

## SHUG-EC Conference Call: Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 11 AM – 12 PM EDT

### Attendees (online)

ORNL: Jon Taylor, Janell Thompson, Naresh Osti

External: Mingda Li, Igor Zaliznyak, Ben Frandsen, Katie Weigandt, Rebecca Dally, Grace Longbons, Yulia Zaikina, Hillary Smith, Amy Xu, Nairiti Sinha

### Document approval

March 2024 meeting minutes: approved

### Agenda

#### 1. SHUG User Survey

User survey is almost ready to be sent out.

**action item (all):** Take practice survey and submit (Ben will clear all submissions before survey released to users). Communicate approval to Ben by Monday/Tuesday of next week.

#### 2. Breakthrough Symposium: high entropy alloys (update from Hillary)

Structure will be changed slightly from past: beamline scientists will talk at the beginning with flash talks about instruments that run high entropy alloys. The rest of the symposium will be the same with two junior and two senior speakers with one neutron and one non-neutron user in each category. The target timeline will be August (days to avoid: SHUGH-EC onsite meeting week of August 12, August 18-22 (ACS Fall meeting), August 28 (proposal call))

**action item (Hillary/Yulia/Rebecca):** send out list of candidate speakers to rest of EC and send invitation emails to finalists

#### 3. SHUG-EC onsite meeting

Scheduled for week of August 12, agenda will start to be created

**action item (Janell):** send past agendas to EC

#### 4. Oversubscription awareness (Jon)

Beamtime allocation currently at 75% for general user (GU) and 25% discretionary time (DT). Oversubscription rate depends on how days are counted and are users aware of this allocation split and the ways in which they can obtain beamtime. The different proposal types and how users can obtain beamtime through different proposal types is posted on the web: <https://neutrons.ornl.gov/users/proposal-types>. If a user does not get beamtime through their GU proposal submission, there are other avenues to getting beamtime. We don't want users to be discouraged if they don't get beamtime. Are there ways that we can make users more aware of these other avenues?