Minutes of the COMPRES Executive Committee meeting of 21 February 2014

Present: J Bass, P Burnley, A Campbell, Y Fei, J Jackson, A Kavner, J Tyburczy, Q Williams

Absent:

Start time: 1:00 East coast time, by teleconference

1. Executive Committee Chair questioned whether Robert’s Rules of Order require that the agenda be approved. QW noted that it depends upon the rules of the organization. Fei proposed moving items agenda items 4 (discussions with NSF) & 6 (Budget) to the top of the agenda after discussion of the 7 Feb 2014 minutes. JT seconded. Approved.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Feb. 7 meeting: The Chair questioned whether a budget was approved at the previous meeting. Minutes will be revised to indicate that the Executive Committee voted on general agreement with the broad outline of the budget presented and that the President, upon consultation with NSF, would prepare a final budget.

3. Bass reported on communications with David Lambert on the budget, E&O, approval of subaward to Liebermann. COMPRES should submit a budget for $2.4M, not more.

4. Budget (previous item 6): The President gave a detailed description of a Model #3 budget and the rationale for each entry. This budget was discussed extensively. A motion was made to put $80K into unassigned ID projects and beamline development. Approved. YF motioned approval of the budget. QW seconded. Approved unanimously.

The Chair made a motion, amended by QW, that under circumstances deemed an emergency the committee may find economies in centrally held funds to address other portions of the budget and be considered for cuts to make sure beamlines are viable. It was noted that COMPRES cannot ensure that a beamline will be successful. It was commented that the success of any project is the responsibility of the PI. After further discussion, the motion was retracted.

Meeting adjourned at 15:00 East Coast Time
Notes by JDB