

Minutes of the COMPRES Executive Committee Meeting July 6, 2018

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Present: Carl Agee (President), Abby Kavner (Chair), Przemek Dera (Vice Chair), Steve Jacobsen, Mark Rivers (Facilities Committee)

Absent: Baosheng Li, Jackie Li, Suki Dorfmann (EOID Committee)

MINUTES

A. Announcements (Abby)

Abby requested that we reserve time for ExComm breakfasts on all three days at the annual meeting (August 6,7,8).

Minutes from the last ExComm teleconference (Feb 23) will be reviewed and approved next week.

B. Report and discussion from COMPRES Central (Carl)

Carl updated the ExComm on the following matters

- COMPRES year-2 budget was approved on May 8, 2018. NSF program director gave positive feedback on the large number of publications in the annual report.
- A workshop was held May 22-24 at the NSLS-II user meeting to kick-off the opening of the FIS beamline.
- Report that an ALS beamline scientist will be taking a new position in the UK
- Annual meeting report. Currently 74 participants registered, with a closing date of 13 July. The final program will be posted to the website soon. Robin Reichlin will represent NSF at this year's COMPRES meeting. Discussion about changing venues for next year. COMPRES Central will look into other options in the next weeks.
- Annual Election updates: Ballots have been mailed out. Possibility to change to electronic voting was raised. This may require a change to the COMPRES Bylaws.
- A visit to NSF I&F will be planned for the fall, for COMPRES President and the new chair of the ExComm.

C. Discussion of EOID proposals (Abby)

A multi-institutional proposal for a workshop on *in-situ* studies of high pressure earth processes in large volume apparatus was discussed. Additional questions from the ExComm about workshop scope, timing, and participation were sent to the organizing committee. Discussion and vote will be continued at next week's meeting.

D. Distinguished Speaker Program (Abby)

The ExComm discussed next year's distinguished speaker's program. A description of the mission and goals of this program are posted on the website here:

<http://compres.us/events/lecture-series/distinguished-lecturer-series-2017-2018>. Discussion will be continued at next week's meeting.

E. COMPRES and GSECARS

The NSF-COMPRES Cooperative Agreement states that:

“5.2.10 COMPRES shall explore the possibility of merging with GeoSoilEnviroCARS (GSECARS). The organizations will hold a joint workshop to discuss the pros and cons of such a merger, with a recommendation before the end of year 3 of this agreement. The earliest timeframe for such a change would be in the renewal of this award, beginning in 2022.” This topic was discussed and will be revisited in future ExComm meetings.

12:00 PM Adjourned.