CNMS UEC Agenda, Wednesday, March 5, 2014
10:00 am Eastern Time

Participants (attendees in blue)
Chair – Vivek Prabhu (NIST)
Vice-Chair – Nazanin Bassiri-Gharb (Georgia Tech)
Secretary – Milan Buncick (AEgis Technologies Group)
At-Large Members:
Nina Balke (ORNL/CNMS); Zheng Gai (ORNL/CNMS); Molly Kennedy (Clemson U.); Martyn McLachlan (Imperial College, London); Megan Robertson (U. Houston); Ray Unocic (ORNL/CNMS); Rafael Verduzco (Rice U.)
Past Chair, *ex officio* member – Tony Hmelo (Vanderbilt U.)
CNMS (non-members) – Tony Haynes, Viviane Schwartz, Sandy Lowe

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- **News from CNMS** (Haynes)
  - Spring call for proposals – Announced 3/3/14 with a deadline of 4/30/14
    - New question on proposal form- Publication record from past user projects
  - New staff hire for Atom Probe Tomography has accepted offer, will start this month
  - Start-up survey for 2013B projects, in response to January email from Haynes offering to help if needed
    - 7 responses from 104 projects; 3 positive, 3 neutral, 1 reported delay in agreeing on schedule- now resolved
  - Additions to Proposal Review Committee- Schwartz distributed list of potential reviewers suggested by staff
    - UEC members were asked to scan list and inform Schwartz of any apparent conflicts
- **User Newsletter –** April issue (Schwartz) *User and staff highlight suggestions distributed earlier*
    - UEC members to send Schwartz votes for two favorites
    - Schedule: deliver next newsletter before April 10 after UEC review
- **News from NUFO** (Prabhu)
  - User Science Exhibition on Capitol Hill - http://www.nufo.org/exhibition/2014
    - Date: Tuesday, June 10 (4-7pm); Technical Theme: Discovery and Energy
    - Congressional office visits Monday, June 9 and morning of Tuesday, June 10
  - CNMS will send representative users for office visits and Exhibition, volunteers TBD
  - Demo ideas: Prabhu to inquire about possibility of video display; Unocic offered to prepare microscopy video if it's not too late
- **Report from Subcommittee on By-Laws amendments** (Hmelo) *Subcommittee: Hmelo, Bassiri-Gharb, Kennedy*
  - Discussion ongoing; defer report until next month
- **User Meeting 2014 planning** (Haynes) *Invited speaker suggestions and workshop information distributed earlier*
  - Subcommittee formed to focus on developing program outline before next telecon; volunteers are Bassiri-Gharb (lead), Prabhu, Robertson, Buncick, Unocic
  - UEC- send any ideas for meeting themes to subcommittee
  - Two 2-day workshops have been proposed on "Electrochemical Strain Microscopy" and "In situ TEM"
  - Consider possibility to hold workshops on Mon-Tue and Thu-Fri, around User Meeting on Wed, Sept 17
- **'Thank a Staff Member'** – *URL to submission form distributed earlier*
  - UEC feedback on draft form is positive; ready to go live (Lowe)
  - Submission button on User Group web page: divide current "Feedback" button to two small buttons labeled "Suggestion Box" and "Thank a Staff Member"
  - Advertise in next user newsletter and other CNMS mailings; inform staff at division meeting
- **User Suggestion Box -** Nothing new to report

Next Conference Call: April 2, 2014, 10:00am (Eastern Time)