

ANBUG Executive Committee Meeting on Friday 28 June 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), Teng Lu (TL, ECR Member), Tracy Rushmer (TR, Past President), Yun Liu (YL, Past President), Samuel Yick (SY, NZ representative)



Apologies: Lu (Daniel) Jiang (LJ, ECR Member), Grace Causer (GC, Website/Comms)

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 tangible benefits to ANSTO (eg. students / equipment / funding for travel). MP to follow up with Andrew Peele from ANSTO and Mike Ryan at Monash University.

Mike Ryan from Monash University had a meeting with Andrew and to be followed up on outcomes. Previously PI's could join and/or provide a contribution for LIEF grants without funding to ANSTO from the ARC grant. Clarify the criteria and requirements. Foreign interference is taken into account for companies involved in a Linkage, security reviews all the grants but also beamtime proposals for participation in project and attending on-site. KR had to step back from a Linkage grant.

New Zealand is also considered under these international access rules, but for people who have security clearance already it does not apply. Visitors cannot come on site without going through the approval process.

1. Welcome & President report (CW)

PAC discussion on Australian and International users, proposals and awarded beamtime. It would be useful to have guidance on which universities and long-term users would not be eligible to attend due to the foreign interference rules.

AONSA meeting June 8-9 in Taiwan. The prize nominations are about to open and will close mid-August. Committee representation. [AONSA prizes link to share and send out to members](#). John White and Rob Robinson got the career award in the past. Gary McIntyre could be nominated.

Young researcher fellowships will be opened later in the year.

2. AANSS 2024 organisation (KR / LJ)

- [ANBUG awards & call for nominations by 30 September 2024 \(Put on ANBUG website\)](#)

[Website](#) for the meeting is up to date, abstract submission site up to date. ANSTO events team now has two part-time people that can help organise, book poster boards, catering, advertising. Abstract submissions will open next week. One plenary speaker accepted (hard condensed matter), [second slot is still open for recommendations](#).

Sponsorship, secured \$5000. AINSE venue and dinner at the cafe, ANSTO potentially does not allow any alcohol on-site. Might organise a mocktail station / non-alcoholic beer. If an ANSTO employee is representing the organisation at a conference they will also not be allowed to consume alcohol.

Send out call for nominations for ANBUG awards to mailing list together with call for abstracts and EC committee members, LvH to follow up with GC. Leonie can coordinate awards and ask committee members.

Vice-president and Secretary roles will be vacant so need to look for new EC committee members. Teng Lu will handover ECR role to Daniel Lu.

- LJ and KR: Can ANBUG support registration or flights for ECR & PhD award recipients?

We may be able to use sponsorship from the conference but this also covers award money. PhD students can apply for the AINSE travel fund. Free or discounted registration is definitely possible.

AINSE is giving \$5000 sponsorship for student travel for attending the conference. Yun can also support women in nuclear sciences from her Laureate Fellowship. Put information on the conference website, copy over from 2022 website.

3. Website & Communications, Wild Apricot (GC)

Cannot send batch emails anymore. Wild Apricot trial expired.

4. Finances (CU)

ANSTO vendor form has been submitted but we have not heard back.

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.
- 21 June, Magnetic Neutron Scattering, 33 attendees. To upload on YouTube.
 - Bruce Gaulin / Takenao Shinohara (J-PARC) neutron magnetic imaging. All documentation is in Japanese so would be challenging for them.
- Next event on 26 July and Daniel will coordinate, with Katy Wood on SANS and Quokka upgrades and new sample environments.

6. Any other business

Next meeting: in one month.