

ANBUG Executive Committee Meeting on Friday 12 April 11am AEDT

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), Teng Lu (TL, ECR Member), Lu (Daniel) Jiang (LJ, ECR Member), Grace Causer (GC, Website/Comms), Guest Ian Gentle: (PAC Chair) for first 30 min



Apologies: Tracy Rushmer (TR, Past President), Yun Liu (YL, Past President) both joined at 11.30am

Action items:

- Dialogue with the motel regarding wifi/eduroam access and cooking facilities. Write formal letter / email to Motel & ANSTO (via David Blackhall). CW to email Jamie
- ANBUG with the PAC should play a more significant advisory role to ACNS regarding their vision and future plans. CW, MP follow up with Jamie, with Ian Gentle
- ✓ NZ representative: Samuel Yick accepted. CW to send details to LH and invite to next meeting.
- ✓ ANBUG membership renewal every 2 years. Try to expand membership base. Make sure with new membership system to get reminders sent out when it expires and contact non-active members from current system
- 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. Opportunity to staff to participate in the best research in the country. For DP EOI's with less detail this is also an issue. Important for staff retention and scientific development and being part of a community. MP to follow up with Andrew Peele.

1. Welcome & President report (CW)

PAC Chair Ian Gentle joins the meeting. Previously the Bragg institute used to have an advisory board. ACNS advisory committee meetings in 2017 and 2018 were attended by the ANBUG Chair Ian. Present user feedback and follow up on actions and propose improvement.

Assessments based on proposals, international as well as Australia / NZ (any vision from ACNS?)

Clarify that the ANBUG chair is on PAC according to the guidelines

PAC does not have an official role to advise on strategy, facility updates from Jamie / Tamim

Michael was on scientific advisory committee of the ILL / ISIS / ESS, and on the PAC equivalent. Input from user community on what is going well or not. Discussions on new instruments and facilities, staffing. Write report based on meeting that ACNS should address and use to discuss with government, need to drive vision to keep up with international progress and development.

Propose reinstatement of advisory board, loss of research leader position at ACNS. Ian / Michael / Chris to draft a letter to Jamie / Tamim. Leonie to Invite Jamie to the next meeting.

2. AANSS 2024 organisation (KR / LJ)

Could hold at AINSE theatre again, right after the school November 4 - 6 (Mon - Wed). Venue booked, AINSE support confirmed. Writing MOU about funds to come back to ANBUG, sign by Michelle Durand (AINSE), Jamie (ACNS) and Chris (ANBUG). Call for invited speakers is currently out, and people to participate in program committee. Topics are also being reviewed.

ACNS event coordination team has no staff so not supporting this year while recruiting. KR has access to Indico to get the website up. Can also run through WildApricot.

3. Website & Communications

- Wild Apricot - GC. Invoice with CU and get money back from Jamie

Pricing depends on number of members, up to 250 then 500. Two year billing cycle \$2200 for up to 500 members. Email management system. Import members from spreadsheet.

Current website works well but can also host the website. Can embed wild apricot in current website for now and then transition website later from GoDaddy system.

4. Finances

- Finalise the ANSTO Vendor form and agree on conference funding prior to any future meetings

As agreed between AINSE (Michelle Durant, Managing Director), ANBUG (Chris Wensrich, President) and ACNS (Jamie Schulz, Leader), any profit arising as a result of the meeting (excluding in-kind staff contributions) will be retained by ANBUG, as a not for profit organisation representing the Australian neutron scattering user community.

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. May / June
 - Bruce Gaulin / Takenao Shinohara (J-PARC) neutron magnetic imaging

6. Any other business

Next meeting: 24 May 2024 11am