1. Call to Order - Steve Nesbit

2. Introductions

Steve Nesbit (Chair); Morris Hassler (Vice Chair); Gene Carpenter (Treasurer); John Dewes (Pas Chair); Lenka Kollar (Executive Committee); Luc Van Den Durpel (Executive Committee); Howard Hall (Executive Committee); Jim Behrens (Executive Committee); Chris Robinson (Program Committee Chair); Rian Bahran; Steve Mladineo; David Vermillion; Paul Dickman; Jalal Al-Hashemi, Nicholas Thompson; Jeffrey Chapman; Alicia Swift.

3. Approval of November 10, 2013 Meeting Minutes - Steve Nesbit

Minutes approved with no changes.

4. Report of the Chair

Steve Nesbit reported that President Don Hoffman is working to making the American Nuclear Society (ANS) the "professional society of choice" for those in the nuclear field. The Nuclear Nonproliferation Technical Group (NNTG) has a key role in that goal, as many people are working in the nonproliferation area. ANS is also working on new management, to be implemented in June 2015 and ANS members can still provide input on the system. Paul Dickman adds that ANS could gain 8000 members soon with Hoffman’s initiatives. Nesbit noted two of his focus areas over the past year: (1) increasing volunteers in NNTG and (2) rationalizing NNTG’s role within ANS. He recommended continued emphasis of these areas.

5. Report of the Vice-Chair

Morris Hassler stated that he appreciates the leadership of Steve Nesbit and that Nesbit has established good foundation for Hassler moving forward as Chair.

6. Report of the Secretary

On behalf of Shikha Prasad, Steve Nesbit thanked her for composing the minutes from the last meeting in November 2013.
7. Report of the Treasurer

Gene Carpenter reported that the NNTG budget currently contains $1547. Carpenter has not received a report from embedded topical at the ANS Winter Meeting in November 2013. Jeffrey Chapman added that the ANS Oak Ridge Local Section has pledged to give $1000 to NNTG from a conference for which the Fuel Cycle and Waste Management Division (FCWMD) and Isotopes and Radiation Division were co-sponsors. NNTG should participate in this conference in 2016.

8. Program Committee

Chris Robinson recapped the meeting of the NNTG Program Committee that took place immediately before this one. There are several NNTG organized sessions at this meeting. Robinson also reported on ideas for the upcoming conferences. John Dewes was nominated as general chair for 2nd NNTG embedded topical at the ANS Winter Meeting in November 2015. Attendees also discussed the theme for this embedded topical. There was strong interest to focus on the 2016 Nuclear Security Summit, and also for ANS/NNTG to participate as a non-governmental organization at the summit.

9. Newsletter

Steve Nesbit reported on behalf of Michaela Hoffman that the most recent spring newsletter is out. Hoffman is also looking for a replacement to take over writing the newsletter.

10. Website / Social Media

Lenka Kollar reported that the new website is up at nn.ans.org. There are also Facebook and LinkedIn groups for NNTG that members should participate in by posting interesting articles or starting discussions related to nonproliferation.

11. Old Business

a. Recycling Position Statement

Steve Nesbit reported that a group of NNTG and FCWMD personnel had worked with the Public Policy Committee to finalize the revision to the Nuclear Fuel Recycling Position Statement. Nesbit commended Mel Buckner for his leadership on the revision. The revised position statement would be going to the ANS Board of Directors for final approval at the Reno meeting. (Note – the position statement revision was subsequently approved by the ANS Board at the meeting)

b. Potential Transition to Division Status – Report of the Division Transition Committee
c. Standard Nonproliferation Presentation

Steve Nesbit reported that at the November 2014 meeting there was a discussion about future of NNTG. Nesbit constituted a Division Transition Committee (DTC) chaired by NNTG Executive Committee member Jim Behrens to provide a report to NNTG about the potential transition to division status and recommendations going forward. Behrens summarized the DTC report, which considered several options for NNTG within the ANS (remain a technical group, become a working group under another division, or transition to division status) and recommended that NNTG apply for status as a full division within ANS. Behrens noted that NNTG separates itself from other divisions by being policy-focused, while the other divisions are technology-based. Chris Robinson agreed that we need to distinguish our role from the other divisions. ANS President Don Hoffman encouraged NNTG to go forth with division status, noting that the Young Members Group also has non-technical role. Luc Van Den Durpel stated that this division could bring the international community to ANS since they are interested in policy. Lenka Kollar noted that the new division can bring in more members to ANS that will also join other divisions, rather than take away members from other divisions. Hoffman noted that NNTG is already doing the types of activities that the most involved divisions do.

Howard Hall made a motion to go forth with recommendations of the DTC report except to take action in accordance with a faster timeline of presenting an application to the Professional Divisions Committee at the Reno meeting. Discussion among the members ensued. Jeff Chapman of mentioned that FCWMD would like to improve relations with NNTG and collaborate between the program committees and with policy statements. Nesbit stated that he does not endorse a faster timeline and instead suggested it would be politically desirable to avoid the perception of rushing the other divisions on NNTG’s request to transition to a division.

Morris Hassler proposed an amendment to the motion that would target having a vote by the ANS Board of Directors on a transition to division status prior to the November 2014 ANS Winter Meeting. Voting members adopted the amendment and approved the motion unanimously.

Nesbit also brought up the issue of naming the new division, stating that the DTC report suggested "Nuclear Nonproliferation Division" but that there was also a suggestion the division use "Nuclear Nonproliferation Policy Division." Luc Van Den Durpel explained that “policy” in the name could deter international participants because it might imply that they are representing their governments.

Steve Nesbit informed the group that Steve Skutnik and Margaret Harding composed nonproliferation briefing materials for Congress last year. Skutnik is heading up an NNTG task force preparing a standard presentation on nuclear nonproliferation with a goal of finishing by November 2014 and providing the presentation to ANS as a resource.
12. New Business

a. Nuclear News Special Section on Nonproliferation

Steve Nesbit reports on behalf of Shaheen Dewji that she has been working with ANS about a special section on nonproliferation in the November 2015 issue of Nuclear News, to coincide with the NNTG embedded topical. Dewji will be asking for submissions in the future.

b. Honors and Awards Committee

Jim Behrens, the chairman of the committee, has been looking at creating an ANS award, administered by NNTG, to be awarded to individuals who have made significant contributions to nuclear nonproliferation. The award will possibly be named for Dwight D. Eisenhower. Behrens will give another report on the status of this award at the November 2014 meeting.

c. Support for Student Travel to National Meetings

Students from Penn State reported on the success of the 2014 student conference in April 2014. There were 550 attendees with 405 students and 95 podium presentations. Texas A&M then pitched the 2015 student conference that they are hosting. They are trying to have 50 international students attend and are already reaching out to them. There will also be a nuclear security workshop. The students encourage professionals to attend and participate on panels and help judge student presentations and posters.

This brought up the issue of contributing to support student travel to ANS meetings. Morris Hassler made a motion to allocate $250 from the NNTG budget to student support. An amendment was made to increase this funding to $500. Both the amendment and motion were approved unanimously.

d. Meeting Time Adjustment

Steve Nesbit reported that Jeff Brault of FCWMD requested NNTG move its Sunday meeting times one half hour later to facilitate NNTG attendance at the FCWMD Program Committee Meeting. Nesbit endorsed the change for future meetings. The consensus of the group was favorable, but no vote was taken because the meeting times are at the discretion of the NNTG chairman.

e. Table Schedule for President’s Reception

Steve Nesbit asked present members to volunteer at the NNTG table at the President’s Reception and formed a schedule.
f. NNTG Support for Annapolis Meeting

Jim Behrens asked NNTG to support a meeting to be held in Annapolis, MD, in April 2016. This conference will be focused on the new nuclear engineering major created at the Naval Academy, from which the first class will graduate in 2016. Operations and Power Division and Education, Training and Workforce Development Division are co-sponsoring the meeting. No committee vote was taken, but Steve Nesbit suggested the consensus of the committee is for NNTG to monitor the Annapolis meeting and support the meeting in a minor role as appropriate.

g. YMG Liaison

Steve Nesbit asked if anyone can serve as the NNTG liaison to YMG. Lenka Kollar volunteered to do this.

13. Adjourn