

SHUG (SNS HFIR User Group), <http://neutrons.ornl.gov/users/shug/>  
SHUG executive committee minutes.

Teleconference held December 6, 2011.

Attendees:

Executive Committee: Greg Beaucage, Cora Lind, Matthew Stone, Frederick Heberle, Yan Gao, Tyrel McQueen, Hanno zur Loye, Dave Belanger, Michael McKay, Eugenia Kharlampieva

Guests: Al Ekkebus, Mike Simonson, Mark Lumsden, Paul Langan

Minutes submitted for review December 8, 2011 by M. B. Stone.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- The next teleconference will be Tuesday January 10, 2012, at 1 PM. (Originally scheduled for Tuesday January 3, 2012).

ATTACHMENTS and WEBSITES of interest from the teleconference:

- ACNS conference, June 24-28, 2012 in Washington DC. <http://www.mrs.org/acns-2012/>
- 14<sup>th</sup> National School on Neutron and X-ray Scattering, August 15-25, 2012 Oak Ridge and Argonne National Laboratories. <http://neutrons.ornl.gov/conf/nxs2012/>
- Next proposal round for SNS and HFIR ends February 22, 2012. <http://www.ornl.gov/sci/iums/ipts/>

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#### 1. Update on HFIR and SNS (Mike Simonson, Paul Langan)

The IMAGINE instrument is being installed and commissioned at HFIR. The instrument will see its first neutrons in April of 2012.

The BioSANS detector at HFIR will be arriving soon to replace the current detector.

The Associate Director for the Office of Biological and Environmental Research at the Department of Energy, Dr. Sharlene Weatherwax, visited SNS and HFIR in late November.

The TOPAZ hardware and software issues regarding detectors are becoming more understood and there will be news coming soon regarding these results.

#### 2. Welcome to new members of the SHUG Executive committee and a thank you to outgoing members.

### 3. Summary of User Meeting (Al, Cora)

The quality of the speakers was very good, but the attendance at the user meeting was low. One suggestion is to mix the talks so that they are not sorted by subject matter. This would help keep talks more populated with attendees.

The next user meeting will probably be part of the American Conference on Neutron Scattering(ACNS) in June 2012. There is a deadline for speaker recommendations closing Wednesday December 7, 2012.

### 4. Other business

There will be a graduate course on neutron scattering applications in structural biology at ORNL in June 2012. The web site is being prepared now.

The 2012 neutron/xray school at Oak Ridge and Argonne will be held in the middle of August. This is to avoid overlap with the NIST workshops in the mid-summer around the time of the ACNS. There will be likely room for 60 students this year. Last year there were over 200 applicants.

The next call for proposals will be February 2012; see <http://neutrons.ornl.gov/users/proposals.shtml> for details.

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