

ANBUG Executive Committee Meeting on 6th August 2021, 1pm

Meeting held: by Zoom teleconference

Present: Yun Liu (YL, President), Tracy Rushmer (TR, Past President), Chris Wensrich (CW, Vice President), David Cortie (DC, Treasurer), Ben Mallett (BM, Ordinary Member, NZ), Leonie van't Hag (LH, Secretary), Karyn Jarvis (KJ, Website/Comms) and Teng Lu (TL, ECR Member).



Apologies: -

Agenda:

1. *Welcome*

2. *President report (YL)*

ANSTO UM update.

Email from Jamie Schulz about sharing survey results in the form of a report. Give an option to people from instruments or sample environment to access detailed information from a specific question.

3. *User Survey (KJ)*

KJ divided the short answer questions, and TL, DC and KJ provided their summaries and BM will provide his shortly. KJ questions on international facilities, YL will help to collate it further from 30 dot points. KJ will put all summaries together to prepare a report by the end of August and will circulate by email.

A lot of comments around computational facilities, currently no general cluster available. Security might be a concern. David's understanding is that there is currently no official pathway for providing access to the ANSTO scientific computational cluster. In theory the NBI network has been setup for remote access and running calculations. In practice this allows some limited access to HPC calculations on a few machines and workstations (if you already have an NBN account). ANBUG could look into accessing the National Computing Infrastructure (NCI) to support neutron users. This could occur by one of two mechanisms: a) someone pays for a partner share access or b) ANBUG leads a merit-based NCMAS proposal.

Detailed survey results: provide authority to Jamie Schulz to use the information. And we will share report in the next month.

Decadal plan, NCRIS and ANBUG survey around at the same time, as well as internal ACNS survey.

4. *Events 2021*

- *Virtual ANBUG-ACNS Lecture Hall / workshops, high level (DC, BM, TL, CW)*
 - *Second one between August and November: (polarised) neutron reflectometry*

First town hall lecture on July 20th had around 50 attendees, chaired by BM.

Organise an event with Richard Mole around the new instruments, based on survey results.

Invite members to provide feedback on events they want to see. We can aim for one event per quarter.

- *Proposal writing workshop before next user round in September (CW)*
 - *Incl. consultation around double-blind review by Therese Donlevy*

Deadline September 15th, on the new portal. Early in the week of August 23rd should work well. Two speakers on proposal writing, Bruce Gaulin and CW or second speaker on soft matter side. Potentially Katy Wood as she gave a similar talk to ECRs earlier this year. Announce and organise early next week. Therese could also use ANSTO mailing list for advertising.

5. ANSTO User meeting 2021

24 – 26 November, online meeting, some budget for local hubs. 26 November in the morning ANBUG AGM for 1 hour. ANBUG Awards session 25th in the afternoon. Potentially with social event to celebrate the winners. Talk for all award winners, including new technical award.

- *ANBUG awards 2021*

Technical award was supported by a digital vote from 69 members (2 voted no).

Recognise somebody who would not be traditionally eligible for the other awards and contributed to development of new technology. Encourage people from engineering, sample environment, workshop, instruments to apply. KJ will update it on the website, add to newsletter about next event (next week).

- *Financial request from registration cost to cover awards – not covered by the meeting.*

Amounts are budgeted based on an income in every second year for the AANSS meeting that is supported by the ACNS. Registration fee for the meeting should be low to encourage engagement of members.

7. Update from the treasurer on ANBUG accounts & follow up discussion on how to use the fund

8. Current membership numbers and how to increase them (03/08/2021 342, 11 new in 2021)

9. Website & Newsletter

- Transfer ANBUG web hosting/domain hosting to a new society account

Currently on DC's personal name and bank account. Use ANBUG gmail email address that will be the contact, decoupled from the website host. Executive committee approves to go ahead.

10. Any other business

Next scheduled meetings on October 1st & December 3rd, 1pm

KJ, email from Helen about ACNS newsletter and have an ANBUG Corner in the newsletter. ANBUG users appreciated monthly update and keep our own news emails. Ask them to provide us with deadlines for content, and ask them if they want to contribute to the ANBUG newsletter.

At coming AGM mention that next year we will call for new executive committee members.

Actions from this meeting (Meeting on 6 August 2021):

KJ to check if we can get information on ANBUG website traffic.

KJ to prepare ANBUG Survey summary with YL and BM, and provided summaries.

KJ to update technical award details on ANBUG website.

CW to schedule and organise the proposal workshop to be held in the week of August 23rd.

DC to organise moving ANBUG website to a new society account