Minutes of the COMPRES Executive Committee Meeting of 16 October 2015

Present: J Bass (President), J Jackson, A Kavner (Chair), W Panero (Vice Chair), Q Williams, C Agee (President Elect), M Rivers, A Campbell (invited)

Absent: S. Jacobsen, H Watson

COMPRES Executive Committee meeting 16th October 2015

AGENDA
8 am: Consent agenda: agenda, minutes, and notes (AK)
8:05 am: JB and CA report on transfer of COMPRES grant to Univ. New Mexico
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  • Amendments to change the end date of UIUC sub awards to Nov 15 2015 are submitted.
  • NSF was contacted with advance information on the transfer
  • UNM revising Cooperative Agreement
8:10 am: Update on AGU Town Hall Meeting (CA)
8:12 am: Update Annual Meeting (CA)
8:15 am: Continuing discussion of NSLS-II site visit and report, Andy Campbell will join.

NOTES
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  WP move to approve as amended (to include announcements by CA); JJ 2nd;
  Approved by voice vote.

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The ExComm was reminded that it is imperative that the transfer take place on or before Nov. 16, to avoid a situation where facilities have no funds after November 15. The most pressing concern is salary for staff. The situation is urgent.

Update on AGU Town Hall Meeting (CA)
Nothing new to report from AGU; CA will follow up with AGU today: we need to get the announcement out to the COMPRES community.

Update Annual Meeting (CA)
CA updated the EC on discussions with possible venues for the 2016 Annual Meeting. CA brought up the possibility of having the meeting longer by 1 day. This might be a good year to try a longer meeting, because time will be needed to discuss the renewal proposal. More workshops and breakout sessions could be held.

Continuing discussion of NSLS-II site visit and report (Andy Campbell joins).
JB contacted NSLS-II (John Hill, P Zschack, Q Shen) to discuss progress on NSLS-II projects, and approval of offline IR access for general users. A teleconference is scheduled for Mon 10/19, including JB, CA and AK. Possible topics for the teleconference were discussed.

The EC and AC continued discussions of the August 24-25 NSLS-II Site Review Report. The end product needed is a sign off from site review committee; the report will then submit to ExComm. The ExComm will then send the report to project PIs for their review on accuracy of factual information. After receiving PI comments, the report will be sent to John Hill from JB/CA with cover letter stating that it was submitted by site review committee and accepted by ExComm after having been circulated to the project PIs.

Meeting adjourned 10:51 Central time. WP move JJ 2nd. Approved by voice vote.

Notes by WRP and JDB