

Minutes of the COMPRES Executive Committee Meeting, March 13, 2020

Present: Carl Agee (President), Andy Campbell (Chair), Przemek Dera (Vice Chair), Anat Shahr, Tom Sharp, Heather Watson, Mark Rivers (Facilities Committee), Suki Dorfman (EOID Committee).

Absent: None

Agenda Wednesday, March 13, 12:45 PM CDT

12:45 CDT Approval minutes from February 21, 2020 (in Dropbox) (Andy)
12:50 Keynote speakers for Annual Meeting (Carl and Tom)
12:55 Nominations Committee update (Carl)
1:00 Year-4 budget and annual report update (Carl)
1:15 Proposed COMPRES town hall meeting at 2020 AGU Fall Meeting (Carl)
1:25 COMPRES program to enhance diversity (Suki)
1:45 PM Adjourn

Minutes

12:45 CDT Approval minutes from February 21, 2020 (in Dropbox) (Andy)

Suki moved to approve the notes, Przemek seconded, minutes have been unanimously approved.

12:50 Keynote speakers for Annual Meeting (Carl and Tom)

Invited speakers have been confirmed. Their names will soon be listed on the meeting website. Depending on the situation with COVID-19 the meeting may need to be rescheduled to a later date, or perhaps even cancelled.

12:55 Nominations Committee update (Carl)

Jay Bass was contacted and agreed to chair the nominations committee. Announcement about nominations will be sent out soon.

1:00 Year-4 budget and annual report update (Carl)

Carl submitted both the annual report and budget request. The annual report has already been approved. The budget is undergoing fiscal review at NSF. COMPRES is undergoing an audit from NSF.

1:15 Proposed COMPRES town hall meeting at 2020 AGU Fall Meeting (Carl)

The next renewal proposal will be due in September 2021. The serious writing effort should start in the spring 2021. The NSF decision is expected around the end of 2021. There has been no response from NSF about the COMPRES-GSECARS relationship report thus far. AGU Town Hall will be a good venue to strategize about the next renewal proposal.

Mark gave an update that DOE may decide to suspend user operation of all DOE user facilities. If the facility continues limited operation (with only core staff access), the users will most likely not be allowed access until the COVID-19 situation approves. Many APS users have cancelled their travel for already allocated beamtime this run.

1:25 COMPRES program to enhance diversity (Suki)

The idea presented by the EOID committee suggested to offer summer internships to undergraduate and high school students to work in mineral physics labs. Students funded at different institutions could form virtual/online cohort that would meet weekly online. COMPRES annual meeting could be the culmination of the experience. There was a discussion whether the research costs associated with the internships should be funded (probably not). Full program could start next year, or if eligible students are available now, perhaps pilot internships could start even sooner (fall 2020).

1:52 PM Adjourn