

14 January 2010

Minutes of the Executive Committee of COMPRES on January 8, 2010.

Attending: Williams, Agee, Tyburczy, van Orman, Weidner, Panero, Sharp, Bass and Liebermann [Kavner as guest for ID discussions]

Absent: None

1. Continuation of ExComm meeting of Dec 17, 2009 (at XYZ restaurant).

Notes made thus far by Liebermann approved (by Williams earlier). Included here.

2. Program 2010 Annual Meeting

van Orman reported. All Keynote speakers are identified. Need to get titles and to set specifics of the schedule. Liebermann will send a template for the previous meeting as a start point (done after meeting)

3. Nominations Committee

Williams reported. The committee is in place and the process has started. There will be a lot of turnover this year in experience. Committee has not yet met, but will have a conference soon. Announcement of Nominations Committee and call for nominations sent by COMPRES Central on 10 January 2010.

4. Infrastructure Development Committee

Sharp and Kavner reported on the review of the ongoing ID projects as well as proposals for new ID projects/workshops. Draft reports of the committees were circulated shortly before the meeting but need to be approved yet by all committee members.

Following are their preliminary recommendations:

a. Multi-anvil cell development at ASU [Sharp and Tyburczy recused].

Development activities are usually initiated by users; has largely been associated with synchrotron-based activities but not exclusively.

There is overlap between development and routine activities.

Prices for assemblies should be raised in modest increments over the next few years to move toward objective of recovering cost of routine assemblies and having less of a COMPRES subsidy for routine assemblies. Move toward self-sufficiency on routine items.

Recommend continue at ~\$87.5-90K (requested budget of \$99K) for Year #4, with the difference coming from increased prices.

b. Portable PE cell

Still need clarification on issues of access at APS.

Noted that some similar work already being done at NSLS X17B2.

Needs more discussion in coming week by ID Committee.

c. FIB/SEM at Carnegie

Concerns by committees about expense and whether it is cost effective.
Final recommendation not yet made.

d. Lars Ehm Summer School at NSLS

Committee is supportive. Should be funded at some level.

e. Mössbauer at APS, off-line.

Have identified need for this service in US COMPRES community.
Fund at reduced level.

f. Piezoelectric P at FIU

Not recommended for funding.

g. IXS at APS

Productive and community is growing.
Recommend funding at as-yet unspecified level.

h. Gas-loading at GSECARS.

Hold funding for Year #2 until person hired. Supplement existing funds if demand grows (up to 1/2 year post-doc salary).

3. Facilities Committee

Panero reported on deliberations of committee and initial recommendations.

a. X-ray DAC at ALS

Reported on findings from the site visit before Fall AGU meeting. Will finish presentation of their findings at meeting of the Executive Committee in one week (Jan. 15, 2010).

Meeting ended at 16:15. Will reconvene to continue Facilities discussion next week, January 15.