

24 November 2009

Minutes of the Executive Committee of COMPRES from meeting on November 20, 2009

Attending: Williams, Agee, Tyburczy, van Orman, Weidner, Panero, Sharp, and Liebermann

Absent: None

1. Minutes of ExComm meeting of Nov 6, 2009.

Approved for installation on the website.

2. 2010 Annual Meeting

a. Site and dates selected and announced to COMPRES community on Nov. 9.

b. Program Committee--van Orman reported

Invitations for keynote talks have been sent to Jon Eggert, Peter Heaney, Andrew Jephcoat and Maureen Long.

c. Sponsors--Liebermann reported.

Solicitations have been sent to 29 potential industrial sponsors, including some who have participated in the past [we had a record 10 sponsors at Bretton Woods] as well as some new ones.

To date, 6 companies have agreed to sponsor and contribute \$500 to the social fund:

Almax

D'Anvils

Depths of the Earth

easyLab

MG63

Oxford Diffraction [new sponsor]

d. Meeting website-under construction

Preliminary information on the Annual Meeting has been provided via a link on the Home Page.

3. Members for the 2010 Nominations Committee

Based on a straw ballot of all ExComm members, invitations were extended to

Harry Green-UC Riverside

Louise Kellogg--UC Davis

Mark Rivers--Univ of ChicagoGSECARS

4. Housing for beamline users at COMPRES-supported beamlines at the ALS and the NSLS

Starting a few years ago, the ExComm approved a budget item for housing in dormitory-level accommodations for users at the COMPRES-supported beamlines at the NSLS and the ALS.

This nominal budget item was for \$20K per year for all beamlines, but this limit has been exceeded in recent years.

There is no doubt, according to feedback we have received, that this type of support is very much appreciated by the users of our beamlines. Note that GSECARS at the APS does NOT provide such housing support.

To date, this offer of housing support has extended to ALL users of the beamlines we support, irrespective of field of research [Earth sciences, materials science, etc] or whether the user comes from a COMPRES member institution.

The ExComm discussed whether this support should be restricted to users from member institutions of COMPRES and/or to users with Earth science projects.

The ExComm requested that Liebermann draft a new policy for further discussion and also provide information on the costs of such housing at Brookhaven, Argonne and Lawrence Berkeley labs.

#### 5. Advisory Council joint meeting with ExComm in June 2010 at Skamania

For the past few years, it has been our custom to hold a joint meeting of the Advisory Council and the Executive Committee in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.

In recent years, we have scheduled this joint meeting on the afternoon preceding the arrival of most of the attendees. In 2009 at Bretton Woods, we did not start until 4 PM and were still talking when the welcoming reception began.

On Nov 12, Liebermann wrote to the Advisory Council [Kao, Garnero, Heaney, Jephcoat, Kellogg, McDonough] to ascertain their preference for the meeting at Skamania in June 2010. Several of the members preferred a joint session after the formal annual meeting.

The ExComm decided to schedule two sessions with the Advisory Council:

Tuesday, June 22 in the afternoon.

Purpose: To lay out the issues which COMPRES is facing and give you all some background information. [supplemented by advanced email communications].

Friday, June 25 over breakfast or over lunch before departure

Purpose: To receive feedback from the Advisory Council based on the June 22 session and at the Annual Meeting

#### 6. Infrastructure Development program--Sharp reported

Ongoing projects—All progress reports have been received.

Multi-anvil cells at ASU

IXS at APS

Gas-loading at GSECARS

Proposals for new projects—Four new proposals have been received

Workshops

Proposal for a high-pressure summer school at the NSLS in Aug 2010 from Lars Ehm.

All of these proposals are under review by the Infrastructure Development Committee which will report to the ExComm at breakfast meetings in San Francisco.

7. Fall 2009 issue of COMPRES newsletter is now available on line and at all newstands

Lots of good news inside, including report on 2009 Annual Meeting and photos of lots of recent awards to COMPRES members [Kohlstedt, Hemley, Cohen, Prewitt, Navrotsky and Hazen].

Thanks to Jiuhua Chen of Florida International University for his fine editing once again.

8. Membership in COMPRES

a. With the addition of the Smithsonian Institution, we now have 55 U. S. members.

b. With the addition of Jilin University in Changchun, China, we now have 33 foreign affiliates [redundant listing of Johann Goethe Universität and Universität Frankfurt am Main in Germany now rectified].

A few other institutions have recently inquired about membership, including Washington University [Phil Skemer], Uppsala University [Peter Lazor], and Tel Aviv University [Moshe Pasternak].

9. Next meetings

Friday, December 4, 2009 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM [East Coast time].

Thursday, December 17, 2009 at XYZ Restuarnt in San Francisc0 from 7:00 to 9:00 AM.