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Nuclear Criticality Safety Division

Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

1:00 – 2:00pm EDT, July 8, 2025

Member, position	Present?	Proxy
Officers		
Andy Prichard, chair	x	
Theresa Cutler, vice-chair	x	
Ben Martin, treasurer	x	
Kristan Wessels, secretary	x	
Dominic (Fred) Winstanley, past chair		
Christina Leggett, PDC Chair		
Katy Worrell, student member		
Executive Committee At large Through June 2026		
John Bess		
Mandy Bowles Tomaszewski		
Kristin Stolte	x	
Executive Committee At large Through June 2027		
Dallas Moser		
Shauntay Coleman		
Amy van der Vyver	x	
Executive Committee At large Through June 2028		
Alicia Salazar-Crockett		
Rae Moser		
James Cole		
Liaison roles		
Student liaison: Katy Worrell		
ANS Board liaison: Kelsey Amundson		

Specific Questions for The executive committee members (and others on the call)

- 1. What do you want the NCS division to do that would make your life in criticality safety better.*
- 2. What do you want to achieve as part of the expanded executive committee.*
- 3. What will improve the value of NCSD for the division members: networking, standards, recent experiences, regulatory updates, code updates, cross-section updates, mentoring*
- 4. How can we get more newer members to take on the leadership roles.*

****Fair warning I may ask you about these questions during the executive meetings.*

General themes:

- 1. Keeping “adding value to the wider membership” at the forefront of everyone’s mind.*



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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 was not present. No votes were scheduled.
2. Action responses
Scholarship-no update since the June meeting.
NRC facilities- no updates.
3. Officer/ Liaison Reports
 - a. Chair’s Report (Andy Prichard)
ANS has stated that the NCSD Awards need to be approved by the ANS Board.
James and Theresa are working the paperwork.
Kelsey Amundson will be the ANS Board liaison with NCSD until June 2026.
 - b. Vice Chair’s Report (Theresa Cutler)
Theresa is working on clarifying positions.
 - c. Treasurer’s Report (Ben Martin)
 - i. NCSD proposed budget
Budget will be prepared for presentation at August meeting for discussion and vote.
 - ii. Scholarship funding
Scholarship fund is appropriately funded for one scholarship per year. No need for further discussion.
 - d. Secretary’s Report (Kristan Wessels)
June meeting minutes are out for vote. All of last year’s meeting minutes have been uploaded into Collaborate. Discussion on if Collaborate should be used for voting in the future.
 - e. PDC liaison (Andy Prichard)
 - i. 1 page abstract discussion - Feedback to John Fabian
 - ii. Feedback from PDC meetings
Christina Leggett is the new PDC liaison.
 - f. Student liaison (Katy Worrell)
 - i. Student conference feedback
No report.
 - g. ANS-8 series standards (Doug Bowen)
No report.
4. NCSD 2025 Topical (Theresa Cutler)
Starting to get more sponsorships but still need more. Reminder to prioritize booking the conference hotel.



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5. Committee Reports:

a. Program: Ben Martin

There are 16 papers for the Winter meeting. This low number is expected with the Topical. Please ensure that you complete your reviews. One paper appears to be a lighting talk instead of a full paper.

b. Membership: Kristin Stolte

Membership numbers are in line with last year. Andy has asked Kristin to look into the possibility of incorporating the Special Committee on Outreach to Military, Trades and Operations and the Young Members subcommittee into the Membership Committee.

c. Honors and Awards: James Cole

i. 2025 award nominations

No report.

d. Scholarship: Julie Ezold

With the planned efforts for increasing the communications about the scholarship, more volunteers are needed for this committee.

e. Communications: Katy Worrell

No report.

i. Newsletter - Riley Bulso / Katy Worrell

ii. Website – Ashley Raster

f. Education: Michael Fendler

No report.

g. Bylaws and Rules: Brittany Williamson

The standard bylaws and rules for professional divisions were approved by the board in January 2025, which should allow NCSD to move forward with our revision. The Goals and Finance Committees are still in the bylaws. Theresa will review previous meeting minutes to determine when the Goal Committee was disbanded.

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

No report.

i. Young Members subcommittee: James Cole

No report.

i. NCSD 2025 Social/ funding

j. Nominating: F Dominic (Fred) Winstanley, past chair

No report.

6. NCSD Exec strategy/ actions/ opportunities

a. Look forward to 2025/26 (Andy Prichard)

b. Engaging newer members

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

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



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Kelsey stated that the special committee convened by the ANS Board of Directors to examine upcoming conference options officially ended in June. The committee recommended that the Annual meetings each summer stop after the scheduled 2027 conference. This will allow Topical meetings to occur during the summer months. Governance will be moved to the Winter Meeting (which will have a title change to the Annual Meeting).

- i. *Objective:* to establish a forum to develop NCSD-related proposals/ actions
- ii. *Action to develop a special committee to stay current with BOD thoughts and have a pre-considered NCSD path forward. Look at a newer member from the topical to lead the effort. Potential members include: Theresa Cutler, Deb Hill. Find a few newer member to push this effort forward in preparation for 2029 activity.*

A motion was not presented to form this subcommittee due to lack of quorum.

7. Old/New Business

a. Nuclear Science and Technology Open Research (NSTOR) (Deb Hill / Andy Prichard/ Theresa Cutler)

- i. John Fabian has volunteered to talk through the platform at a meeting (to save for an on-line meeting with presentation capability) need to schedule a presentation at one of our meetings. Need to present a clear value for the division.

b. Committee membership

- i. Committees with up to date details are: H&A, Young Members, Nominating, Scholarship
- ii. Committee opportunities (see list below).

Kristan suggested that a communication be sent to the division soliciting participation with a description of each committee and chair contact information. Andy has an action to contact committee chairs for information

c. Board of Director Updates

ANS is developing a strategic plan with four pillars: technical exchange, workforce development, public outreach, and policy holder education. The plan should be sent out to the divisions for awareness with webinars to follow.

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



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Work on getting in touch/making inroads with NRC Groups who would be good additions to the NCSD. Work with volunteers (Dallas Moser, James Kuropatwinski, Larry Wetzel, Deb Hill, Lon Paulson, Hannah Morbach)	Dallas Moser	3/11/25	
Evaluate the impact and value of lightning talks with papers – look at people giving lightning talks at topical to find a junior leader	Andy Prichard	7/8/25	
Develop a special committee to stay current with BOD thoughts and have a pre-considered NCSD path forward. Look at a newer member from the topical to lead the effort. Potential members include: Theresa Cutler, Deb Hill, Find a few newer members to push this effort forward in preparation for 2028 activity.	Andy Prichard	7/8/25	

Committee Opportunities

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

Links

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

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

Others in attendance: David Erickson, Julie Ezold, Tracy Stover