

NUCL Division Executive Committee Meeting

April 10, 2024 at 3:30 pm ET via Zoom

Attendees: Dustin Demoin, Julie Ezold, Amy Hixon, Tara Mastren, Deborah Penchoff, Brian Powell, R. Gian Surbella, Justin Walensky

Meeting called to order at 3:32 pm ET.

How much is our annual allotment from ACS? It varies based on membership and attendance at ACS meetings. We receive multiple allotments each year (\$28,433 total last year). We've been using these allotments to pay for the Seaborg Award, which is not sustainable when ACS wants \$17k per year for Seaborg. It also prevents us from starting other division-level awards.

How many members does the division have? It fluctuates between 700 and 1000; the February 2024 count was 827. Division membership determines how many councilors and at-large members we elect.

Minutes from business and executive meetings will be in the newsletter and posted on the website.

Can we cross-list the "Lanthanide and Actinide" session from INOR on NUCL? Tara and Gian will work on making this happen. This seems to help get abstracts, but it doesn't cross-list them in the program.

How is the program shaping up for the S25? Todd Bredeweg has meetings a few times a year to work on programming for out-years. S25 meeting will be tricky because of conflicts with MARC and a nuclear medicine conference.

When does the new programming format start (i.e., no Sunday programming)? This only applies to the fall meetings and we think that it starts F24.

Tara Mastren would like to step down as Spring programming chair, but would like to work with a new person through the next Spring meeting as training. Deborah Penchoff would like to step up.

Sylvia will be stepping down as Councilor and Brian will be stepping down as Treasurer. The NUCL division used to make sure that there was a trade-off between academia and national laboratories in the Chair Elect – Vice Chair – Chair sequence. There is a desire to return to this tradition while adding industry representatives, too. Justin will start canvassing the NUCL membership for the next election.

Ken Nash is not able to travel to Fall 2024 ACS for his symposium, but can participate virtually, so we need to make sure that the session is hybrid. Todd, Deborah, and Gian are working with ACS staff to make this happen.

Can we hold the business meeting on a day that's not Tuesday? Historically, the executive committee meeting was held on Sunday evening and the business meeting was Monday evening. When the Kavli lectures started, ACS would not allow counter-scheduling on Mondays, so the business meeting was moved to Tuesday. The current conflict in the spring with the awards banquet is problematic for NUCL leadership. Gian and Tara will look into scheduling an earlier meeting on Mondays (e.g., noon or 4:30 pm).

We can advertise poster sessions, business meeting, and social at the breaks during sessions. Dustin can organize this if he has the info.

Justin will work on formalizing the transfer of knowledge to the next chair and will be revisiting the goals from the last strategic planning meeting.

Deborah will forward strategic planning documents to Chris Klug to put on the NUCL division website.

Julie Ezold brought up the point that the NCSS is 40 years old this year. Will we be doing anything to celebrate? She has a listing of participants and current placements.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm ET.