

Minutes for Materials Science and Technology Division Executive Committee Meeting

Micah Hackett passed around the November, 2013 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as written.

Ken Geelhood of Technical Programs gave a report.

- The call for papers for the ANS November meeting in Anaheim has a hard deadline is July 4th so submit your abstracts.
- Generic title topics for June, 2015 meeting is Modeling and Simulations, Nuclear Fuels, Accident Tolerant Fuels, Structural Materials, Advanced Instrumentation, Used Fuel and Dry Storage.
- Not planning to have a topic on stress corrosion cracking at the June, 2015 meeting.
- Final approval has apparently been granted for NFSM 2016, and Heather Chichester to verify that this is correct.
- Jim Tulenko reported on the TopFuels topical meeting. The 2016 meeting will be in Salt Lake City (2014 in Sendai, Japan and 2015 in Zurich, Switzerland). The last US meeting (Charlotte, NC in 2013) was organized by Fuel Cycle Waste Management Division, so the next 2016 meeting in the US will be organized by MSTD.

Bryan Chin gave his chair report for MSTD.

- All officers made it to the PDC workshop, and all officers will be going to the PDC division meeting on Wednesday.
- All future ANS meetings in DC will no longer be at the Omni hotel and instead will be at the Marriott.
- For future meetings, ANS national has been directed to negotiate wifi access for all meeting and conference rooms.
- Students will be given free tickets to luncheons at future meetings.
- Divisions have been given permission to have their executive meetings at **any** time from Monday through Wednesday during the ANS meeting, so MSTD can discuss changing the meeting time.
- Webinars are being held through ANS national – a recent one on financial reporting has been held and the recording can be found on the website.
- ANS national has now given MSTD metrics on past performance, and there is one thing in particular that has been called out as needing improvement. Principally, our website and communication for the division were found lacking, and this is something that the officers will address.
- Awards will be given out at the Tuesday morning session in NFSM. The awards committee came up with 13 awards to be handed out.
- Bryan as outgoing chair is the nominating committee for secretary/treasurer for MSTD. If you have a name of someone to nominate, please send it to Bryan. However, it must be stressed that the officers need to be present at

every meeting during their tenure, so only those who can make the commitment should be considered.

- MSTD continues to climb in membership numbers and involvement.

Cynthia Papesch as liaison to Young Member group was not present.

Arthur Motta as University Liaison was not present.

Travis Knight reported for Publicity that he is ready and willing to update the MSTD website at any time if someone provides something that needs to be posted. He indicated that some information on past chairs is missing and needs to be updated.

International Liaison Vincenzo Rondinella was not present to report.

Todd Allen made a request that MSTD not forget about the Environment Degradation meeting, because it only occurs every six years, and ANS needs to be staffed to support it, and the proper paperwork needs to be filed well in advance of the meeting.

Micah Hackett presented on the budget.

- Previous discussion from the PDC Workshop had indicated that the Schumar scholarship was not sufficiently funded, but it turns out that this information was incorrect, and the Schumar scholarship will be fully funded through Reserve Funds by ANS national.
- The 2015 budget includes money for Awards & Plaques and also for National Meeting costs. For 2015, there will be no awards, and national meeting costs will also likely be small. Therefore, there is likely to be little money allocated to those budget items in reality. Therefore, the primary cost will be the \$5500 for student support.
- Discussion of the student support focused on how many students were supported by the travel money that they give. Heather clarified that all of the MSTD money that goes to National meetings are given to ANS National, and they then allocate the money to the students. However, the student conference organizers determine the amount of student travel support. MSTD allocates money for two awards (one undergraduate and one graduate award) and the remainder (\$1500) is given to the discretion of the conference organizers. In future, MSTD can direct the money more specifically if desired. That motion was postponed for further discussion at the next meeting.
- The budget as presented was approved.