

ANBUG Executive Committee Meeting on 1st October 2021, 1pm

Meeting held: by Zoom teleconference

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

Apologies: Chris Wensrich (CW, Vice President), Ben Mallett (BM, Ordinary Member, NZ)



Agenda:

1. *Welcome*

2. *President report (YL)*

ACNS accumulated beamtime because of lockdown, extended proposal round until February. As discussed with ANBUG and user suggestions, give priority to PhD students & ECRs to schedule approved beamtimes when staff can return to site. Additionally, scientific urgency is considered. There should also be an opportunity to submit a special consideration for new proposals to Jamie Schulz / User Office.

3. *ANSTO User meeting 2021: 24 – 26 November*

Abstract submission closed end of September, more than 200 abstract submissions and from more than 90 PhD students. AINSE supports registration fee for up to 100 students.

Plenary speakers have been contacted and keynote speakers have been decided.

- ANBUG AGM – not allocated yet
- ANBUG awards 2021
 - 22 Nominations and at least 3 nominees for all categories: Check they are ANBUG members or otherwise remind them
 - KJ will check memberships
 - Technical award was only for individuals this year, we could give some more specific prompts next time (e.g. if your work is supported by an amazing instrument scientist at ACNS ...)
 - Finalize Committees & processes
 - LH to send out all documents to the committees
 - Anna Paradowska, John White & David Cortie, with assistance from Karyn Jarvis for technical Award
 - PhD award: Rico Tabor, Tracy Rushmer & Teng Lu
 - Complete assessment 1 November
 - Send notice to everybody that they were nominated, encourage to attend the meeting. Award winners will be notified 1 – 2 weeks before the meeting.
 - Announce award winners at ANBUG AGM, they will get a presentation at the User Meeting so will need to know well in advance

4. *Events 2021 (DC, BM, TL, CW)*

- Proposal writing workshop August 24th (CW) – had around 50 attendees, 75 registrations. Video was uploaded to the ANBUG portal and has been asked about.
- Next event: Richard Mole to talk about second guide hall, to discuss within user community based on ANBUG survey. DC to organise for late October to provide recommendations in the ANSTO UM. Instrument leaders for each techniques are also working on proposals for new instruments, for next stage of engagement with users we can set up focussed meetings.

- Recently, the ORNL user community recently selected 8 new instruments: <https://mailchi.mp/ornl/neutrons-2566068?e=aaa529a54c> Over 100 researchers from more than 60 institutions worked with their neutron science colleagues from the Neutron Sciences Directorate and the STS Project to prepare proposals describing compelling science cases that established the requirements for the defined instrument concepts. The proposals were reviewed by an external committee of 22 recognized national and international experts.
- Future event: workshop on (polarised) neutron reflectometry

5. User Survey (KJ)

Since the last meeting we collated the list of recommendations. Request for clarification on travel fund allocation for road transport to Lucas Heights from within NSW. YL to send to Jamie Schulz.

6. Website & Newsletter

- Transfer ANBUG web hosting/domain hosting to a new society account, follow up next ANBUG EC meeting.
- Newsletter being sent out when there are updates. For next newsletter about seminar include information about the school.
 - The 5th Neutron and Muon School - online - Dec. 6 - Dec. 9, 2021.
 - Application deadline: 20th October, 2021

8. Any other business

Next scheduled meeting on December 3rd, 1pm.

Meeting in November before User Meeting: 5th of November, 1pm

340 members at the moment, encourage ANSTO UM attendees to register.

Actions from this meeting (Meeting on 1 October 2021):

KJ to update ANBUG Survey summary, YL to send to Jamie Schulz

KJ to send out newsletter about Neutron school & seminar Richard Mole when it is scheduled

DC to organise moving ANBUG website to a new society account

LH to send out all documents to award committees, and send email to all nominees