

Minutes of the meeting of the COMPRES Executive Committee on 31 August 2012

Present: J Bass, P Dera, T Duffy, Y Fei, A Kavner, N Ross, J Tyburczy

Absent: A Campbell

Start time: 2:00 Eastern Time

1. Approval of minutes of 6 July ExComm meeting (Duffy) Approved.

2. Update on the Annual Meeting venue (Bass)

2012 meeting: Yanbin Wang and Jim Tyburczy submitted a meeting report to EOS. For the 2013 a likely venue has been identified. June 17-June 20 would be the dates for that venue. A second viable venue has also been identified but not visited.

3. Update on COMPTECH search (Dera)

There are 28 applicants. A short list of 6 top-ranked applicants has been made. Interviews will take place in September, by teleconference. All 6 short-list will present a brief talk.

4. Workshops planned:

CONUSS: about 25 people, Nov. 2-4

Computational Method, USPEX: Dec. 10-15 Stony Brook, Artem Oganov

Rietveld Analysis: Dec 8-9 ALS, Wenk, Clark

FIB Methods: CIW, TBA. This will be a similar training session as before, in mid-Nov. Fei would like to get some individual research projects with participant and others. A staff person (Katherine Crispin) is partially supported by COMPRES and will assist in organizing the workshop.

5. Update on possible new COMPRES facilities to cope with the dark period at NSLS.

APS: DAC and LVP beamlines (Bass, Dera): A respond to a letter from Denny Mills about a possible site for a DAC beamline has been sent.

U2A and FIS at NSLS/NSLS-II (Bass): Z. Liu visited the ALS in July to discuss possible IR operations at ALS to cover the dark period. If NSLS closes Sept 2014 and immediately starts the transition to NSLS-II, the dark period will be minimized.

Workshop on high-pressure beamlines at SSRL (Duffy, Bass): Wendy Mao is co-organizer of a workshop to explore the possibility of developing high-pressure capabilities at the SSRL. Possible COMPRES representation at that workshop was discussed.

A post-doctoral position at ALS was discussed. Interviews for the position at 12.2.2 are imminent.

6. Special Committee on Education & Outreach (Bass): At the 2012 Granlibakken Annual Meeting, the electorate voted to form a Special Education and Outreach committee. The EC discussed the possible charge of this committee, names of possible

chairpersons, and other possible members.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 Eastern Time.

Notes by JB