

**Minutes of the SHUG Conference Call**  
**August 15, 2014, 1pm**

1. Roll call  
Attendees On line: Claire White, Yang Zhang, Yan Gao, Andrea Marcinkova, Brad Lokitz, Morten Eskildsen, Hanno zur Loye  
ORNL: Rob McQueeney, Laura Edwards, Paul Langan, Crystal Schrof, Thomas Proffen, Mark Lumsden
2. Approval of minutes from July meeting: minutes approved.
3. Approval of current agenda: Agenda of meeting approved.
4. Action items from last meeting: None
5. Updates

Rob McQueeney for Ron Crone: HFIR was delayed in started up by one week due to a software issue that lead to a safety review. HFIR is currently running and should reach target of 91% efficiency by the end of the fiscal year. A new jet flow target was installed at SNS during the outage and the run cycle started on 8/14 with no issues.

Thomas Proffen: All instruments working well and VISION has entered the user program. GSAS 2 contract is in place and work has started.

Paul Langan: MANDI will enter the user program after two weeks of testing (30 detectors installed). LR has a new slit package to increase signal to noise for small samples. BioSANS (HFIR) will be getting a wide angle detector package.

Mark Lumsden for Steve Nagler: Mag reflectometer received a helium 3 upgrade. CYNICS has new package to double flux, and CORELLI is undergoing commissioning. A new shield wall is being installed between HB3 and HB4 at HFIR to improve background resolution.

Laura Edwards: Unique users: 719 SNS users, 387 HFIR. SNS has decided to stay with 2 proposal calls per year but work at better educating users about all their options – rapid access, proof of principle, and programmatic beam time.

6. New Business  
SHUG needs to discuss and finalize plans for election of new executive committee members. 7 terms are set to expire in December. Laura Edwards proposed changing the election cycle to every 18 months and rotating 1/3 SHUG at every election to improve continuity. SHUG to discuss by-law proposals and set up Nov/Dec election during next conference call.

Next call: Next call will be on Friday, Sept 5 at 1pm.