

CNMS UEC Agenda, Tuesday, August 4, 2015

10:00 am Eastern Time

Participants (attendees in blue)

Chair – Nazanin Bassiri-Gharb (Georgia Tech)

Vice-Chair – Molly Kennedy (Clemson U.)

Secretary – Milan Buncick (AEgis Technologies Group)

At-Large Members:

Eric Formo (U. Georgia); **Zheng Gai** (ORNL/CNMS); **Enrique Gomez** (Penn State U.); Martyn McLachlan (Imperial College, London); Megan Robertson (U. Houston); Ray Unocic (ORNL/CNMS); **Rafael Verduzco** (Rice U.)

Past Chair, ex officio member – **Vivek Prabhu** (NIST)

CNMS (non-members) – **Tony Haynes, Brad Lokitz, Sandy Lowe, Mina Yoon**

- **News from CNMS** (Tony/Brad)
 - Mike Hickner officially started as Group Leader for Macromolecular Nanomaterials on August 3
 - Status of project extensions for 2014B: 62 applications were received, 61 approved (4 were partially approved), one pending review
 - Triennial review is tentatively scheduled for April 26-28, 2016, and will cover FY13/14/15
- **User Meeting** (Nazanin; Molly) *Planning subcommittee: Eric, Molly, Nazanin, Rafael*
 - Registration status: 55 registered so far including 22 from ORNL
 - Abstract status: We currently have 52 abstracts in the portfolio
 - Roundtable updates: agreed on number of 'featured' posters to give oral summary, max of 4 per roundtable
 - **Brad** to send additional information
 - Workshop registration status:
 - Infrared spectroscopy for chemical analysis = 14
 - Structure and dynamics in soft matter systems by scattering = 15
 - Identify 'loose ends'
 - Plenary talks for AM/PM: Lodge in AM, Buongiorno Nardelli in PM if no travel conflicts
 - Roundtables
 - **AM**: Buried Interfaces + Elucidating Functionality + Emerging Areas in Polymers
 - **PM**: Materials Genome + Full Info Recovery + Emerging Areas in Polymers
 - Venue, meeting room allocations
 - Decision to hold the meeting at 8600/8610 was unanimous
 - Instructions for Discussion Leaders: What to include?
 - Create a slide of CNMS capabilities
 - Ask the question: How can CNMS establish itself as a leader in these areas?
 - Poster competition: We currently have 32 entries (vs 29 received last year)
 - Milan recommended a full 2 hours for judging vs 90 minutes
 - Also suggested was to have at least 4 teams of judges
 - **Milan** will review the student poster score sheet
- **UEC Meeting Onsite Agenda** (Nazanin)
 - Tuesday 9/1 dinner meeting, to be held after poster session and RidgeDance
 - **Tony** to discuss agenda with Nazanin
- **Dates for 2016 User Meeting** (Molly) - tabled
- **User Newsletter- August issue** (Tony/Brad)
 - Content: User Meeting, Call for Proposals, UEC Election, Research Highlights, New equipment, Staffing changes
- **UEC Election Update** (Tony/Brad)
 - Call for nominations was distributed on July 29; deadline is September 2
 - Vacancies: Vice Chair, Secretary, At Large (3)
 - Status of nominations: Two for At Large (both seconded)
- **Schedule for September-January telecons:** Doodle poll coming

Next Conference Call: TBD