User
- Jon Poplawsky has worked a lot with the microscopy remote users
- Microsoft HoloLens were ordered for staff to wear in labs. This will allow users a mixed reality view during remote sessions; they see, what the staff sees

Written Recommendations from UEC based on User Survey: (Matt)

- The survey participation rate was much higher this year
- Several tools were repeatedly mentioned and highlighted
- It was important to highlight the effects of COVID-19 and the need to add more Wi-Fi capabilities to increase virtual activities in all labs
- More transparency and communication between staff and users about labs schedules and availability
- Suggestions to have point of contacts for each lab instruments and scheduling
- Suggestions to have Webinars using Wi-Fi capabilities

SSURF Meeting Recap: (Matt/Brad)

- Brad attended the meeting online; there were several great speakers
- Linda Horton was in attendance and gave an update on DOE BES program
- Karren More severed as a panelist discussing the impact of COVID: "Operations and COVID at Nano Science Centers"
- Brad suggested UEC get involved and collaborate with others about "Best Practices" at Nano Science Centers; at minimum 2 members of UEC
- SSURF is an organization that is a collective body of advocates for User Facilities
- Brad currently serves on a few volunteer committees
- Karren agrees it would be a good idea to have UEC's Vice-Chair to attend SSURF since Chair has several other required meetings

UEC Election Recap: (Matt)

- Josh Agar will be the new Chair, currently Vice-Chair
- Shengxi Huang will serve as the Vice-Chair
- New members are Piran R. Kidambi (Vanderbilt U.), Peter Moeck (Portland State U.), Michael Naguib (Tulane U.), and Ethan Self (ORNL-Materials Sciences Division)

Suggestion box

- Nothing submitted this month

New business: (Matt)

- No new business

Adjourned 2:20pm Eastern Time

Next Conference Call: Tuesday, December 15, 2020