

CNMS UEC Agenda, Wednesday, April 2, 2014

10:00 am Eastern Time

Participants (attendees in [blue](#))

Chair – [Vivek Prabhu](#) (NIST)

Vice-Chair – [Nazanin Bassiri-Gharb](#) (Georgia Tech)

Secretary – [Milan Buncick](#) (AEGIS Technologies Group)

At-Large Members:

[Nina Balke](#) (ORNL/CNMS); [Zheng Gai](#) (ORNL/CNMS); Molly Kennedy (Clemson U.); [Martyn McLachlan](#) (Imperial College, London); [Megan Robertson](#) (U. Houston); [Ray Unocic](#) (ORNL/CNMS); [Rafael Verduzco](#) (Rice U.)

Past Chair, ex officio member – [Tony Hmelo](#) (Vanderbilt U.)

CNMS (non-members) – [Tony Haynes](#), Viviane Schwartz, [Sandy Lowe](#)

- **News from CNMS** (Haynes)
 - Thank a Staff Member link has been posted on http://www.cnms.ornl.gov/uec/about_cnmsug.shtml
 - Announced at Group Ldr meeting 3/19 and division-wide staff meeting 3/21
 - “Boost your research” promotion at SNS/HFIR to support current Call for Proposals - *flyer distributed earlier*
 - It was also noted that neutron users at 2013 Town Hall meeting asked that it be easier to include CNMS resources in IPTS proposals or, at minimum, receive information about CNMS while preparing IPTS proposals
- **User Newsletter** – April issue status (Haynes for Schwartz)
 - Draft to be distributed for review by the end of this week pending receipt three articles from authors
 - Be sure to send Viviane items you have agreed to provide for the newsletter!
- **News from NUFO** (Prabhu)
 - No additional information regarding scheduling or content
 - We have approval to provide a video in lieu of hands-on demo (success story, one topic in microscopy) – *90 sec max, with subtitles rather than audio*; Ray volunteered to take lead on producing the video
- **Report from Subcommittee on By-Laws amendments** (Hmelo) *Subcommittee: Hmelo, Bassiri-Gharb, Kennedy*
 - Nothing to report this month
- **User Meeting 2014 planning** (Nazanin) *Subcommittee: Bassiri-Gharb (lead), Prabhu, Robertson, Buncick, Unocic - Invited speaker suggestions distributed earlier*
 - Subcommittee presented a proposal for structure and invited speakers *distributed earlier*
 - The full UEC agreed to move forward immediately with initial three invitations with a deadline of 2 weeks for acceptance
 - Alternate speaker candidates and additional priorities and contingencies were also identified for both Plenary and Invited User talks pending outcome of the first three invitations
 - Assignments for invitations: Nazanin will contact the selected speakers
- **Future role of the CNMS UEC** (Prabhu)
 - Increasing the communications with the CNMS Director - to include participating in conference calls and periodic briefings for the Director on the most significant issues the UEC is working on
 - Increase/enhance interactions with SNS
 - Polymer group staffing issue – positions are open and posted at <http://www.cnms.ornl.gov/careers.shtm>
 - Proactive contacting users (CNMS booths at national meetings?)
 - Consider surveying CNMS regarding their perspective on user interactions and opportunities for improvement

Next Conference Call: May 7, 2014, 10:00am (Eastern Time)