

ANBUG Executive Committee Meeting 18th February 2019

Meeting held: by Zoom teleconference

Present: Tracy Rushmer (TR, President), Yun Liu (YL, Vice President), Ian Gentle (IRG, Immediate Past President), Andrew Clulow (AJC, incoming Secretary), Katy Wood (KW, outgoing Secretary), Tilo Soehnel (TW, ordinary member, NZ) & David Cortie (Website/Comms).



Apologies: Anna Paradowska (AP, Treasurer).

Agenda

1. President's report – Tracy
2. Roles for Executive this year - Tracy
3. Actions from previous meetings – Katy:
 - a. All AANSS 2018 actions completed
 - b. Payment organised for previous ANBUG representative to travel to AONSA meeting.
 - c. ANBUG representative at AONSA school dinner
 - d. New ANBUG banner + flyer
 - e. Sponsorship of two conferences complete.
 - f. ANBUG membership list needs renewal – still to complete.
4. Funding request to AINSE for students to attend AOCNS in Taiwan in November 2019 - Katy
5. AUM – Tracy
6. ANBUG Awards – Tracy
7. Any other business

Meeting Opened: 15:05

Items Discussed

1. President's report – General discussion about ANSTO's present situation at the beginning of 2019 and the committee's views for progressing ANBUG.

2. Roles for the new executive – TR (President), IRG (Immediate Past President), YL (Vice President), AJC (Secretary), KW (Immediate Past Secretary), DC (Website/Comms), AP (Treasurer – to be confirmed offline), TS (Ordinary Member, NZ).

3. Actions from last meeting – Most actions completed from last meeting. Chris Ling refunded for travel costs (two years in the offing). No agreement/onus for ANBUG to pay for representative to go to AONSA in future. ANBUG sponsored two conferences in 2018 for \$500. ANBUG membership list needs updating every 2 years and this needs to be completed now.

DC: On membership, can we automate the system or outsource the membership management system going forward. AJC to check with AP on available funding to outsource/automate this. IRG suggested plugins for Wordpress as a possible solution. DC suggested that it might need someone with coding experience to get the last 10% of the plugin over the line. Recommended keeping the simple membership form as it is now but automating it. IRG suggested an automated reminder to renew membership after a couple of years and was happy to have a look at plugins for Wordpress. YL asked about the potential for combining re-

enrolment with the annual user meetings but it was decided that an avenue to sign up at any time should be left open.

DC & YL suggested that ANBUG should advocate for international users of Australia's neutron instrumentation as well, not only Aus and NZ users. Nation of origin should not be a hurdle to joining ANBUG or being advocated for as international users do utilise ANSTO facilities. TS highlighted that it was only recently that NZ had been recognised in the ANBUG constitution.

4. AINSE Travel Scholarships – KW and TR happy to send the funding request to AINSE for students to attend AOCNS in Taiwan in Nov 2019. IRG recommended applying for 10 students at \$1000 each (total = \$10000) towards travel costs. AINSE will decide whether not to grant this based on their priorities but this aligns with their core values of educating young/developing researchers in neutron science. DC suggested that students being awarded the scholarships be required to become ANBUG members and KW/TR also support them writing a paragraph on their experience at AONSA to put on the website. These provisions were generally agreed upon. KW iterated that historically the scholarships have been given to more males than females so strong female candidates should be encouraged to apply. DC suggested wording the application to AINSE such that the amount awarded per student is a minimum of \$1000 so that ANBUG has discretion in awarding more money per student in the event that fewer than 10 students apply, IRG concurred and this was generally accepted.

5. ANSTO User Meeting – The next joint ANSTO User Meeting (AUM2019) is to be held at Macquarie Uni (MU) on 2nd-3rd December 2019. MU provides direct access by train and the facilities are not too expensive. Kelly Cubbin has been to MU to visit and is happy with the facilities. Mike James and Miles Apperley are in the loop and generally happy with the location. Hannah Wells (chair of AS UAC) and TR will be the co-program directors. The organising committee is Miles Apperley (ANSTO NSW), Kellie Cubbin (ANSTO NSW), Mike James (ANSTO VIC), Ian Gentle (UQ), Stephen Holt (ANSTO NSW), Hannah Wells (Massey Uni), TR (Macquarie Uni) & Armand Atanacio (ANSTO NSW). TR requested that the ANBUG committee examine the proposed topics from last years Australian Synchrotron User Meeting and AINSE-ANBUG Neutron Scattering Symposium and suggest additions/changes to the program, which is currently to be based on amalgamations of topics from these meetings. DC: There should be a “structural chemistry” session, TR suggested joining “neutron facilities” and “neutron techniques & development” into a single “nuclear techniques” theme.

DC suggested that TR ask the AUM2019 organising committee if ANSTO will offer scholarships for Victorian ECRs to attend to try to enhance the Victorian presence. The possibility of scholarships for non-NSW delegates will be discussed further at the next ANBUG meeting.

There is a clash of dates for a number of people (user cycle, other meetings coinciding) but the dates are pretty well set.

6. ANBUG Awards – TR raised the issue that we didn't give an award last year. DC/KW/IRG confirmed that as of the AGM in November that from this year ANBUG should be awarding annual ANBUG sustained contribution, outstanding research and young scientist awards along with the PhD thesis prize (see minutes of November 2018 meeting). Nominees are required in the near future for the sustained contribution/outstanding research and young scientist awards. The general consensus was that these awards should be awarded in a joint session with the synchrotron awards for collegiality.

7. Any Other Business – Meeting frequency, TR suggested every six weeks unless something urgent arises, in which case an emergency meeting will be convened. As this was agreed, AJC to schedule meetings via Doodlepoll approximately every 6 weeks.

Meeting Closed: 16:15