



American Nuclear Society

Nuclear Criticality Safety Division

Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

3:00-4:30 pm EST, November 9, 2025

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

"T" indicates present via Microsoft Teams

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 NCS 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.*



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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 **quorum present**
2. Action responses
3. Officer/ Liaison Reports
 - a. Chair's Report (Andy Prichard)

Student Representative from Texas A&M discussed the April 2026 Student Conference. They are requesting paper reviewers and judges for the NCSD track. Monetarily, they are requesting \$300 for best paper award and \$300 for best presentation award. This is different of past requests of \$1500.

 - i. NPC meeting

ANS membership is up and the financial condition of the Society is improving. NPC is investigating how to monetize what the divisions do. PDC is looking at coordinating student conference support. There are ~1300 attendees at this 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.
 - 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

Brittany presented the attached presentation on the NCSD Topical Meeting.
 - c. Treasurer's Report (Ben Martin)
 - i. NCSD budget approved

No update on budget. Discussed the \$3,000 already budget student conference in 2026.

Motion: Kristan Wessels put forth a motion to allocate the entire \$3000 for the student conference, but discuss with the student section on how to spend the money above the \$600 requested. Second by Ben Martin. Ben to set up a meeting. **Motion passed.**
 - d. Secretary's Report (Kristan Wessels)

October meeting minutes drafted and with chair for review.
 - e. PDC liaison (Andy Prichard)
 - i. 1 page abstract discussion - Feedback to John Fabian
 - ii. Feedback from PDC meetings
 - f. Student liaison (Katy Worrell)



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- i. Student conference feedback
 - g. ANS-8 series standards (Doug Bowen)
 - 4. NCSD 2025 Topical (Theresa Cutler)
 - i. Final report

See attached presentation. Topical meetings are tending to stack up on odd years. May need further discussion in the future.
 - ii. Lesson learned
- 5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Program: Ben Martin

Due to the impacts of the government shutdown, some sessions were canceled, and some papers were dropped for this conference.
 - b. Membership: Kristin Stolte
 - c. Honors and Awards: James Cole
 - i. 2025 award nominations

Methodology for determining the best paper is changing. A group of 3 or 4 people will rank all the papers and attend all the sessions. There was discussion that these individuals should also be recognized at the awards dinner.
 - ii. Status of Awards Dinner

A decision was made to continue with the dinner at this conference even with low attendance. The number of attendees was capped to a lower number than in the past.
 - d. Scholarship: Julie Ezold

The 2026 scholarships opened on November 1 and are open until February 1. NCSD seems to be the lowest number of applicants so far. Endowment is still strong. Still need volunteers for committee. We are the only division that does not require part one of application.
 - e. Communications: Katy Worrell
 - i. Newsletter - Riley Bulso / Katy Worrell

Katy sent Topical highlights to Riley. Discussion on membership.
 - ii. Website – Ashley Raster
 - f. Education: Michael Fendler

Meeting prior to this at 1:00. Discussed webinar on Pu Chemistry, Point of Contact list, the mentorship program, and further discussion on white papers.
 - g. Bylaws and Rules: Brittany Williamson

Restarting process of revising society bylaws and rules. Need members.
 - 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



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No discussion

- i. Young Members subcommittee: James Cole

No report.

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

No update.

6. NCSD Exec strategy/ actions/ opportunities

- a. Engaging newer members
- b. Reaching out to NRC regulated organizations (see Action)
- c. Future of ANS Summer meetings/ NCSD Topicals (Andy Prichard)
 - 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. I propose we do this after the 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
- d. Amy asked if credit card could be granted for the division. This was not thought to be a viable option. The requirements for hosting dinners or events was discussed. The reimbursement process was discussed and it has been fairly timely. There are other ways to have dinners or events paid for by the society. Staci Levy is the person to discuss this with.

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. Can we use the email list that Michael is developing to help this along</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	
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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: Teams-Michael Fendler, Deb Hill,
In Person-see attendance sheet



NCSD2025 Closeout

Brittany Williamson, P.E.
NCSD2025 Co-General Chair

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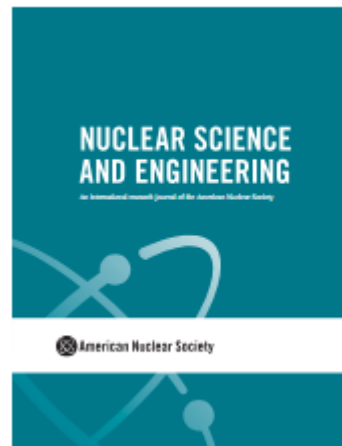
Overview – NCSD2025

- Austin, TX
- September 14-18, 2025
- Theme: Many Missions, One Goal: Collaborating for a Safer Tomorrow
- AT&T Conference Center and Hotel
- Budgeted attendance: 155
- Final registration: 204



Publication & Technical Program

- Papers: 111
 - Lightning talks: 25
 - Full papers: 86
- Plenary – 4 Speakers
- Agreement for special issue of Nuclear Science and Engineering journal



Hotel – AT&T Conference Center

Day	2025 NCSD- AT&T Hotel & Conference Center		
	Date	Block	Pick-Up
Friday	12-Sep	0	3
Saturday	13-Sep	0	32
Sunday	14-Sep	80	79
Monday	15-Sep	100	79
Tuesday	16-Sep	100	78
Wednesday	17-Sep	80	74
Thursday	18-Sep	20	25
88%		380	335



Budget

- Sponsorship Goal: \$40,000
- Sponsorship Actual: \$44,500 (111%)

Summary	Contingency		10.0%	\$ 17,450		
	Total Meeting Revenue			\$ 224,600		\$ 259,188
	Total Meeting Expenses			\$ 191,949		\$ 215,742
	Total Excess			\$ 32,651		\$ 43,446
	Division		25%	\$ 8,163		\$ 10,861
	ANS		75%	\$ 24,488		\$ 32,584
	Total			\$ 32,651		\$ 43,446



Lessons Learned

- Use a name brand hotel
- Avoid a college town during football season
- Plan the group photo during/right after the plenary
- Have coffee for the workshops
- Request multiple screens in long rooms
- If most of the conference has two concurrent tracks, but there are occasional sessions with only one track, that track needs to be scheduled in the biggest room. Don't expect a room designed to hold half the attendees to suddenly hold all the attendees.



Questions?

