

ANBUG Annual General Meeting on 05 November 2024, 4.20pm-5.20pm

Meeting held: AINSE Lecture Theatre (Lucas Height, NSW)

Agenda:

1. Welcome (Chris Wensrich)
2. President report (Chris Wensrich)
3. Activity in 2024 (Chris Wensrich)
4. Financial report (Chris Wensrich)
5. EC membership change and appointment of new Vice President (Chris Wensrich)
6. AONSA YRF (Chris Wensrich)
7. Q&A and discussion (Chris Wensrich)



Attendees: Chris Wensrich, Leonie van 't Hag, Trevor Finlayson, Anton LeBrun, Daniel (Lu) Jiang, Jamie Schulz, Karyn Wilde, Michael Rose, Paul Michalski, Michael Preuss, Stuart Campbell, Alice Tiong, Brendan Kennedy, Dehong Yu, Kirrily Rule, Chin-Wei Wang, Grant Webber

1. Welcome (Chris Wensrich)
2. President report (Chris Wensrich)
 - Announced 2024 ANBUG Executive Committee members: Leonie, Teng and Grace are retiring. Samuel Yick, Ania Paradowska (new Vice President), Michael Preuss (New President), Gemeng Liang (Web and comm), Dr Hsin-Hui Shen (new Secretary), Chris Wensrich (new Past President)
 - 2024 Conference Organising: AANSS2024 (Chris, Kirrily and Daniel) and AONSA Neutron School and Broad Meeting (Chris)
 - 2024 Town Hall Events: 3 online seminars by Zoon, regular 35-40 participants. Suggestions are welcome for 2025.
 - All recordings of Town Hall seminars were uploaded to ANBUG YouTube Channel, including the presentation by Philip Withers today.
3. Financial Report (Chris Wensrich)
 - Incomes and expenses and changes from previous years are reported.
4. AONSA YRF (Chris Wensrich)
 - Although the application has been closed, only 2 applications received for 5 positions. Can contact Chris, "first come, first serve".
5. Q&A and discussion (Chris Wensrich)
 - Conditions for involvement in grants/ centres
 - NCRIS 2026 Roadmap
 - Access to major research facilities funding

Jamie: ANSTO previously supported cash contributions to grants but has changed. ANSTO won't not contribute any cash. ANBUG is independent voice, should use the voice for the development of Roadmap. ANBUG should think what are the most important for neutron community in the future. ANBUG can put suggestions into Roadmap development, such as what the community wants to see.

Michael Preuss: ANBUG should push ACNS but to be a good call. ANBUG can have workshops to develop voice for a same direction. Develop impactful cases which can be understood by politicians and industry.

Ania: ANSTO should bring more PhD and postdoc to ANSTO, creates more opportunities for ECR, otherwise we lose young talents. Although ANSTO has Future and FutureNow Programs, but limited to NSW, and it has hard to find students and industry for these programs. ANSTO needs full student projects. Also, it has very hard to get representative in industry and defence sectors.

Brendan Kennedy: Community needs to see where we will be in the next 10 years, how to meet ANSTO and ACNS priorities. We can have workshops supported by AINSE to get AINSE, ANSTO and ANBUG to be involved.

Trevor: Community needs to get AINSE involve when talk to Universities.

Grant Webber: It is challenging for AINSE representative in University to explain university or non-user group about out neutron capabilities. Manufacturing Group needs to know neutron capabilities as well.

Dehong: We should not close the door for spallation and compact neutron sources. Without users we cannot exist. We should make a long-term plan.