

Minutes of the SHUG Conference Call
April 4, 2014, 1pm

1. Roll call
Attendees On line: Tyrel McQueen, Greg Beaucage, Rob McKenna, Dave Belanger, Yang Zhang, Yang Gao, Andrea Marcinkova, Brad Lokitz
ORNL: Ron Crone, Laura Edwards, Rob McQueeney. Steve Nagler, Thomas Proffen
2. Approval of minutes from March meeting: minutes approved.
3. Approval of current agenda: Agenda of meeting approved.
4. Action items from last meeting: None
5. Updates

Ron: BESAC review at end of February was well received. NAB was onsite in March and focused on science, instrument upgrades, and 2nd target station. Management is currently working on tactical plans for next 18-24 months.

Laura: Unique users for SNS is 215, HFIR is 107 through February. 704 proposals plus 37 dual instruments proposals were received during latest proposal call – 741 total which is most ever. Notifications will go out April 17. Currently have 150 science reviewers but more are needed – Laura will send out areas where more reviewers are needed. SNS considering moving to 3 proposal calls a year to reduce time from proposal acceptance to beam time (10 months to 6 months) – Laura to send slides to SHUG.

Thomas Proffen: User feedback about Epics upgrade on Vulcan has been very positive. An updated upgrade/roll out schedule for instruments will be given during May teleconference.

Steve Nagler: Focusing guide on CNCS gives a 4 fold gain in intensity for small samples. CORELLI is slated for commissioning in May and there is a job posting for a second instrument scientist.

Andrea Marcinkova (SHUG) – SHUG user meeting will be Tuesday of ACNS.

Tyrel McQueen (SHUG) – No changes with LUJAN and BES funding situation.

Next call: Next call will be on Friday, May 2nd, at 1pm.