CNMS UEC Agenda, Thursday December 1, 2011
10:00 am Eastern Daylight Time

Participants (attendees in blue)
Chair – Mark Dadmun (University of Tennessee)
Vice-Chair – Martyn McLachlan (Imperial College, London)
Secretary – Tony Hmelo (Vanderbilt University)
At-Large Members –
Nina Balke (ORNL/CNMS); David Bucknall (Georgia Tech); Marco Buongiorno Nardelli (North Carolina State University); Michael Hickner (Penn State); Ronald L. Jones (NIST); Vivek Prabhu (NIST); Colin Wolden (Colorado School of Mines)
Past Chair, *ex officio* member – Venkatraman Gopalan (Penn State)
CNMS (non-members) – Tony Haynes, Sandy Lowe

- News from CNMS (see attachment)
- Election Results – distributed to the committee by Tony Haynes
  - Venkat and Jones will rotate off the committee effective January 1
  - Notifications will go out to the candidates by Tony Haynes
    - Mailing list will be provided by Sandy for the user group announcement – to be sent by Tony Hmelo
- Schedule for January Telecon
  - **January 5, 10am EST**
  - Poll will be conducted in January for future meeting dates/times (Haynes)
- Proposed dates for 2012 User Meeting
  - **September 10-14, 2012:** best date to avoid holiday conflicts
  - September 17-21, 2012
  - Confirm preferred dates of September 10-14 during January UEC call (Haynes)
- Report on Industrial Users discussion at Facility Directors' Mtg 11/8
  - Summary and slides were distributed to the committee by Haynes in advance and discussed during the call; no actions needed, continue to monitor BES intent
- User Newsletter, January issue
  - Mid January target for distribution
  - Message from new UEC Chair
  - Profiles of new UEC members; full list of 2012 committee roster
  - Acknowledgement of members rotating off committee
  - CNMS updates (proposal call; 2011 user meeting summary; 2012 user meeting dates; UT-B awards received by CNMS staff)
  - Equipment to feature:
    - Helium ion microscope
    - Poll group leaders for other suggestions (Haynes)
    - SAXS was highlighted in the April 2011 newsletter
  - Research highlights
    - August highlight from 'Small' and November highlight from Balke
  - User Profiles
    - Hurt (Brown) for *Small* article, Huijben (Twente) for Balke highlight

Next Conference Call – Thursday, January 5, 10:00am EST

NEWS FROM CNMS, October-November 2011
An update for the UEC

User Proposals

- Proposal call deadline was Oct 19; received 129 proposals, including 2 for SHaRE-only that were transferred to SHaRE for their review process; 2 converted to Rapid Access, 1 NOT FEASIBLE, 1 withdrawn, 1 neutron-only (had just missed their deadline); all proposals out for review Nov 6, reviews due Dec 2, decisions Dec 12, notifications by Dec 15 to allow time for badge processing before Feb 1 starts.
- Starting in mid-December, we'll be accepting applications for extension for 97 projects that started last February.
- FY2011 was a record year for CNMS user proposals- 380 proposals including Rapid Access

Annual report to BES for FY2011

- Report was due and submitted on Oct 20
  374 unique users, just a bit above last year (360); 330 actually on-site, 27 mail-out synthesis, 17 remote computational (does not count 12 additional theory users with computing accounts, ran jobs, but in excess of 1 per proposal)
  Other NSRCs reported 327/348/363/528 (4 NSRCs average 353+/-6%, fifth is +50%)
- First time users 42% (down from 52%); Industrial users = 8 (2%), about half of previous years
- ORNL users account for 28% now, most/all of increase is CNMS staff (53) becoming users, now acct for ½ of ORNL users
- Publications up: 214 estimated for FY11, compared to 173 estimated in Oct-2010 for FY10
  [Note: finished with 199 papers in CY10]
- Satisfaction survey received 121 responses, 38% response rate (33% in FY10, 36% in FY09)
  3 individuals marked dissatisfied- 2 complained of difficulty to get staff attn, get started, sense overcommitment; 1 complained about lack of notifications of computing/network outages

Other Activity

- NSRCs sharing booth #1105 at MRS Meeting this week for purpose of recruiting users; Laura is representing CNMS