

## Minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting at the 2013 Winter Meeting (10<sup>th</sup> November)

1. ANS 2014 Student Conference, Penn State – State College, April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>.

Karen Bobkowski, the student conference co-chair, described the conference for the NNTG. Various panels, workshops, and technical session will be held. Panels on topics such as small modular reactors, fusion, waste management, accident impacts will be organized. Workshops for the Institute of Nuclear Materials Management, Symbolic Nuclear Analysis Package, and COBRA will also be held. The organizers solicited help for judging sessions and in obtaining contacts for potential funders. They specifically need judges for nonproliferation topics.

2. June 2013 meeting minutes.

The minutes of the June 2013 NNTG Governance Meeting were approved.

3. Reports by officers.

- a. Steve Nesbit – Chair
- b. Morris Hassler –Vice Chair
- c. Secretary – Shikha Prasad
- d. Treasurer – Gene Carpenter (provide copies of the cash-flow)

4. Nominating Committee report.

John Dewes reported that work on nominations for the executive committee is proceeding on track.

5. Special Advisory Committee on Nonproliferation.

Bill Burchill, chair of the SAC, made several recommendations.

- a. U.S. nuclear trade agreements (referred to as 123 agreements) should be given a prominent place in a near-term NNTG program such as the 2014 Winter Meeting (e.g., by a speaker at a plenary session, in a focused embedded topical meeting, or in one or more NNTG sessions).
- b. Foreign ownership of U.S. nuclear reactors should be given a prominent place in near-term NNTG programs (e.g., a high-level presentation at the 2014 Winter Meeting or in one or more NNTG sessions during the 2014 Winter Meeting).
- c. ANS should consider participation as a non-governmental organization (NGO) in the 4<sup>th</sup> Nuclear Security Summit (to be hosted by the U.S. in 2016).

6. Recycling Position Statement.

Mel Buckner chairs the group working on a revision to the Recycling Position Statement, but was not available to report. Bill Burchill and Steve Nesbit noted a second proposed revision was recently provided to the Public Policy Committee (PPC) attempting to address comments received on the first proposed revision. Steve and Bill will represent the writing group at the Wednesday PPC meeting.

7. NNTG Program Committee.

Chris Robinson reported the committee plans to sponsor an embedded Nuclear Nonproliferation Topical at the ANS 2015 Winter Meeting.

8. Newsletter.

Michaela Hoffman noted the newsletter is sent out twice a year between national meetings. She will be requesting articles in February to support the next newsletter in April 2014. The newsletter should contain at least two member articles, and a list of nonproliferation related books.

9. Website and social media.


John Gunning, the current website manager, noted that the website is not current at this time. For the future, an option will be to maintain the website through ANS rather than contracting with a third party as we do now. John will be retiring shortly so a new manager is needed. Lenka Kollar, who set up social media sites on LinkedIn and Facebook, volunteered to do the website as well.

10. Old Business.

Steve Nesbit reported on a meeting held with the Isotopes and Radiation Division (IRD) which is concerned about NNTG encroaching upon their expertise and area of interest. Morris Hassler and John Gunning also attended the meeting for NNTG, and Sam Glover, Steve Biegalski, and Steve LaMont represented IRD. The meeting was collegial and productive. It was agreed that NNTG will be especially attentive to the IRD concerns and take prompt actions if technical papers within IRD domain are submitted for NNTG sessions.

11. ANS President, Don Hoffman.

Donald is the Board of Directors sponsor for NNTG. He attended part of the NNTG Governance Meeting and made brief remarks. Donald described the presentation he made to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Congress held in Vienna, Austria in September 2013, where he addressed the IAEA member states and the attending NGOs. He agreed to send slides from the presentation to the NNTG.



12. New Business.

a. Nonproliferation reference material.

Steve Nesbit proposed a project for NNTG to prepare nonproliferation reference material (probably in the form of a ~ one hour presentation) and make it available for general use by ANS. Volunteers are needed to work on the presentation.

b. NNTG transition from “technical group” status to “division” status.

i. Discussion was held considering the pros and cons of the transition. It was pointed out that the ANS Professional Divisions Committee (PDC) had recommended a prompt transition to the division status when NNTG was established two years ago. John Gunning advised consulting with Accelerator Applications, the most recent technical group to make the transition to division. It was noted that NNTG will need to reach out to the ANS Board of Directors and “socialize” the idea with the PDC.

ii. The Executive Committee voted in favor of the transition to a division

iii. Steve Nesbit will establish a group to lay out the steps for the transition.

iv. Morris Hassler, John Dewes, Michaela Hoffman, Bernie Kirk, John Gunning, and Shikha Prasad volunteered to participate.

c. Steve Nesbit, Chair of NNTG, will serve as the media contact for nonproliferation matters during the ANS Winter meeting.

13. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4 pm EST.

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