CNMS UEC Agenda, Wednesday, June 6, 2012
11:00 am Eastern Daylight Time

Participants (attendees in blue)
Chair – Martyn McLachlan (Imperial College, London)
Vice-Chair – Tony Hmelo (Vanderbilt University)
Secretary – Milan Buncick (AEgis Technologies Group)
At-Large Members –
Nina Balke (ORNL/CNMS); Nazanin Bassiri-Gharb (Georgia Tech); Marco Buongiorno Nardelli (University of NorthTexas); Michael Hickner (Penn State); Ichiro Takeuchi (U. Maryland); Vivek Prabhu (NIST); Colin Wolden (Colorado School of Mines)
Past Chair, *ex officio* member – Mark Dadmun (University of Tennessee)
CNMS (non-members) – Tony Haynes, Sandy Lowe

- **News from CNMS**
  - Proposal Call status
    - 102 proposals were received (low end of 'normal'); 2 were not feasible, 1 SHaRE only
    - 99 went out for external review, review deadline 6/15; 25% of the proposal reviews are in at this time
  - Triennial review (no news)
- **Getting started on new projects**
  - update on follow-up with PIs from last proposal call (see attached email on Subj: "Getting started …")
    - 87 projects were involved in this query; 15 responses received so far (10 were positive; 4 neutral; 1 required follow-up with PI and CNMS staff)
    - We plan to continue this with new projects in upcoming cycles
- **2012 User Meeting**
  Plenary and User speaker status distributed via email;
  2 Plenary speakers and 4 Invited Users confirmed; 2 Invited Users contacted/pending
- **Abstract Submission-Review schedule**
  - Call for abstracts to be written – T. Haynes
  - Preference for oral slots will be given to users (10 oral slots are in the preliminary agenda)
  - Space is available for ~35 posters
  - Deadline to receive abstracts will be August 1 (gives the UEC 2 weeks to review)
  - Notifications of abstract approval should go out by August 15
- **Committee meeting plans- 9/13-9/14**
  - Meeting time/availability (refer to "Friday agenda" attachment)
  - Poll (Thursday evening; lunchtime Friday; Friday evening) – Sandy
- **Goals for remainder of year** (deferred to next meeting)
- **July telecon** (U.S. Independence Day conflict)
  - Next meeting poll – Thursday 6/28, Friday 6/29, Monday 7/2 or Tuesday 7/3 (11am, EST) – Sandy

Next Conference Call: TBD at 11:00 EDT

From: Haynes, Tony E. [mailto:hayneste@ornl.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2012 4:14 PM
To: cnmsuser@ornl.gov
Subject: Getting started on your CNMS User Project

Dear CNMS User Project PI:
I'm writing simply to inquire whether you've had any difficulty getting started on your recently awarded User Project at the Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences (CNMS).
Last December I informed you that a user proposal you submitted to us in October had been awarded time to come and work at the CNMS beginning February 1. It's now four months later, so I hope you've been able to get the project underway by now. However, I understand that sometimes it can be a bit difficult to get a new project started, especially for first-time CNMS PIs. If that's the case and you've experienced any trouble at all getting started, I'd like to hear from you to see how I might be able to help. I just want to make sure you have every opportunity to achieve the research goals you set for the 12-month project period.
With best regards,
Tony

PS- If you're not sure what user project(s) you may have at CNMS, please go to http://cnms.ornl.gov/active_user_projects/active_projects.shtm and "Find" your name in the project list.


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