

Minutes of the COMPRES Executive Committee Meeting, October 29, 2021

Present: Carl Agee (President), James Van Orman (Chair), Suki Dorfman (Vice Chair), Bin Chen (Facilities Committee), Abby Kavner, Tom Sharp, Lily Thompson (EOID Committee) (late), Heather Watson (late)

Absent: none

Agenda Friday, September 29, 2021

1:45 PM EDT Approval of the minutes from September 24, 2021 (in DropBox) (Jim)
1:50 Due dates for Facilities and EOID reports (Bin, Lily, Carl)
2:00 Update on the Steering Committee for the new organization (Heather, Lily, Carl)
2:20 Report on the NSF webinar (Carl)
2:30 New business or discussion
2:45 PM Adjourn

Minutes

1:45 PM EDT Approval of the minutes from September 24, 2021 (in DropBox) (Jim)

Abby moves to approve, Jim seconds, approved. Minutes need to be updated on COMPRES website since March.

1:53 Due dates for Facilities and EOID reports (Bin, Lily, Carl)

Reminder that this is final year of COMPRES so requests for additional funding not needed and reports can have extended deadline. Steering committee for new organization requested proposals from potential facilities PIs, and due date was just a few days ago. How can we keep the burden on facilities PIs reasonable—will their forward-looking proposal and retrospective annual report have overlap? The goal of the reports is to compile work from this past year for required annual NSF report. Carl aims to submit report to NSF ~end of February. Email going out to PIs of facilities next week requesting reports. Bridge funding will be a separate process. We expect that the Facilities committee will be involved in evaluating bridge funding requests. GSECARS funding ends before COMPRES so their bridge funding process will be an example to watch.

2:13 Update on the Steering Committee for the new organization (Heather, Lily, Carl)

As has been announced, Andy Campbell is the PI for the proposal from this group. Recent meetings discuss transparency, priorities, budget input mechanisms. List of proposals for

facilities is mapped out separating GSECARS and COMPRES, with beamline scientists typically listed as PIs. COMPRES IXS/Sector 3 not credited to COMPRES since current PI is Mark Rivers, has been absorbed by GSECARS. COMPRES PX2 also not listed as COMPRES facility, perhaps because it's a GSECARS beamline, and GSECARS proposes to manage. Does the new organization plan to recruit new talent as PIs? Lack of diversity is a legacy of the lengths of careers of expert PIs who are at existing facilities. Diversity of PIs will be a consideration in reviews. There is some more diversity in the PIs of new facilities (non COMPRES/GSECARS).

2:30 Report on the NSF webinar (Carl)

The COMPRES announcement about the webinar went out Oct. 8 and read: "NSF-EAR will be hosting a webinar on October 20, 2021, at 1 pm EDT for the Community Facility Support: Synchrotron-based analytical capabilities advancing Earth and Environmental Sciences research and training competition." Webinar discussed the solicitation for new organization, bridge funding, review process. Rus Kelz, David Lambert, Jessica Robin, Robin Reichlin were present as well as management from APS and NSLS II.

2:35 New business or discussion

Individuals may reach out to Andy Campbell to discuss diversity in new organization.

Will there be an end-of-COMPRES meeting?

2:45 PM Adjourn