

ANBUG Annual General Meeting

21st November 2018, 11.30 am, AINSE Theatre, Lucas Heights

1. President's report – Ian Gentle

Ian gave an overview of ANBUG activities and encouraged all present to join ANBUG. The number of ANBUG members is currently 390. Ian reminded the attendees that the ANBUG president is a member of the Australian Centre for Neutron Scattering (ACNS) Program Advisory Committee, as well as other relevant review panels. The president also receives user feedback from ACNS.

The ANBUG executive is aware of the issue of funding travel overseas for experiments not currently possible in Australia, and lobbies where possible for a funding scheme to be re-introduced.

ANBUG also has a role to play in mentoring new users and the strategic planning of new instruments at ACNS.

Ian thanked the 2018 AANSS chair, Gail Iles, and commented on the quality of the scientific programme. He also thanked all the 2017-2018 ANBUG Executive committee members: Eric Kisi, Tracy Rushmer, David Cortie, Tilo Soehnel, Anna Paradowska and Katy Wood.

2. 2019-2020 ANBUG Executive Committee – Ian Gentle.

In 2019, our current vice president (Tracy Rushmer) will become ANBUG president. Ian Gentle will remain on the ANBUG executive as past president and Yun Liu will become vice-president. No elections were held this year as the number of candidates was the same as the number of positions vacant.

The 2019-2020 committee members are: Tracy Rushmer, Ian Gentle, Yun Liu, Anna Paradowska, Katy Wood, Tilo Soehnel, David Cortie, Andrew Clulow. ANBUG members can contact any committee members for any issues that should be raised at the executive. Committee members contact details are available on the ANBUG website: <http://anbug.net/>

3. Treasurer's report – Anna Paradowska

Current ANBUG account balances - \$15K Transaction account, \$65K Term Deposit.

A summary of expenditure below:

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| 2018 | \$5,100 | Travel for two trips for an ANBUG representative to attend AONSA board meetings |
| 2018 | \$1,000 | Conference sponsorship – (2 x \$500 – ‘Neutrons and Food’ and ‘World Conference in Neutron Radiography’) |
| 2017 | \$2,500 | Travel Grants – Australian/New Zealand students to attend AONSA neutron school in Japan (5 x \$500) |
| 2017 | \$530 | Travel for ANBUG Award winner to attend the ANSTO User Meeting |
| 2017 | \$150 | Website |

4. ACNS Update – Jamie Schulz

Jamie Schulz, ACNS leader, gave a brief overview of the neutron facilities available at ANSTO along with future plans.

5. ANBUG Awards – Stewart Campbell

Stewart Campbell presented the following motions:

- a. Propose that the present ANBUG Awards for “Sustained Contribution” and “Outstanding Research” be awarded every year rather than every two years as at present.
- b. Propose a new ANBUG Award be awarded each year for young scientists (up to 10 years post-PhD, excluding any significant career breaks).

Both propositions were approved by the ANBUG members in attendance.

6. Prizes

Ian Gentle presented the outstanding PhD prize to Grace Crauser and commended all the applicants on their excellent theses.

Gail Iles, the AANSS conference chair, presented 6 awards for outstanding student presentations during the conference: Isaac Gresham (UNSW), Katherine Chea (RMIT), Tara Brown (University of Wollongong), Mostafa Kamal Masud (UQ), Nur Maizura Mohd Darbi (University of Auckland), Joseph Vella (University of Auckland).