



# American Nuclear Society

Nuclear Criticality Safety Division

## Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

1:00-2:00 pm EDT, Oct 14, 2025

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

*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:*



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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 was not present. No votes were scheduled.**

### 2. Action responses

### 3. Officer/ Liaison Reports

#### a. Chair's Report (Andy Prichard)

- i. NPC meeting
- ii. Discussion on Rules and Bylaws changes (Brittany)
- iii. Discussion on Special Committee on outreach (Mackensie – Kelsey)
- iv. Formal Policy on reimbursing Members that are setting up NCSD functions.

**Discussion on the need to reimburse members in an expeditious manner.**

#### b. Vice Chair's Report (Theresa Cutler)

- i. Will work with organizing committee to write-up all our notes/ lessons learned in the coming month

#### c. Treasurer's Report (Ben Martin)

**No update.**

- i. NCSD budget approved

#### d. Secretary's Report (Kristan Wessels)

**September meeting minutes were submitted. Reminder that November Executive Committee Meeting is Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Winter Meeting. Kristan to send out an email asking if extended EC members will be attending in person. The virtual meeting link is publicly available on the ANS meeting website but will be sent out to the extended EC email list.**

#### e. PDC liaison (Andy Prichard)

- i. 1 page abstract discussion - Feedback to John Fabian
- ii. Feedback from PDC meetings

#### f. Student liaison (Katy Worrell)

- i. Student conference feedback

#### g. ANS-8 series standards (Doug Bowen)

### 4. NCSD 2025 Topical (Theresa Cutler)

- i. Final report

**Good attendance and participation.**

- ii. Lesson learned

### 5. Committee Reports:

- a. Program: Ben Martin

**No report.**



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- b. Membership: Kristin Stolte
    - Kristan Wessels to become vice-chair of committee.**
  - c. Honors and Awards: James Cole
    - i. 2025 award nominations
    - ii. Status of Awards Dinner
      - Ten people have RSVP'd with a couple sponsors. Dinner capped at 50 attendees.**
  - d. Scholarship: Julie Ezold
    - No report.**
  - e. Communications: Katy Worrell
    - No report.**
    - i. Newsletter - Riley Bulso / Katy Worrell
    - ii. Website – Ashley Raster
      - Need younger reviewers
  - f. Education: Michael Fendler
    - Encourage a few specific tasks. The Webinar series is very good.
    - Michael will refocus on committee now that the Topical is over. The plutonium chemistry workshop was a success at the Topical.**
  - g. Bylaws and Rules: Brittany Williamson
    - Additional changes will need to be made in the future to support the changes to a single meeting per year.**
  - h. Special Committee on Outreach to Military, Trades and Operations: Mackenzie Gorham
    - i. May want to refocus this committee to reach out to include more operations staff in NCSD
      - Discussed email correspondence about engaging non-engineering disciplines related to NCS (e.g., operators, technicians). May be a good webinar since these individuals may not be able to travel.**
      - Discussed changing goal/mission of committee at November meeting.**
  - i. Young Members subcommittee: James Cole
    - i. What do we need to do
      - Nick Smith has expressed interest in taking over as chair of committee. Social at the Topical was well received. Would like to have meeting at the Annual meeting in June.**
  - j. Nominating: F Dominic (Fred) Winstanley, past chair
    - Ballot slate is complete.**
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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There was discussion at the PDC about combining the summer meeting with student conference. ANS staff is evaluating options.

- 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.*
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.  
*Andy to schedule after winter meeting.*
  - b. Committee membership
    - i. Committees with up to date details are: H&A, Young Members, Nominating, Scholarship
    - ii. Committee opportunities (see list below).
  - c. Board of Director Updates

### 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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<p>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)</p> <p><i>Discuss with Kristin Stolte and James Cole does this belong with membership or as a special committee This would be the third membership committee</i></p> <p>Need to send an email with potential contacts and plan to move forward. <b>Can we use the email list that Michael is developing to help this along</b></p>	Dallas Moser	3/11/25	
<p>Evaluate the impact and value of lightning talks with papers – look at people giving lightning talks at topical to find a junior leader.</p> <p>Use input from topical.</p>	Andy Prichard	7/8/25	
<p><i>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 2029 activity.</i></p>		7/8/25	

**Is there a opportunity to get LfE champions to get more inputs – may not be good for this meeing**

### Committee Opportunities

- Scholarship: New members
- Other: ?



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## 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:** Michael Fendler, Charles Goodman, Deb Hill, Lon Paulson, Brittany Williamson