

SHUG-EC Conference Call: Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 3:00 – 4:00 PM EST

Attendees (online):

ORNL: Jaime Fernandez-Baca, Janell Thomson, Travis Williams, Naresh Osti, Lisa DeBeer-Schmidt, Hans Christen

External: Amy Xu, Geneva Laurita, Yun Liu, Rebecca Dally, Igor Zaliznyak, Daniel Shoemaker, Adrian Brügger, Peter Gilbert

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Minutes from April 2022 conference call: approve

Agenda for May 2022 conference call: approve

Section I: (3-3:30pm)

1. The EC meeting in June (a hybrid meeting at the ACNS?). (everyone)
 - The June EC meeting overlaps with the ACNS; should we have the EC meeting in-person for June? Tentatively, yes.
 - Related to meetings, our onsite ORNL visit is in July, should we skip the July meeting as well and substitute it with the onsite visit meeting?
2. Community letter regarding the neutron source outage/upgrade (Adrian)
 - letter still in edit mode
 - topics discussed: length (want letter targeted for impending problems, not all problems), lack of independent sources when user facilities are shut down, letter should address what we want DOE/DOD to do so it is not vague (propose plan of action), emphasize community support for existing upgrade plans at ORNL, how to prevent overlap of source shutdowns, communication of letter to other neutron groups (NSSA, NUG), who signs letter, who endorses letter, who will letter be addressed to
3. Student program at ORNL (Hans)
 - almost certain to go ahead and most hurdles cleared
 - student program would pay for travel and cost of living to stay 6 months at ORNL.
 - Goal of student program to build relationships between university groups and instrument teams. Growing user community and maintaining it is to build long terms relationships.
 - Teams will write proposals and depending on budget a number will be selected.
 - Plan is to have it announced at ACNS. It will be launched and competitive process.
4. Update the SHUG “Breakthrough Symposium” status. (Daniel, Geneva, Rebecca, and Yun, and Naresh)
 - no major updates

Section II: (3:30-4pm)

Annie Gladman joined call; Naresh left

1. Logistics of the on-site visit. (Janell)
 - Things that need addressing: meeting time and travels.
 - Clarified some logistics about travel arrangement (Annie)

Annie G. left call

- Topics/interests of the ORNL side for the on-site visit. (Hans)
- **action item (all):** contribute to email Hans started. What does the user community want and need.

Remaining NScD members left meeting

2. Closed door discussion for EC members only: on-site visit (everyone)
 - Tentatively, meeting times will be Monday, July 18, 9 am – 5 pm and Tuesday, July 19, 9 am – 12 pm

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- We should make sure to build in time in itinerary to go back and ask people questions at the end of the visit that have come up
- Would be of interest to talk to people who run the reactor/accelerator and would like to build in time for that.
- We still do not have response from NScD from the last report: some members feel like going this year is a waste of time if there is not a meaningful response from last year. A very detailed report was written last year and part of going this year is assessing changes made in response to that report.
- Any response generated by NScD in answer to last years' report needs to be formative and not just quickly thrown together to appease the SHUG EC
- (Igor) – wants to start prelim discussion on software