

CNMS UEC Agenda – Thursday, July 13, 2017

12:00 pm Eastern Time

Participants (attendees in blue)

Chair – Lane Martin (U. California, Berkeley)

Vice-Chair – Eric Formo (U. Georgia)

Secretary – Yang Zhang (U. Illinois)

At-Large Members:

Alex Belianinov (ORNL/CNMS); Valentino Cooper (ORNL); Kathrin Dörr (MLU Halle-Wittenberg); Ben Lawrie (ORNL); Matthew McDowell (Georgia Tech); Adam Moule (U. California, Davis); Evgheni Strelcov (NIST)

Past Chair, ex officio member – Molly Kennedy (Clemson U.)

CNMS (non-members) – Tony Haynes, Brad Lokitz, Sandy Lowe

2017 CNMS/SNS Joint User Meeting Update (Lane, Tony, Sandy, etc.)

- UEC Travel – All arrangements have been made; all staying at ORNL Guest House
- Reminder: Register by July 17 - <https://conference.sns.gov/event/81/registration/>
- Meeting Schedule Finalized - <https://conference.sns.gov/event/81/> and go to Agenda on the left-hand menu.
 - Confirmation emails to all speakers/poster presenters went out
 - Vast majority of confirmations are in, a few cancelled talks have arisen; will not be replaced, just schedule longer breaks
 - Abstract book not yet released; in hands of Neutron user office
 - ORNL Welcome on Aug. 1, 9:00A? Lane and Kate on deck pending ORNL administration to step in
Update 7/14: Michelle Buchanan will present ORNL welcome.
- Session chairs – Can I get volunteers? We have 4 CNMS-focused sessions to cover and 2 of the 4 Joint sessions, and the plenary to cover.
 - Plenary Aug. 1 - Lane
 - Plenary Aug. 2 – Kate (from SHUG)
 - Joint Hard Session 1 – Lane
 - Joint Hard Session 2 - Yang
 - Nanoscience 1 (Aug. 1, early) - Eric
 - Nanoscience 2 (Aug. 1, late) - Valentino
 - Nanoscience 3 (Aug. 2, early) - Ben
 - Nanoscience 4 (Aug. 2, late) – AdamI might have missed you or mis-assigned you. Please adjust as needed.
- Poster Judging – Will take place during poster session on Aug. 1
 - Michelle Dolgos of SHUG has volunteered to coordinate this effort. She plans to provide input on the judging next week. Eric will coordinate with Michelle for CNMS UEC.

UEC Executive Committee Meeting/Lunch – Aug. 1, 12:00-1:30P

- Proposed agenda and activities:
 - State of the CNMS Update from Hans (proposed 30 minutes max)
 - Equipment/staffing update
 - Update on DOE Budget Atmosphere and Impact on CNMS
 - Update on CNMS stance on NUFO/SSURF
 - User Portal progress
 - Needs from UEC in coming year
 - Questions and Discussion between UEC and Hans (20 minutes)
 - UEC Self-Evaluation
 - Where have we been, where are we going
 - Major tasks/plans for remainder of 2017 and into 2018
 - Election discussion / Transition Plan

CNMS Town-Hall Meeting– Aug. 2, 12:00-12:45P

- We need to produce slides for this, we will adapt from Molly's from last year. Input is welcome.
 - The slides from last year are attached. Please review the content and:

- UEC members please provide additional suggestions for content. Beyond updates for all the sections, I already will plan a slide on the Electronic Portal work, potentially something on the SSURF,
- Will need input from Tony/Sandy/Brad/etc. on hard numbers, new hardware, etc.

Election update and procedure (Lane/Tony)

- We have 3 at-large nominations
- We now have 1 seconded nominee for Vice-Chair
- Tony will send us a list of users and we should beat the bushes, talk to colleagues, etc. about increasing the involvement. Please think of names and people to nominate.
- Nomination due by close of User meeting
- Election in Oct. 2017

Society for Science at User Research Facilities (SSURF) – Formerly known as National User Facility Organization (NUFO) (Lane)

- Having a teleconference on Friday July 14, 2:00-3:00P EDT, Lane and Eric will attend.
- Discussion of whether to have regularly-scheduled calls, introduction to SSURF, upcoming activities, etc.
- Hans informs me that the Nanoscale Science Research Centers (NSRC) directors + George Maracas (DOE) are discussing SSURF and if the investment in it (\$2500/year/NSRC) is worth it. They will have a call with SSURF after Aug. 1 and request feedback from UEC to see if CNMS should be part of it.

Update on web-portal discussion (Tony)

- Seems to be good progress, expect for mock-ups and cost estimate for UEC review by user meeting.

Update on proposal calls (Brad or Tony)

- Wrapping-up and in good shape
- Discussion of potential changes to reviewing process – easier review, more quantitative scoring suggested. Will bring this up after User Meeting for further discussion and conversation.

Suggestion box (Tony) – is empty

Adjourned 12:55 Eastern Time

Next Conference Call: August 10, 2017, 12:00pm, Eastern Time
On-Site Meeting at ORNL, August 1, 2017, 12:00pm, Eastern Time