

## CNMS UEC Agenda – Thursday, August 22, 2024

10:02 am Eastern Standard Time

**Participants** (attendees in blue)

**Chair:** Piran Kidambi (Vanderbilt)

**Vice-Chair:** Masoud Mahjouri-Samani (Auburn U.) \*

**Secretary:** Tatiana Allen (U. Tennessee-Chattanooga) \*

**At-Large Members:**

Ethan Self (ORNL); Jon Camden (Notre Dame); Wan-Yu Tsai (ORNL); Wonhee Ko (University of Tennessee) \*; Ruocun (John) Wang (Drexel University) \*; Vighter Iberi (Proctor and Gamble) \*

**Past Chair:** Zachary Hood (ANL)

**CNMS** (non-members) – Lisa Goins, Brad Lokitz, Karren More, Bobby Sumpter

\* Indicates newly elected

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### CNMS and ORNL operations update: (Brad)

- No updates to report.
- AML expansion is pushed back by a few weeks. During the work AML will not be operational for a few weeks.

### CNMS User Meeting

- Meeting went very well, and the feedback is very positive
- Notes:
  - Start a meeting with a success story.
  - Need a big screen behind the podium in the main conference room of the hotel or 2 large TVs in the middle of the room.
  - Limit the number of chairs in the big room, so people would sit closer, at the tables.
  - Should have a bell to keep time. Should build time in the schedule.
  - Set everyone's talks on the same computer ahead of time instead of changing computers or use flash drives.
  - Instead of relying on "Thank a staff member" submission, send an email to users asking to nominate a staff member.
  - Sections overview talks did not work very well, because they were mostly attended by the staff of these sections, not so many users.
  - Include more invited user talks (15 min) in the program next year to bring more users. Cut plenary talks to 1 or 2. Can run 2-3 focused sessions in parallel.
  - What is our audience: existing users or potential users? Targeting new users is more effective at general conferences outside of ORNL.
  - Add a question to the proposal submission form: "Would you be interested in presenting at the user meeting?". Or add a section to the User Conduct Document "consider attending and presenting at the User meeting.
  - Tours = opportunity for existing users to see other parts of the lab.
  - Speed networking session was a highlight of the meeting. Do the tour as a continuation of speed networking, so more people would come.
  - The workshop on writing user proposals was awesome, many positive comments. Some students from UTK may use the draft of the proposals that were written during the workshop for internal UTK grants. Make a 3-part webinar out of this workshop.

- Workshop attendance on Thursday: many people who signed up did not show up. In the future, allow people to sign up only for one workshop.
- Post photos from the conference on LinkedIn site. John Wang is the manager of the LinkedIn account. Most posts should be approved by IRNL

**CNMS LinkedIn Account – admin John Wang:**

Purpose of the LinkedIn group: while it may be similar to emails, members can post information, making it a two-way street.

Capability of the group:

1. This group is privately listed, meaning that only group members can see posts in this group.
2. Post information related to User Proposal Calls, UEC election, User Meetings, etc. (similar to emails)
3. Members can post messages to reach beyond their existing network.
  - a. Increase the visibility of their publications
  - b. Potential to organize CNMS user networking events at various national/international meetings.

Limitation:

1. Not everyone is on LinkedIn, obviously.
2. Only members who joined this group can see the messages.

Action items:

1. Acquiring more members
  - a. Invite all CNMS staff scientists on LinkedIn
  - b. Invite past/current users (if there's a list, that will help)
  - c. Request CNMS staff scientists to invite their prospective users
2. Setting up rules on what is allowed to be posted
  - a. Information from CNMS (User Proposal Call, UEC election, User Meeting, Thank a Staff Reminder, etc.)
  - b. CNMS-affiliated publications from members
  - c. CNMS User Networking events
  - d. Suggestions from members (?)
  - e. (More ideas are welcome)

Open question:

1. How selective should we be about accepting members? It's clear about past and current users, but it's more difficult when it comes to future users. Should the bar be > Graduate Students at a university from any country?
2. Should we make this group public? For this, we need to contact customer support and public groups cannot be changed to private ones. I suggest we keep it private for now.

**Elections:** - email will be sent soon, but already have 1 nomination.

**CNMS UEC DEIA+ subcommittee** – update will be at the next meeting

**User newsletters and webinars (Brad)**

- No update on the webinar and newsletter (due to the CNMS review)

**Suggestion box (Brad)**

- No items in the suggestion box

**New business/action items** - none

**End time:** 10:50 am ET