

## ANBUG Executive Committee Meeting on Friday 24 May 11am AEST

**Meeting held:** by Zoom teleconference

**Present:** Chris Wensrich (CW, President), Leonie van 't Hag (LH, Secretary), Kirrily Rule (KR, ANSTO member), Clemens Ulrich (CU, Treasurer), Michael Preuss (MP, Vice-President), Lu (Daniel) Jiang (LJ, ECR Member), Tracy Rushmer (TR, Past President)



**New NZ representative:** Samuel Yick, University of Auckland. **Guests:** Ian Gentle: (PAC Chair) and Jamie Schulz (Director ACNS)

**Apologies:** Grace Causer (GC, Website/Comms), Yun Liu (YL, Past President), Teng Lu (TL, ECR Member) joined 30 min late.

### Action items:

- Dialogue with the motel regarding wifi/eduroam access and cooking facilities. Write formal letter to Motel & ANSTO. [CW with AINSE \(Ian\) to write letter to CEO Shaun Jenkinson](#)
- Revisit mention of ANBUG in the proposal system: CW to include in email to Jamie
- New EOI round for centres of excellence. Participation of ACNS staff as PI's on grants has been limited, need to state benefits to ANSTO. MP to follow up with Andrew Peele.

#### 1. Welcome & President report (CW)

PAC has just happened and went well. A lot of proposals were submitted this round, maybe due to the shutdown. Pelican had the lowest success rate at 25%, Kowari 33%. Many international as well as Australian proposals so some discussion on how to balance that with limited travel funding available.

We might consider other communication channels such as Slack, Teams (difficult to share outside organisation) or Whatsapp. No common preferred platform for all EC members came forward from the discussion.

#### 1.1 AONSA meeting June 8-9 in Taiwan, EC board members and travel

CW to prepare ANBUG report and taking up the Secretary role for AONSA. Many attendees will be online this time. Planning to attend in-person in November after the neutron school in Mumbai at Bhabha Atomic Research Centre on Nov 24-28.

#### 1.2 Discussion regarding ACNS advisory board on vision and future plans

There is a scientific advisory committee. Jamie providing ANSTO/ACNS update in the meeting. New Research and Technology group directors. 2025 back to 300 days of operation for OPAL. Replacing cold source. Shutdown extended until 2 August from 4 July (original completion date, start on 18 March).

User portal replacement has been cancelled. There will be increased ANSTO car access (1 → 3).

ANSTO owns the motel and the management is contracted out. To follow up with CEO and for Schools capacity is too low which leads to high cost for external accommodation and transport. How can ANBUG/AINSE support to apply for funding? NSW government / Sutherland shire might be able to support. South city conference centre proposal with Lecture Theatre. Students cannot share rooms anymore.

ANSTO T&C Implementation, will go live for 2025-1 proposal round.

ACNS & NDF Advisory Committee does exist, Julie Cairney new member Uni Sydney. Chris does give an ANBUG report to this committee. Small number of people and not many academic experts in field. Committee rotates between Operations / Science (by year). Science case would be a separate process. Committee report comes to Jamie / scientific parts could be shared with ANBUG?

Access to New Policy proposals, put forward to government 5M\$ proposal to develop new decadal plan. Science case, drawings, cost estimates. Currently, ANSTO does not have funds to put internal resources on this work. Demonstrate how neutron scattering can provide Impact? Science and Industrial relevance. Department of Industry. There also needs to be a plan for increased operational funds when there is an expansion of instruments.

ANUG could maybe do another survey and provide proposals for needs for instruments as well. Organise joint workshops and work on case studies “If we have X we can do Y”.

International access: incorporating into wider NCRIS network to provide further funds / opportunities. Characterization Group has been restarted, Microscopy Australia, ANFF, Synchrotron, ACNS: Made to Measure.

## 2. AANSS 2024 organisation (KR / LJ): 4 – 6 NOV 2024

- **ANBUG awards & call for nominations by 30 September 2024 (Put on ANBUG website)**
  - LJ and KR: Can ANBUG support registration or flights for ECR & PhD award recipients?

[Website](#) for the meeting is up to date, abstract submission site up to date, sent out for sponsorship already and interested parties (at least 3 silvers sponsors needed).

→ Recommendations for keynote / plenary speakers: put forward if you have any.

Save the date email first week of June

## 3. Website & Communications, Wild Apricot (GC)

Grace has commenced with WildApricot, and the import of our member details. She is also chasing up members whose subscriptions have lapsed. The invoice for WildApricot is yet to come as they offer a 90 day free trial. She will be in contact with Clemens once we receive the invoice from WildApricot.

## 4. Finances (CU)

- Finalise the ANSTO Vendor form, CU has sent it to Jamie

## 5. Town Hall Events 2024 (TL, LJ)

- Proposal writing workshop could be run again / two portals for 2025-1: July, CW can present again. Next proposal deadline in September. Invite Ian.
- Magnetic diffraction analysis (powder and single-crystal analysis), polarised: Clemens / Chin-Wei Wang. **Middle of June**, start advertising
  - Bruce Gaulin / Takenao Shinohara (J-PARC) neutron magnetic imaging

## 6. Any other business

Next meeting: end of June

Jamie happy to provide another update at one of the next meetings.