

MSTD Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
2011 ANS Winter Meeting
Parlor 400, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.
October 31, 2011

Executive Board Members Present

Heather J.M. Chichester, Chair
Ken Geelhood, Vice Chair
Bryan Chin, Secretary-Treasurer
Robert Hanrahan
Randy Nanstad
Cynthia Papesch
Jacob Eapen
Micah Hackett
Jack Henderson
Maria Okuniewski
James Stubbins
Totju Totev

Executive Board Members Absent

Rodd Allen
Rita Baranwal
Djamel Kaoumi
Lance Snead
Dion Sunderland
Heng Ban
Arthur Motta
Vincenzo Rondinella

Others Present

Rory Kenndy
Simon Phillpot
K.L. Murty
Peng Xu
Travis Knight
Mahiama Gupta
Laura Sudderth
Steve Krivit

Call to Order: 6:58 pm

1. Preliminary Business
 - a. Quorum established. All present were asked to introduce themselves and identify their organization.
 - b. ANS 2012 Student Conference Representatives: (Sherry Faye, Vanessa Sanders) were given the floor to discuss the upcoming ANS student conference. The 2012 ANS Student

Conference will be held at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas on April 12-15, 2012. Website: www.conference.unlvans.org. Bryan Chin questioned whether there would be a materials science track. The answer yes, but the program will be changed depending on abstracts submitted. MSTD should encourage student members to submit abstracts. Professionals are wanted to register as session chairs and judges. Session judges will receive papers before the conference to review/judge. Session chairs will make sure papers are on time. The students are encouraging poster sessions. There are a fixed number of slots for presentations, extra slots for poster session.

2. Chairman's Report (Heather)

a. Professional Development Committee Meeting

A workshop was held by the PDC for all Division Chairs on Saturday, October 29. A draft strategic plan for ANS was discussed. Heather will send this draft out to all MSTD executive committee members. Members are requested to comment on this draft.

b. MSTD will make its two year presentation to ANS directors at the Director's meeting on Wednesday November 2, 2012. Heather will make presentation available to all executive committee members.

c. One possible concern was that the MSTD website has not been updated. The committee discussed methods on how to keep the website up to date. This was discussed in more detail under the Publicity section.

3. Secretary/Treasurers Report (Bryan Chin)

a. MSTD Financial Statement (8/31/2011)

Bryan Chin presented the 2011 MSTD Account Statement (dated 8/31/2011) that he had received from the ANS financial division. Expenditures listed were discussed

b. 2012 MSTD Budget

Bryan Chin then presented the proposed 2012 MSTD Budget

- Donations to support for the UNLV student conference were discussed. Members present discussed whether the amount should be increased due to inflation. A motion was made by Bob Hanrahan to increase the money given to support the UNLV student conference to \$1500 plus an additional \$500 support for a best paper award. The motion was seconded and passed by vote.
- It was noted that in 2012, MSTD will have a luncheon. A motion was made and passed that a \$1000 be allocated to the budget to cover national meeting costs. This measure was seconded and approved.
- A discussion followed on student awards. A motion was made by Bob Harahan and seconded that the budget be amended to include \$1500 for ANS student travel/awards and an additional \$2000 for student travel/awards support to NSF. Vote passed.
- Robert Hanrahan made a motion to approve the 2012 budget as amended. Jim Stubbins seconded motion. A vote was taken and the budget was approved as amended.

4. Program Committee (Ken Geelhood)

a. Current meetings and sessions

Ken reported that the MSTD sessions on Nuclear Fuels and Materials on Monday afternoon were very well attended. Often standing room only.

b. Upcoming meetings and sessions

- NSFAM Spring 2012: Next summer there will be no general session because MSTD will sponsor NSFAM. Three days of talks, targeting 48 speakers for sessions. Organizers currently have 20 speakers signed up. Invited talks only. Topics are on the website: clad, fuel, EFRM presentations, modeling, etc. This embedded topical will follow the same format as the last successful NSFAM.
- Call for Papers, Winter 2012: Steven Krivit, editor of the New Energy Times presented a request for a special session for the Winter 2012. He proposed a panel session that would discuss low energy nuclear reactions (cold fusion). Robert Hanrahan requested that Ed Harpuni of Livermore be a member of the panel. Ken Geelhood proposed a nuclear fuels and materials session. A multi-scale modeling of fuels and materials session was promoted by Robert Hanrahan. Rory Kennedy proposed a session on Separate effects testing of nuclear fuels and materials.

5. Honors and Awards (Jim Stubbins)

Schedule for the Awards cover a 2 year period. Heather and Jim will send out an email asking for award nominations from all MSTD members. Same awards banquet as last year will be held at NSFAM in Chicago. Same category of awards. Nomination for awards is online.

6. Nominating Committee (Jeremy Busby)

Jeremy Busby is in charge of nomination slate for terms starting next June. Many names were nominated to replace members whose terms were ending on the MSTD executive committee. Heather will provide these names to Jeremy. The names included Heng Ban for secretary/treasurer. For executive committee members: Rory Kennedy, Jim Tulenko, Simon Phillpot, Gary Waas, Chai Fanyo Deo, etc.

7. University Liaison Report

Heather Chichester and Jim Stubbins will put together a committee to review how University student travel funds are awarded.

8. Publicity (Travis Knight)

- a. Travis must be contacted directly to update website, not currently executive committee member
- b. It was suggested that we need to send out notes to membership when there is new information on the website.
- c. It was suggested that an updated list of upcoming topicals be placed on the website.
- d. Advertise student support on website to membership.

9. International Liaison Report

Vincenzo Rondinella will rotate off executive committee next year. Need to update this international Liaison.

10. Old Business

None.

11. New Business

Heather Chichester requested a replacement for her on the ANS Young Member's committee. Heather described what was required. Cynthia Papesch agreed to serve as the MSTD representative on this committee.

Meeting Adjourned 8:40 pm.