

SHUG (SNS HFIR User Group), <http://neutrons.ornl.gov/users/shug/>
SHUG executive committee minutes.

Teleconference held September 6, 2011.

Attendees:

Executive Committee: Cora Lind, Greg Beaucage, Matthew Stone, and Mike Crawford,
Seunghun Lee

Guests: Al Ekkebus, Mike Simonson

Minutes submitted for review September 22, 2011 by M. B. Stone.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Everyone – Please continue submitting suggestions for individuals for the next SHUG executive committee elections. Please send these to Cora.

ATTACHMENTS and WEBSITES of interest from the teleconference:

1. Update for HFIR and SNS (Mike Simonson)

More than 750 users have been to SNS this fiscal year and more than 400 users have been to HFIR this fiscal year.

Looking forward to 2012, management is interested in streamlining the process from proposal to publication, and removing any bottlenecks which may occur in this path. Please consider what frustrations you may find in this process and gather those thoughts for presentation to management.

The September proposal call ended on Sept 7, 2011 at midnight. The prior proposal call had 699 proposals.

Newer instruments at the SNS include NOMAD and EQSANS (now both fully in the user program). HYSPEC and VISION will begin commissioning with neutrons in FY 2012. The SING2 project closed out two or three weeks ago with all instruments delivered on time and under budget.

Detector firmware is being investigated for the TOPAZ detectors to improve measurements of weakly scattering samples.

Robert McGreevey has joined the directorate as a deputy associate laboratory director (deputy ALD). He is taking the role of smoothing the process from proposal to publication. The line management structure remains the same as previously.

As of October first, Dr. Laura Edwards will be the new user office group leader. Dr. Edwards has approximately 6 years of experience working with user programs at the CNMS and will be replacing Judy Trimble, the current user office group leader.

2) User Week and Workshops (Al)

So far this year, Oak Ridge has held and is holding 6 instrument related workshops:

Dates	Instrument	Attendees
April 18-20	HFIR GP-SANS and Bio-SANS	15
July 11-12	SNS reflectometers	24
Aug 31-Sep 2	POWGEN	42
Sep 6-7	EQSANS	21
Sep 12-13	NOMAD	35
Sep 29 – Oct 1	TOPAZ	35

The first two focused on past experiments and analysis and reduction of data already taken. The last four were directed to new users of these instruments who may also be new neutron users at SNS. Surveys will be conducted of attendees regarding the content of these workshops, and we will also request feedback on other workshops of interest. The results will be shared with SHUG.

The Neutron and X-ray Scattering School will probably be held August 12-25, 2012, with the 2nd week here in Oak Ridge. The change is necessitated by the American Conference of Neutron Scattering beginning June 24 in the Washington, D.C. area, and the desire to have workshops at NIST just prior to this event. According to planned operations schedules for HFIR, SNS, and the Advanced Photon Source, the available dates are either in late May (problems with Memorial Day) or mid-August (interfering with return to school and the ACS meeting).

2013 is being proposed as the International Year of Crystallography. We may wish to think about relevant events to tie into this.

The registrations for the November workshops are expected to open later this week. Since the User Meeting begins Monday for 2 days with other events both earlier and later, Oak Ridge proposes a meeting for SHUG Executive Committee members. Topics to be discussed include the latest details of the science and user programs, instrument updates, planning for FY2012 activities in operations user outreach, as well as the upcoming BES program review. SHUG agreed that a dinner meeting starting Sunday evening around 5 pm at SNS would be good. We could invite the newly elected SHUG members to attend. SHUG Executive Committee agreed that their participation as session chairs during the user meeting would be appropriate.

3) Upcoming Elections

Please provide additional candidates, names and bios, for the upcoming SHUG executive committee elections.

* Next telecon date

Tuesday October 4, 2011, at 1 PM