

SHUG-EC Conference Call: Tuesday September 14th, 2021

Online:

ORNL: Janell Thomson, Travis Williams, Lisa Debeer-Schmitt, Jamie Fernandez-Baca

External: Geneva Laurita, Adrian Brugger, Daniel Shoemaker, Yun Liu, Jaroslaw Majewski, Olivier Delaire, William Ratcliff, Martin Mourigal, Danielle Yahne, Rana Ashkar

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Minutes from August 2021 conference call: approve

Agenda for September 2021 conference call: approve

1. Action item: SHUG-EC elections.
 - a. Last year, each EC member suggested ~4 candidates and emailed to Vice Chair
 - b. **Action item (all):** Send a list of 4 candidates (1 of whom is a graduate student/postdoc) to Yun by the end of the week
 - i. **Action item (Yun):** Send email to SHUG with clarification of requirements
 - ii. Rotating off this year: Olivier Delaire, Jaroslaw Majewski, Martin Mourigal, William Ratcliffe, and Danielle Yahne.
 - iii. Discussed the current state of bylaws particularly in context of the pandemic and the rules dictating the nomination requirements.
 - iv. Discussed and voted on an emergency adjustment of the two-year proposal submission requirement for candidate nomination due to the extenuating circumstances brought about by the pandemic
 - v. Will solicit community nominations in a similar call as last year
 1. **Action item (Janell):** send draft of call to SHUG to Yun and distribute
 - vi. Janell will share a list of eligible individuals to consult for nominations
2. Consider ORNL employee quota on EC membership (currently 3 or fewer out of 12).
 - a. Discussed this in comparison to similar groups.
 - b. Will need to revisit this before next summer if we wish to make an adjustment to the bylaws
3. Request recurring SHUG User workshop topics.
 - a. To be discussed at a different time.
4. NAB Meeting Wednesday 9/29 12:30pm Eastern
 - a. Discussed edits to list of accomplishments for the NAB.
 - i. Discussed how to convey concerns about the detrimental impacts of the upcoming shutdowns and the future of neutron scattering in general
 - ii. Discussed how to convey concerns with the short-term and long-term impacts of COVID, including a timeline and plan for reopening for onsite users
 - b. **Action item (all):** add any suggestions or comments to the shared google document (see Daniel email from 9/10/21) by Thursday 9/16
5. Next conference call: Tuesday October 12th, 4pm