

Minutes of the Executive Committee of COMPRES, from meeting on March 19 2010  
Starting time 2:00 EST

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

Absent: Tyburczy

1. Approval of minutes of ExComm meeting of February 27, 2010.

(Quentin Williams) Minutes approved with corrections by Williams and Liebermann.

2. Advisory Committee

Louise Kellogg and Bill McDonough will be rotating off after June 2010.

The names of possible candidates came out of the discussion. Kellogg and/or McDonough could be asked to serve again. It was decided to give the committee additional time to think of other possible candidates.

3. Distinguished Lecture Series

Some think this project is a good idea and a reasonable way to reach out beyond our immediate community. It is important as an outreach effort.

It was asked if there is a better way to inform people about COMPRES. Articles in popular magazines might be better. It was suggested that we look into understanding the editorial staff of these kinds of magazines for the general public. We could also investigate other types of media to provide some coverage. Bass and Agee would look into this possibility.

There was discussion of how to make the lecture series more effective. Our intended target is 4-year undergraduate institutions. A major issue might be money, since we ask them to cover housing and meal costs for lecturers. These days, even major research universities are struggling and don't have funds for outside speakers.

It was unanimously decided that

- 1) The program would be continued.
- 2) COMPRES would pay ALL costs for the lecturers.
- 3) We would target non-COMPRES schools. (It was noted that the visits had a very positive effect for institutions with only one mineral physics faculty member, or where colloquium funds are non-existent).
- 4) Jim Tyburczy would lead an effort to identify speakers.

4. Update on the Tempe Report (Q. Williams)

Comments have been received. Revisions may be completed in a week.

5. Update on Program for Annual Meeting (Van Orman)

The program is complete. Three GSECARS staff will attend to give reports.  
Need to review student abstracts when they are in (May).

6. Nominations Committee Update. (Q. Williams)

Need to have a 1-hour conference by phone.

There is a list, on which the committee has commented. Need to prioritize candidates and decide contingencies in case of declinations.

7. ALS Update (Q. Williams)

Changes in management at the beamline were described.

It was unanimously approved to spend \$128K for a laser-milling machine for ALS from Stony Brook.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 EST