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Nuclear Criticality Safety Division

Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Annual ANS Conference, June 16, 2023

Member, position	Present?	Proxy
Officers		
Tracy Stover, chair	Yes	
Dominic Fred Winstanley, vice-chair	Yes	
Theresa Cutler, treasurer	Yes	
Jen Alwin, secretary		
Katherin Norton, past chair		
Deborah Hill, PDC Chair	Yes	
Katy Worrell, student member	Yes	
Executive Committee At large Through June 2024		
Nicholas W. Brown		
Joseph A. Christensen		
William "Mac" Cook		J. Cole
Executive Committee At large Through June 2025		
Michael L. Zerkle	Yes	
Larry L. Wetzel		
Hannah P. Morbach		
Executive Committee At large Through June 2026		
John Bess	Yes	
Mandy Bowles Tomaszewski	Yes	
Kristin Stolte		T. Cutler

1. Welcome and roll call
 - a. Michael Fendler volunteered to take notes.
 - b. Quorum and proxies confirmed
2. Chair's Report (Tracy Stover)
 - a. Major accomplishment for the division inf 2023-24 were the Salary Survey update and significant progress on the 2025 Topical Meeting
 - b. From the ANS President's Breakfast:
 - i. the national bylaws are being revised to change the governance terms to start in November rather than June
 - ii. the society is investigating the use of AI in ANS, especially for maintaining its 60+ years of publication history
 - iii. There is a change in winter meeting venue after the next cycle, the years ANS is in D.C. will be at a new hotel downtown
 - iv. ANS is growing but 1/3 of the members are now students/young members and the society is trying to figure out how to maintain their participation



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- c. From the PDC meeting: webinars are doing well for various divisions, recommend NCSA utilize this communication form in the future.
3. Vice Chair's Report (Fred Winstanley)
 - a. Fred made points about (i) keeping "adding value to the wider membership" at the forefront of everyone's mind, and (ii) the need for "doers" to progress activity
 - b. Looking ahead: get participation from young members, NCSA should reach out and utilize what resources the PDC can provide to help
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Expenses: lower than usual, awards were not dispersed for the last Winter Meeting member challenge
 - b. Income: higher than expected, large portion was royalties from Bob Busch's book, income from the topical has to be estimated and sponsors are needed, the overall sponsorship for division activities last year was lower, previous dinner was more expensive than usual too,
 - c. Scholarship will be included on future treasurer reports
5. ANS Student Conference 2025 (Ethan Krammer)
 - a. April 3-5, 2025 in Albuquerque, NM with UNM hosting
 - b. There will be an NCS focused workshop on Thursday
 - c. Looking for any NCSA participation, executive or otherwise
 - d. Considering award/scholarship split between student conference
 - e. Motion: Allocate \$250 for the student conference award for NCS Track Specific with the remaining funding to be used by the conference general support. Second by Katy Worrell. **Motion passed.**
6. ANS 8 series standards (Doug Bowen)
 - a. Many standards are in maintenance mode
 - b. Basis statements are being worked by subcommittees
 - c. 8.1, 8.10, 8.12, 8.17, 8.19 have been reaffirmed
 - d. 8.23, 8.24 are being revised
 - e. 8.22 is in ANS ballot, 8.20 and 8.26 in NCSA ballot
 - f. 8.28 has been approved and basis statements are being worked and all references are working toward being publicly available
 - g. Standardizing reference and definition database
 - h. Working group ballots will soon be mandated for getting a standard to subcommittee ballot so to show working group involvement
 - i. Doug will prepare and distribute the minutes from the ANS 8 meeting held the preceding week.
7. NCSA 2025 Topical Update (Theresa Cutler)
 - a. Sept. 14-18, 2025 in Austin, TX at the AT&T conference center
 - b. Sponsorship prospectus has been issued and asking for sponsors
 - c. Technical tracks are set and all have track leads
 - d. Call for papers will be sent out soon
 - e. Two tours will be offered, with limited space



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- f. Dinner will be held at the conference venue
- g. NEA will sponsor and have a meeting (expecting higher participation from that group)
- h. NSE will do special issue to publish papers in the journal if authors want
- 8. Overview of the Learning from Experience Database (Doug Bowen and Deb Hill)
 - a. UK tool to capture upsets for educational experience, help with hazards identification, and trending
 - b. Powerful tool for international community – expecting worldwide use
 - c. Now live on the NCSP website and working on a communication to announce it to the division
 - d. Request NCSO to look at it and potentially submit entries and suggest improvements
 - e. Emphasis on both positives and negatives of each event, near misses to minor non-conformances welcome
 - f. There is a detailed instruction form on how to submit entries
 - g. Documents will need to be sanitized for public release
- 9. UK Early Careers Criticality Safety Network (Fred Winstanley)
 - a. UK network and looking for international liaison
 - b. Hosted by the UK NCSO equivalent
 - c. Networking opportunities for young people with support from established career people
 - d. Education and outreach like the UK webinar series and workshops
 - e. James Cole volunteered to be the liaison
 - f. Discussion for potentially a new subcommittee of NCSO
 - i. Needs a champion
 - ii. Lots of discussion
 - iii. Discussion tabled for the winter meeting – NCSO members interested should come with proposals for how this will service young members. Catherine Percher suggested a young member champion.
 - iv. Catherine Percher offered to write-up the initial proposal, plus Ashley Raster also offered to support the overall effort.
- 10. Committee Reports:
 - a. Program: Ben Martin
 - i. Sessions confirmed for Winter 2024, 29 papers this time around good participation
 - ii. Since the topical will be technical paper heavy, the 2025 Annual and Winter meetings will focus more on panel sessions
 - b. Membership: Kristin Stolte No report.
 - c. Honors and Awards: Kristan Wessels
 - i. Down \$2100 from the dinner due to costs v. sponsorship
 - ii. Budget will be fixed to reflect the correction
 - iii. Remember to vote for best paper at this conference
 - d. Scholarship: Julie Ezold



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- i. One 2024 scholarship awarded
- e. Communications: Theresa Cutler
 - i. Riley and Katy have taken over the newsletter
 - ii. Next newsletter highlights are the lessons learned database, the award for the NCS track in the student conference, and announce the winter meeting dinner
 - iii. Next issue should be out in July
 - iv. Ashley Raster and Mandy Bowles volunteered as administrators for the new website, with help from Fred.
- f. Education: Mandy Bowles
 - i. Webinar series in works
 - ii. Call for white papers focusing on outreach to public sector
- g. Bylaws and Rules: Brittany Williamson **No report.**
- h. Special Committee on Outreach to Military, Trades and Operations
 - i. Joe Christensen was overseeing this but has made no progress report or contact at all in over a year.
 - ii. Mackenzie Gorham has expressed interest in taking over the special committee
 - iii. Will disband within a year if no further progress.
- 11. Recognition of 2024-2025 Executive Committee
 - a. New EC members listed below.
- 12. Old/New Business
 - a. There was no presentation tech or Teams link for today's meetings. IT has a high charge for use of equipment \$350-\$500 per meeting. The division should explore how to set up a Teams meeting for ourselves next time.

New 2024-25 EC Members:

Vice Chair	Andrew Prichard
Secretary	Kristan Wessels
Executive Committee 2024-27	Amy Van Der Vyver
Executive Committee 2024-27	Dallas Moser
Executive Committee 2024-27	Shauntay Coleman

