

**Minutes of the SHUG Conference Call
March 7, 2014, 1pm**

1. Roll call
Attendees On line: Tyrel McQueen, Greg Beaucage, Morten Eskildsen, Rob McKenna, Dave Belanger, Yang Zhang, Claire White, Yang Gao, Hanno zur Loye, Andrea Marcinkova, Brad Lokitz
ORNL: Crystal Schroff, Thomas Proffen, Mike Simonson, Bryan Chakoumakos, Paul Langan, Rob McQueeney
2. Approval of minutes from February meeting: minutes approved.
3. Approval of current agenda: Agenda of meeting approved.
4. Action items from last meeting: None
5. Updates

Laura: Crystal Schroff for Laura – 704 user proposals received (480 – SNS, 251 – HFIR). Proposals notifications by April 17. Unique users for SNS is 215, HFIR is 107

Rob McQueeney: Gave recap of BESAC presentations and workshop. NAB to be onsite at end of March.

Mike Simonson: USANS upgrade to pre monochromator passed tests and hope to have in beam soon to complete commissioning.

Thomas Proffen: Epics upgrade on Vulcan, HYSPEC, SEQUIA, and VISION running ADARA. Planning for 2 instrument upgrades (ADARA) per outage and expect to complete all beam lines in 3 years.

Steve Nagler: Bryan Chakoumakos for Steve –2.5x gain in detector efficiency for diffractometer and triple axis. SNS – new focus guide on CNCS gives 4 fold gain in intensity. Plans for CORELLI being finalized.

Paul Langan – HFIR: SANS sample environment upgrades to rheometer and grazing incident. Working to finish up the report on neutrons in biology grand challenge. Soft Matter work shop to be held at University of California Santa Barbara in May.

Andrea Marcinkova (SHUG) – SHUG meeting be held at ACNS, 2 lunch meetings one for executive committee and Oak Ridge leadership and the other will be a full meeting.

Tyrel McQueen (SHUG) – BES is pulling their support (funding) of the user program at LUJAN – Tyrel will keep SHUG in the loop on what is happening.

Next call: Next call will be on Friday, April 4th, at 1pm.