

4 December 2009

Minutes of the Executive Committee of COMPRES from meeting on December 4, 2009

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

Absent: Bass

1. Minutes of ExComm meeting of Nov 20, 2009.

Approved for installation on the website.

2. 2010 Annual Meeting

a. Program Committee

Van Orman reported that 5 keynote invitations have been accepted:

Jon Eggert—Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Matthew Fouch—Arizona State University

Peter Heaney—Pennsylvania State University

Maureen Long—Yale University

Burkhard Militzer—University of California Berkeley

“Computer simulations at the interface of high-pressure research and planetary sciences”

b. Sponsors--Liebermann reported.

Solicitations have been sent to 29 potential industrial sponsors, including some who have participated in the past [we had a record 10 sponsors at Bretton Woods] as well as some new ones.

To date, 6 companies have agreed to sponsor and contribute \$500 to the social fund:

Almax

D’Anvils

Depths of the Earth

easyLab

MG63

Oxford Diffraction [new sponsor]

Liebermann to send follow-up solicitations in week of Dec. 7.

c. Meeting website-under construction

Preliminary information on the Annual Meeting has been provided via a link on the Home Page.

3. Nominations Committee for 2010 elections

Williams to report.

The Committee is

Quentin Williams (Chair)--UC Santa Cruz, currently serving as Chair of the Executive Committee.

Harry Green--UC Riverside, former Chair of the Executive Committee.

Louise Kellogg--UC Davis, currently serving as member of the Advisory Council
Mark Rivers--University of Chicago, former Chair of the Facilities Committee.

Liebermann to prepare notification to Electorate and entire COMPRES community of nomination procedures; to be sent in early January 2010 by Bass and Liebermann.

4. Site visit by Facilities Committee to high-pressure beamlines at the ALS
on Dec 12-13, 2009

Panero reported that the Facilities Committee will have an informal site visit to the high-pressure beamlines during the LHDAC Workshop at the ALS on Dec 12-13, 2009.

5. Housing for beamline users at COMPRES-supported beamlines
at the ALS and the NSLS

The ExComm discussed and endorsed the draft policy statement prepared by Liebermann with modifications to clarify that these funds are intended to support users conducting experiments in mineral physics and chemistry, broadly defined.

6. New President of COMPRES and plans for transitional period.

Williams reported that Jay Bass had accepted the offer of the position of President of COMPRES, and will assume his new duties effective January 1, 2010. Liebermann will continue as past-president through June 2010 to provide assistance in the transition period.

Headquarters of COMPRES will remain in the Mineral Physics Institute of Stony Brook University until May 31, 2010, and then move to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Liebermann distributed a budget prospectus for Year #4 [June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011] based on the requests from PIs and estimates of Community Activities and Central Office activities at UIUC.

These include:

a. Community Facilities operations via subawards to Carnegie, UC Berkeley, and Princeton as well as the internal sub-projects at Stony Brook for the NSLS.

Panero and her committee will be reviewing these requests and preparing recommendations to the ExComm at the AGU.

b. Infrastructure Development projects via existing subawards to Arizona State, UIUC and University of Chicago as well as proposals for 4 new projects and 1 workshop.

Sharp and his committee will be reviewing these reports and requests and preparing recommendations to the ExComm at the AGU.

7. Schedule for breakfast meetings at Fall AGU

The breakfast meetings are now set as follows

Tuesday, Dec 15—Infrastructure Development Committee

Only Sharp and Kavner will be in attendance, along with Williams and Liebermann.

Kavner to summarize the ID Committee's review and recommendations on the multi-anvil cell development project at ASU and bring the report to the ExComm on Dec 17.

Wednesday, Dec 16—Facilities Committee

Thursday, Dec 17--Executive Committee [with Panero and Sharp as usual, plus Kavner from ID Committee for ASU project].

Williams, Bass and Liebermann to attend all 3 breakfast meetings.

All meetings will be from 7:00 to 9:00 AM at the XYZ Restaurant

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