

NCSD Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
San Diego, CA, June 4, 2000

Minutes of the Nuclear Criticality Safety Division Executive Committee Meeting, June 4, 2000, Town and Country Resort and Hotel, San Diego California.

Members present: Doug Croucher (Chairman), Jack Bullington (Vice Chair), Thomas Doering, Cecil Parks, Mark DeHart, Jeff Philbin

Others present: Jim Felty, Paul Felsher, Lon Paulson, Hans Toffer, Ron Marble, Mike Westfall, Calvin Hopper, Edward Kendall, Christa Reed, Steve Bowman, Fitz Trumble, Francis Alcorn, Warner Blyckert

1. Reports from Officers—Doug Croucher (Chair):

The 2000 NCSD election results are:

Chair: Jack Bullington

Vice-chair: Bob Wilson

Secretary: Steve Bowman

Treasurer: Jim Baker

Executive Committee: Valerie Putman, Lon Paulson, and Jerry McKamy

Anyone interested in nominating himself or herself or someone else should contact Doug Croucher. Chairman Croucher asked the attendees to consider whether NCSD should have a public policy. The ensuing discussion indicated that many members felt that it is a good idea. A guest from the ANS Nuclear Installation Safety Division asked NCSD to review a draft policy statement on nuclear safety. Several NCSD executive committee members voiced concern over present wording and desired to comment. Doug Croucher will coordinate this.

2. Minutes – James Baker (Secretary)

The meeting minutes of the previous meeting in Long Beach, CA were provided to the officers earlier.

3. Treasurer's Report -- Trent Primm (Treasurer)

The four-year budget plan was created by Trent Primm and will be available at the next meeting. Currently, the NCSD account has 10,900. The YTD expenses are \$300. Awards of \$400 and \$300, respectively, will be given to the authors of the first- and second-place student research papers. \$50 will be given for the best paper award.

4. Standing and Special Committee Reports

A. Program Committee (M. DeHart)

Six sessions are planned for Milwaukee meeting (see Program Committee meeting minutes).

B. Education Committee

Petition ANS Subcommittee for a new Standard on Qualifications, separate from 8.20. White papers are coming out soon to describe better what the education committee is about. The NCTSP meetings are being discontinued. Essential meeting that took place in conjunction with NCTSP (such as the ANS-8 standards meetings) will, in the future, take place in conjunction with the ANS Summer and Winter meetings, starting with the November 2000 meeting. See Education committee minutes for further information.

C. Membership (Tom Doering)

reported that there has been an 11% increase in NCSD membership; there are now 628 registered members. ANS membership as a whole is declining (1% reduction this year to 10,188). Other significant changes in ANS divisions are: 18% growth in accelerator applications membership, 18% growth reported in biomedical membership, and 16% growth reported in human factors.

Christa Reed asked if we, as a division, want to be more proactive in recruitment and retaining members, including internationals. Calvin Hopper suggested that the division newsletter be sent to (NCS?) supervisors and let them disseminate to those who are not members of ANS. A suggestion was made to review the speakers in the last two years and recruit any that are not members. Cecil: appeal to professional responsibility.

D. Publications (Christa Reed)

reported that a nomination form was/is included with the division newsletter. The format will remain the same if no suggestions for improvement are received. Contact Christa directly ([ncsdnews@att.net](mailto:ncsdnews@att.net)) for input to NCSD newsletter.

E. Web Site Ad Hoc Committee (Mark DeHart)

reported that the web site has moved to the ANS web site. Will need \$500 per year to pay a university (which one?) for a student to maintain the web site.

F. Honors and Awards Committee (S. Huang)

Santiago Parra) (of LLNL) is working on judging papers.

G. Special Committee (M. Westfall)

Mike Westfall reported that the nomination forms (for Technical Excellence Award and the Distinguished Service Award) went out with the last newsletter. \$1100.00 is in the annual budget for both awards. This will allow for a \$500.00 monetary award (each) with \$100.00 allowance for two plaques.

H. ANS-8 Liaison (T. McLaughlin)

Jack Bullington reported for Tom McLaughlin that three standards (8.6, 8.15, and 8.21) are in maintenance, and that 8.9 has been withdrawn. Jim Morman is the chair of the proposed standard on NCS Qualifications. There will be a poster session on ANSI/ANS standards at the November meeting in Washington D.C. The Working Group chairmen are expected to be there.

I. Government/Industrial Relations (Lon Paulson)

reported on recent consolidation activities in the U.S. fuel fabrication industry. The NRC revision of 10CFR70 and the associated Standard Review Plan (SRP) are near final publication.

5. Old Business

None

6. New business

Attendance at the Planning committee meeting has been minimal. The need for the planning committee was discussed. It was agreed to cancel these meetings (and abolish this committee?) Cecil will get a copy of the 5-year plan and proposed by-law changes to Doug Croucher and Jack Bullington.

The Program committee meetings will continue at the same time slot. The Executive committee meetings will be moved to 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.. The Education committee meetings will be from 10:00 am – 11:00 am.

Cecil Parks asked if the Division is willing to pay for a bus to the NCSD luncheon or dinner that is typically held at each meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at about 5:15 p.m.