

Minutes of the COMPRES Executive Committee meeting of Sept 10, 2010  
2:30 Eastern time

Present: Dera, Duffy, Liebermann, Panero, Tyburczy, Williams, van Orman, Bass  
Absent: Ross and Burnley

1) Approval of the minutes of July 22 2010 meeting. Minutes unanimously approved.

2) Dera will contact facilities managers about new webpages, similar to those of X17B3&C.

Bass to distribute Infrastructure Development reports from last year.

3) Announcement of a new Administrative Assistant (Coordinator of Programs, technically), Chong-Hwey Fee (pronounced "Fay"), has started at UIUC. Her email is fee"AT"Illinois.edu. Her telephone number is 217-333-6379.

3) Request for funds to support a Neutron Scattering Workshop by Rudy Wenk (distributed previously)

Could be a reasonable educational project for COMPRES to support, and would support neutron geo-research. Bass is instructed to ask Rudy Wenk about participation of non-COMPRES users at the last meeting, and to decide upon COMPRES support for non-U Cal attendees.

4) Oliver Tschauner and the vote on a new member for the Infrastructure Development committee.

At the last meeting of the electorate in Skamania, an unusual situation arose regarding the electorate vote for a new member of the ID committee. Because Pam Burnley won the election for chair of the ID committee, and Tom Sharp (the other candidate) continues on as a regular member till next year, there was no open position for a new ID committee member (that is, had Tom won, there would have been an open position). Therefore, Oliver Tschauner won the election for regular member of the ID committee, but a position turned out not to be available. This situation has not come up before with only "1 or none" positions open.

There is no limit on the number of members for the ID committee. A motion to put Oliver on the committee was approved unanimously. There will be 6 ID committee members this year. Next year we will elect 2 new members to bring us back to 5.

5) Location and timing of the 2011 Annual Meeting.

The committee decided we should look at east-coast sites.

Conflicts to be avoided were discussed (Goldschmidt, Gordon Conferences, etc.).

It was agreed that the meeting should take place after June 12, which is the end of the quarter for the UC and Ohio State systems. June 19-25 seems a good week.

6) Science Highlights for the COMPRES webpage. We welcome your suggestions. They need to be updated.

7) Some questions raised by P. Dera were discussed.

The topics were:

1) *Towards uniform model of COMPRES interaction with national facilities (synchrotron and neutron beamlines).*

2) *Stimulating and enabling technology and expertise transfer between COMPRES central facilities*

3) *Critical technology planning and coordination group*

All these topics are being discussed on the Long Range Planning Working Group wiki. Dera has posted them there. A full-time technology officer or one who is contracted out for specific jobs could possibly be a component of the COMPRES renewal.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 eastern time.