CNMS UEC Agenda – Thursday, December 14, 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)
2018 Members: Rafael Verduzco (Rice University); Zachary Hood (Georgia Tech.); Joshua Agar (U. California, Berkeley); Marina Leite (U. Maryland); Judson Ryckman (Clemson U.); Vikram Bedekar (Timken Co.)

Past Chair, *ex officio* member – Molly Kennedy (Clemson U.)
CNMS (non-members) – Tony Haynes, Brad Lokitz, Sandy Lowe, Hans Christen

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Welcome to new members! *(brief introductions)*
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CNMS Industrial Liaison: Vikram Bedekar (Timken Co.)

Update on Society for Science at User Research Facilities (SSURF) (Hans)
Formerly known as National User Facility Organization (NUFO)
- CNMS will join SSURF
- Hans recommended a representative of the user community to be on the board and he nominated Molly

Plans for 2018 (Eric and others)
- User meeting planning – be thinking of speakers to invite
  - List of past UM speakers will be distributed
  - Recommended template for the meeting will be distributed
- End-to-end review of by-laws and set timeline for amendments
  - Potential amendments- Industry member position on UEC, possibly student member too; remove certain restrictions such as in Article VI ("at an annual meeting")

Update Proposal Call 2018A (Brad)
- 169 proposals were received; 7 converted to Director's Discretionary (small requests for routine characterization instruments that are not oversubscribed); 124 were approved (73%)
- One of the objectives of the new review system was to increase the reviewer response rate and this appears to have been successful. We received 95% of the reviews.

Update on web-portal discussion (Tony)
- No change, still pending budget clarity for FY18

Suggestion box (Tony) – is empty

Goodbye to Tony and UEC members cycling off (Lane)
Tony will retire at the end of Dec. 2017 – Thank you for your service! We will miss you
Past Chair: Molly Kennedy – Thanks, I would have been lost without you
Secretary: Yang Zhang – Thanks for keeping us on track
UEC At-Large Members: Alex Belianinov, Kathrin Dorr, Evgheni Strelcov – Thank you for your service

Adjourned 12:50p Eastern Time

Schedule for 2018 UEC Telecons (Jan-Aug)

The winner of the poll is THU @ 12p Eastern (9a CA; 10a TX). The meetings will be on the 2nd Thursday of the month as listed below. BlueJeans meetings will be scheduled via Outlook.

January 11
February 8
March 8
April 12
May 10
June 14
July 12
August 9

Next Conference Call: January 11, 2018, 12:00pm, Eastern Time