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Nuclear Criticality Safety Division

Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

3 – 4.30pm CDT, June 15, 2025

Member, position	Present?	Proxy
Officers		
Dominic (Fred) Winstanley, chair	x	
Andy Prichard, vice-chair	T	
Theresa Cutler, treasurer	x	
Kristan Wessels, secretary	x	
Tracy Stover, past chair		
Kim Burns, PDC Chair		
Katy Worrell, student member	T	
Executive Committee At large Through June 2025		
Michael L. Zerkle	T	
Larry L. Wetzel		FW
Hannah P. Morbach		
Executive Committee At large Through June 2026		
John Bess	x	
Mandy Bowles Tomaszewski	T	
Kristin Stolte		TC
Executive Committee At large Through June 2027		
Dallas Moser	T	
Shauntay Coleman	x	
Amy van der Vyver	T	
Liaison roles		
Student liaison: Katy Worrell	T	
ANS Board liaison: Katy Worrell	T	

"T" indicates present via Microsoft Teams

General themes:

1. *Keeping "adding value to the wider membership" at the forefront of everyone's mind.*
2. *How to engage with the membership and encourage "doers" to progress activity.*

1. Welcome and roll call
 - a. Apologies:
 - b. Quorum and proxies

A quorum is present. Larry Wetzel has designated Fred Winstanley as his proxy.
 Kristin Stolte has designated Theresa Cutler as her proxy.

2. Action responses

Scholarship-Julie and Katy are working on possible ways to advertise the scholarship including making a short (30-45 sec) promotional video and revising the promotional



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flyer with links for the November meeting. Additionally, the Division is asking for volunteers to speak at universities. The Point of Contact list being compiled by Michael Fendler or the ANS student sections can be used to set up a presentation. Kristan suggested that a standardized presentation would be helpful.

Julie will discuss with other divisions about how they are doing with the number of applicants.

NRC Organizations – Andy is looking for volunteer(s) to lead this effort. Dallas volunteered.

3. Officer/ Liaison Reports

a. Chair's Report (Fred Winstanley)

Not much feedback from the President's breakfast. There are ~1400 attendees at the June meeting. The NCSD attendance is light, as expected, due to the upcoming Topical meeting. A question was asked if the NCSD is following the ANS attendance trends.

b. Vice Chair's Report (Andy Prichard)

Andy attended the National Program Committee meeting. Standalone Topicals are becoming problematic.

c. Treasurer's Report (Theresa Cutler)

i. NCSD Budget position

The amount of money from Dr. Busch's book has been corrected. The budget estimates ~\$8000 profit from the Topical meeting. The budget needs to be approved by September.

ii. Scholarship funding

Scholarship is appropriately funded and award amounts are in line with other awards (\$2500 for undergraduate and \$5000 for graduate)

d. Secretary's Report (Kristan Wessels)

May meeting minutes have been approved and will be submitted to ANS on Monday, June 16.

e. PDC liaison (Fred/ Andy)

i. 1 page abstract discussion - Feedback to John Fabian

Need continue looking into lightning talks. There are 26 lightning talks at the NCSD Topical. There was a decision not to have lightning talks at the Winter Conference in November. Andy has an action review the benefits of lightning talks to the NCSD after the NCSD Topical and discussion with PDC.

ii. Feedback from PDC meetings

ANS has offered to administer professional division websites. Deb Hill to communicate to the PDC that NCSD would like to continue administering the NCSD professional division website. Other key items discussed at PDC meeting include ANS Mentor Match and certifications.



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- f. Student liaison (Katy)
 - i. Student conference feedback
No report.
- g. ANS-8 series standards (Doug Bowen)
 - ANS standards forum is on Monday, June 16. There have been many changes since the last standards forum:
 - ANS 8.1 Josh Marshall is the new chair
 - ANS 8.3 implementation questions
 - ANS 8.6 set to expire
 - ANS 8.20 revision published
 - ANS 8.23 Brandon O'Donnell is the new chair
 - ANS 8.26 revision published
- 4. NCSD 2025 Topical (Theresa Cutler)
 - On track for September. 111 papers including 26 lightning talks. Three speakers have been lined up for the plenary. There have been no submittals for the speech competition.
 - Reminder to prioritize booking the conference hotel. Technical tours and workshops still have openings.
 - The conference is halfway to the sponsorship goal.
- 5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Program: Ben Martin
 - There are six sessions for the June conference. There are ten papers and two lightning talks. Ben will try to collect presentations for the NCSD website.
 - b. Membership: Kristin Stolte
 - Membership has increased slightly.
 - c. Honors and Awards: James Cole
 - i. 2025 award nominations
 - Call for nominations has been emailed to members. Nominations are due by the end of June. Please consider nominating.
 - d. Scholarship: Julie Ezold
 - There were two applicants for the scholarship this year, with both being quality applicants.
 - e. Communications: Theresa Cutler
 - Katy Worrell will be the Communications chair after the June meeting.
 - i. Newsletter - Riley/ Katy
 - Summer newsletter complete.
 - ii. Website – Ashley Raster
 - The NCSD website has been updated quite a bit by Ashley. Please let her know if any changes/updates need to be made.
 - f. Education: Michael Fendler
 - There is an effort to work with the UK Early Careers Criticality Safety Network on developing webinars.



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-There is an effort to reinvigorate mentorship program.

-Developing a point of contact list for DOE and commercial sites as well as universities. Please let Michael know if join the Education Committee.

g. Bylaws and Rules: Brittany Williamson

No report.

h. Special Committee on Outreach to Military, Trades and Operations: Mackenzie Gorham

No report.

i. Young Members subcommittee: James Cole

i. NCSD 2025 Social/ funding

The social event at the Topical meeting will be capped at 40 attendees and individuals must be 21+. The cost of the social event is \$2173, which is above the \$2000 approved by the Executive Committee in April.

Motion: Fred Winstanley put forth a proposal to increase the NCSD funds for the Young Member social at the Topical meeting to \$2173. Second by Kristan Wessels. **Motion passed.**

j. Nominating: *(Committee has completed business for 2025 elections)*

6. NCSD Exec strategy/ actions/ opportunities

a. Look forward to 2025/26 (Andy)

b. Engaging younger members

c. Reaching out to NRC regulated organizations (see Action)

d. Future of ANS Summer meetings/ NCSD Topicals (Andy)

i. *Objective:* to establish a forum to develop NCSD-related proposals/ actions

7. Old/New Business

a. ANS Elections – recap of results

i. Vice-chair: Theresa Cutler

ii. Secretary: Kristan Wessels

iii. Treasurer: Ben Martin

iv. Committee at large: Alicia Salazar-Crockett, Rae Moser, James Cole

b. Nuclear Science and Technology Open Research (NSTOR) (Deb/ Andy/ Theresa)

i. John Fabian has volunteered to talk through the platform at a meeting (to save for an on-line meeting with presentation capability)

NSTOR is the latest addition to the ANS publishing platform. ANS members can access the published material for free. A fee is charged to the publishers (with students being free). Material is published without review and has open peer review. Material can be papers, presentations, posters, reports, etc. Andy has an action to invite John Fabian to speak at an NCSD Executive Committee meeting.

c. Committee membership

i. Committees with up to date details are: H&A, Young Members, Nominating, Scholarship



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ii. Committee opportunities (see list below).

d. Chair Outgoing Remarks

Fred thanks everyone for their work throughout the year. There have been many accomplishments throughout the year including:

- New awards through the Honors & Awards Committee
- Starting the Young Member Committee
- Work toward advertising scholarships
- Planning the 2025 NCSD Topical
- Website has been updated and rationalized

However, there is always more work to do.

Actions

Action	Actionee	Date Raised	Date Due
Discuss potential ways to better advertise NCS scholarship with scholarship committee <i>Ethan is connecting on student conference. Student Committee is planning a scholarship application working session.</i>	Katy Worrell/Ethan Krammer	11/17/24	3/5/25
Work on getting in touch/making inroads with NRC Groups who would be good additions to the NCSD. Work with volunteers (Dallas, James K, Larry, Lon, Hannah)	Andy Dallas	3/11/25	
Evaluate lightning talks impact to NCSD.	Andy	6/15/25	11/9/25
Invite John Fabian to discuss NSTOR with Executive Committee	Andy	6/15/25	10/14/25

Committee Opportunities

- Membership: Vice-chair
- Scholarship: New members
- Other: ?

Links

[Home -- Nuclear Criticality Safety Division \(ans.org\)](https://www.ans.org) (NCSD website)

Topical meeting: <https://www.ans.org/meetings/ncsd2025/>

Others in attendance: Teams-Rae Moser, In Person-see attendance sheet

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