American Nuclear Society
Nuclear Criticality Safety Division

Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

1:00-2:00 pm EDT, April 14, 2026

Member, position	Present?	Proxy
Officers		
Andy Prichard, chair	x	
Theresa Cutler, vice-chair		
Ben Martin, treasurer		
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		
Executive Committee At large Through June 2027		
Dallas Moser		
Shauntay Coleman	x	
Amy van der Vyver	x	
Executive Committee At large Through June 2028		
Alicia Salazar-Crockett		
Rae Moser		
James Cole	x	
Liaison roles		
Student liaison: Katy Worrell		
ANS Board liaison: Kelsey Amundson		

Others in attendance:

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.*

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 was not present. No votes were scheduled.
2. Action responses
3. Officer/ Liaison Reports
   a. Chair's Report (Andy Prichard)
      i. It is time to start the transition to the newly elected NCSD officers.
         Theresa indicated that she will change the monthly meeting time.
      ii. I failed to reach out to start the process of finding a new Bylaws and Rules Chair.
   b. Vice Chair's Report (Theresa Cutler)
      No report.
   c. Treasurer's Report (Ben Martin)
      No report.
   d. Secretary's Report (Kristan Wessels)
      February and March meeting minutes are out for vote. January meting minutes sent to ANS.
   e. PDC liaison (Andy Prichard)
      i. Publication discussion
         1. NSTOR (published thru Taylor and Francis)
            a. Open peer review
            b. https://nstopenresearch.org/browse/articles
         2. SCOPUS is a indexing service that requires peer reviewed content and regular use.
         3. Additional work to reach the next level of publication value (impact factor or stuff)
         4. Nuclear News new team, new editor in chief and 2 associate editors/writers.
            a. Looking for something from new editor, Susan, file will be attached
      ii. Presentation from the Conferences team, power point attached.
         1. Changes merge class IV into class II form
         2. Trying not to overlap plenary sessions with embedded topical plenary sessions
         3. Merging something with the student conferences as a concept initiative is being cancelled
         4. Unclear on the path forward for 2028 – 2029 and beyond.
         5. https://www.ans.org/meetings/tmm/

Discussion on EFCOG picking up some summer opportunities, but it is DOE focused.

iii. Civilian Nuclear Maritime Task Force
   1. Position paper included when released

iv. We need to look at using Sharepoint for NCSD files – but access can be a problem
   Discussion if not using Collaborate will require a change to the bylaws.

f. Student liaison (Katy Worrell)
   i. Student conference feedback
      No report
   ii. Status of support for student conference
      What-If workshop supported by Y-12.

g. ANS-8 series standards (Doug Bowen)
   No report.

4. Committee Reports:
   a. Program: Ben Martin
      No update. New Vice-Chair needed.
   b. Membership: Kristin Stolte
      No report.
   c. Honors and Awards: James Cole
      Tracy Coyle to present the electronic award submittal and evaluation process.
   d. Scholarship: Julie Ezold
      i. This year an offer will be made to Olamide Olaiyi
         Need additional members on the committee.
   e. Communications: Katy Worrell
      No report.
      i. Newsletter - Riley Bulso / Katy Worrell
      ii. Website – Ashley Raster
         Need younger reviewers
   f. Education: Michael Fendler
      Meeting immediately following EC meeting. Will primarily discuss the mentorship program.
      i. The Webinar series is very good.
      ii. Work with Mike on the contacts list.
   g. Bylaws and Rules: Brittany Williamson
      Chair and Vice-Chair needed.
   h. Special Committee on Outreach to Military, Trades and Operations: Mackenzie Gorham
      No report.

        i. May want to refocus this committee to reach out to include more operations staff in NCSD
    i. Young Members subcommittee: Nick Smith
        Developing mail to call for membership. Working on a potential event for the summer conference.
        i. What do we need to do
        ii. EFCOG may be starting to develop something with the UK
    j. Nominating: Andy Prichard, soon to be past chair

5. Developing an online NCS Forum Dallas suggested developing an online forum. He will test a Discourse group and send to select EC members.
    a. Old person perspective – I don't routinely check anything more than my email, so I don't tend to go out and look at other sites. But, when I get a direct request for information I will respond. I sent out for information this month on portable CAAS systems and got ~20 responses including some from other old people.
    b. How do we bridge to the newer members

6. NCSD Exec strategy/ actions/ opportunities
    a. Reaching out to NRC regulated organizations (see Action)
    b. 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. Committee membership
        i. Committees with up to date details are: H&A, Young Members, Nominating, Scholarship
        ii. Committee opportunities (see list below).
    b. Board of Director Updates
    c. Mentoring impact.
    d. The PE Exam Committee is looking at reformatting the Nuclear Engineer PE Exam. They are soliciting feedback from the following survey: HTTPS://ncees.org/NuclearPAKS

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Actions

Action	Actionee	Date Raised	Date Due
Discuss potential ways to better advertise NCS scholarship with scholarship committee *Ethan is connecting on student conference. Student Committee is planning a scholarship application working session.* This will be a new action for the Next NCSD chair	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 Moser, James Kuropatwinski, Larry Wetzel, Deb Hill, Lon Paulson, Hannah Morbach) *Discuss with* Kristin Stolte and James Cole does this belong with membership or as a special committee This would be the third membership committee 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	Dallas Moser	3/11/25	
Develop a special committee to stay current with BOD thoughts and have a pre-considered NCSD path forward. Theresa Cutler, Deb Hill , Kelsey Admundson		Ongoing discussion	

Is there a opportunity to get LfE champions to get more inputs

Committee Opportunities

- Scholarship: New members
- Bylaws and Rules Committee
- Other: ?

Links

Home -- Nuclear Criticality Safety Division (ans.org) (NCSD website)

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

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Others in attendance: Tracy Coyle, Micheal Fendler, Deb Hill, James Kuropatwinski, John Miller, Nick Smith, Tracy Stover