

Minutes of the COMPRES Executive Committee Meeting, June 5, 2020

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

Absent: none

Agenda Friday, June 5, 12:45 PM CDT

12:45 CDT Approval minutes from May 8, 2020 (in Dropbox) (Andy)

12:50 Year-4 budget update (Carl)

1:05 Annual Meeting update (Carl)

1:20 E-voting (Andy)

1:30 COVID-19 response at the facilities (Mark)

1:40 CORES Decadal Survey (Carl)

1:45 PM Adjourn

Minutes

12:45 CDT Approval minutes from May 8, 2020 (in Dropbox) (Andy)

Anat moved for approval of minutes, Przemek seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved without amendments.

12:50 Year-4 budget update (Carl)

July 1 date is expected for the start of new budget year.

1:05 Annual Meeting update (Carl)

The COMPRES Annual Meeting will be held virtually this year for one day on August 14. The Program Committee decided to forego posters and instead will select oral presentations from the submitted abstracts with the remainder presented as cameos or extended-cameos. Keynotes will not be included in meeting, instead those will be offered as separate Zoom events this summer TBA. Deadline for abstracts is set for June 26.

1:20 E-voting (Andy)

COMPRES bylaws specify that the election must be done by paper ballot. However, this is impractical for the foreseeable future given the uncertain pandemic situation. AC proposed that we implement electronic voting, however this would require approval by the COMPRES electorate. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of pursuing this option.

1:30 COVID-19 response at the facilities (Mark)

Mark reviewed the responses received from the beamlines. The APS is currently in a short shutdown until June 10. After that one beam line scientist will be allowed per beam line. Mail-in and remote experiments will be offered. Gas loading system is currently not allowed to operate. Mark to apply for permit to resume gas loading services, but it will take some time, most likely at least a month.

1:55 CORES Decadal Survey (Carl)

A Very Large Multi-anvil Press Facility was identified as one of the top 3 initiatives in the Decadal Survey in “A Vision for NSF Earth Sciences 2020-2030: Earth in Time”. In response, COMPRES community should consider how this could be implemented during this decade.

2:05 PM Adjourn