

ANBUG Annual General Meeting breakfast on 28 November 2023, 8.00-9.00am

Meeting held: Southern Sydney Event Centre (2 Crofts Avenue, Hurstville, NSW)

Agenda:

1. *Welcome (Chris Wensrich)*
2. *President report (Chris Wensrich)*
3. *Financial & Society Report (Clemens Ulrich)*
4. *Nominations for NZ Executive Committee Representative (Chris Wensrich)*
5. *International relation, incl. AONSA (David Cortie)*
6. *2023 Events & Town hall topic ideas for 2024 (Leonie van 't Hag)*
7. *ANSTO/AINSE travel support (Leonie van 't Hag)*
8. *Q&A and discussion (Chris Wensrich)*
 - *AANSS 2024*

Attendees: Chris Wensrich, Leonie van 't Hag, Trevor Finlayson, Robert Robinson, Anton LeBrun, Daniel (Lu) Jiang, Jamie Schulz, Karyn Wilde, Michael Gardiner, Paul Michalski, Michael James, Stuart Campbell, Alice Tiong, Brendan Kennedy, Callum Weir-Lavelle, Dehong Yu, Josie Auckett, Keith Bambery, Nicholas Florent

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AONSA meeting representatives on committee: improve diversity

Townhall events 30 – 50 attendees each

Members are reminded to renew their active membership.

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The committee and members thank Ben Mallett for his efforts on the EC committee. We welcome nominations for the NZ representative by 15 December.

5. *International relation, incl. AONSA (David Cortie / Chris Wensrich)*

David was on the ANBUG EC and AONSA board, need to keep our engagement.

Trevor: AONSA and Asia Oceania condensed physics society relationship? Separate, network of neutron facilities.

Robert Robinson and Teng Lu won AONSA awards in 2021, need to nominate members.

Robert Robinson: senior people should potentially do this as travel is required.



Jamie Schulz: ANBUG to nominate who the representatives are for AONSA. Tracy / Yun currently listed. Chris already on the board with Yun. Can substitute of president cannot attend. David Cortie is independent member as nominated by the executive.

Do we need to nominate another Australian representative on the board, June 2024 is the next meeting. Two meeting per year, one in conjunction with the neutron school.

India most likely going to be the bid for the next AONSA meeting, somebody outside of ANSTO would need to bid for the meeting. Last AOCNS was in Australia in 2015. Japan might bid for 2035. Maybe say we will do it if our turn comes around.

6. 2023 Events & Town hall topic ideas for 2024 (Leonie van 't Hag)

Suggested ANBUG push what interested in, e.g. cold diffractometer, sample environment, what community needs, could get talks from current sample environment suite

Koala 2.0 coming online, differences with 1.0

Any expansion in instruments/second guide hall: suggested ANBUG take lead in fighting for what community needs, how ANBUG reviews future of scattering in Aus and engagement internationally (e.g. something like former collaboration with ISIS, connection with spallation sources), through 'interest program' starting to do that, less need to go overseas now. Out of 6000 users, ANBUG not capturing as many as could.

ANBUG could also put forward a case (to NCRIS) for financial support for access to international facilities & new instruments. ANBUG can use the ACNS survey monkey account to collect surveys as well.

7. ANSTO/AINSE travel support (Leonie van 't Hag)

2015: travel arrangements from AINSE to ANSTO, consistent with synchrotron, which had \$250 for ground transport per team. Suggested ANBUG write formal statement to ANSTO, possibly with UAC if ground transport not enough.

8. Q&A and discussion (Chris Wensrich)

- AANSS 2024
- ANSTO T&C discussions will come back in 2024

Concerns around IP and liability. ANSTO does not want to own the IP. More communications will come out around that.

Concerns from users around industry related projects. Needs to be defined (Mike James / Jamie)

Industry doctorate / sponsored research, latest version will be shared with the ANBUG

Rob Robinson: Reduction in staffing levels at ACNS, does ANBUG need to go higher than Jamie at ANSTO to lobby for more support. Go up to CEO or Minister.

Stuart Campbell: Every 2 years have to renew ANBUG membership, could push up to 5 years? Check if that is in the constitution.