

**Nuclear Installations Safety Division**  
**Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, November 12, 2007**  
**Washington, DC**  
**Parlor #300**

Executive Committee (EC) Members Present:

Allen Camp (Chair), Kevin O’Kula (Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect), Linda Hansen (Secretary/Treasurer), Robert Budnitz, David Diamond, Andrew Kadak, Charles Martin, Bonnie Shapiro, and Hartmut Wider

Others Present:

Dana Powers, Jan van Erp, Ray Gallucci, Herb Massie, Stephen Schultz, and Matthew Denman. See Attachment 1 – Attendance List.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by NISD Chair, Allen Camp. See Attachment 2 – Agenda.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the June 2007 EC meeting in Boston, MA, were emailed by Linda Hansen on October 26 to EC members. Meeting minutes were **Approved**. See Attachment 3 – EC June Meeting Minutes (without attachments).

ANS 2008 Student Conference: Marie Cronholm, Co-Chair for the ANS 2008 Student Conference, gave a summary of the conference to be held February 28-March 1, 2008, at Texas A&M University. Tentative speakers will be Mohamed ElBaradei, Director General International Atomic Energy Agency, astronomer Dr. Patrick Moore, Joe Shepherd, and possibly Clay Sell, Deputy Secretary of Energy. The conference is expected to be attended by 500 students and 75-100 recruiters. There will be a mentor program, judging of papers, exhibits, and an engineering challenge contest. More information can be found on the conference website: [ans.tamu.edu/2008Conference.html](http://ans.tamu.edu/2008Conference.html).

Treasurer’s Report: Linda provided the Treasurer’s report for the division which included current balance, income and expenses through September, and the six-year forecast. Treasurer’s report was **Approved**. See Attachment 4 – Treasurer’s Report.

The proposed budget to be submitted to ANS HQ for 2008 is due by December 10. The budget was discussed and **Approved**. See Attachment 5 – NISD 2008 Proposed Budget.

Allen distributed a survey from the Professional Division Committees (PDC) regarding a proposed increase for member allocation. Currently, each division receives \$1 to use for expenses related to the operation and management of the division. However, ANS is considering to increase this amount to \$2. PDC wants to know what divisions would do with this extra funding if approved. The EC felt extra funds would be best served by increasing support for student activities.

Scholarship Status: Allen reported that the two NISD Scholarships (Saul Levine Scholarship Award and the Raymond DiSalvo Scholarship Award) may have been fully endowed by the Board of Directors at the \$50K level. Allen will verify this. ANS HQ will continue to select the recipients for both scholarships. NISD would like to ensure that the recipients receive

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information about the individuals, Saul Levine and Raymond DiSalvo, for whom the scholarships were named. Linda will attend the Scholarship Committee meeting and convey this request.

Young Members (YM) Liaison Report: Dave Diamond met with the Young Members Group (YMG) on Sunday morning. NISD will receive a list of young members who have selected NISD as one of their two primary divisions. At the next meeting, Dave will ask for YM participation to join the NISD Program Committee. One request made by the YMG was how to support a topical meeting. Robert Budnitz, Technical Program Chair for PSA 08, volunteered to try and get them involved--perhaps in a workshop during the conference.

Honors and Awards Committee: Jan van Erp reported that the George C. Laurence Pioneering Award will be given to David Okrent from the University of California. Dana Powers from Sandia National Laboratory will receive the Theos J. (Tommy) Thompson Award for Nuclear Safety. Both awards will be presented at the Honors & Awards Luncheon on Tuesday. Pete Lyons will be accepting the award on behalf of David Okrent. Jan recommended that the George C. Laurence Award not be presented in 2008, since traditionally it has been awarded every two or three years. See Attachment 6 – Honors and Awards Report.

ANS President's Meeting with Division Chairs: Allen provided a summary from his meeting with ANS President, Don Hintz, and his attendance at the PDC meeting. Topics included ANS collaboration with international societies and involvement with Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP).

Professional Divisions Committee Update: Allen reported that the Professional Divisions Committee workshop held on Saturday was similar to the President's Meeting. Discussion topics included the increase to member allocation and reevaluating traditional meeting support of 20 papers per meeting. Mikey Brady Rapp from the National Program Committee is working on a new formula for divisions to receive funds for supporting the national meetings which will include a combination of topical meetings, embedded meetings. The previous issue of the "footprint" is dead—there are no longer any problems having enough meeting space available to conduct division and governance meetings. The pressure associated with shortened division meetings has been relieved.

## **REPORTS**

Program Committee: Ray Galluci, Program Committee (PC) Chair, summarized the PC meeting held Sunday evening. Awards were given to Kevin O'Kula and Steve Schultz for their long-time support and dedication to topicals and special sessions, respectively. For this Winter meeting, nineteen papers turned into 24 papers exceeding the mandatory 20-paper metric. The PC is addressing the challenge to encourage foreign NISD members to submit and participate. The PC also discussed extending the terms of officers to two years. One concern would be the individual's or their company's commitment for the six year progression.

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Topical Meetings: Kevin reported that a special publication edition Nuclear Technology magazine will highlight papers from the Safety and Technology of Nuclear Hydrogen Production, Control, and Management (ST-NH2) embedded topical meeting in Boston. This was the first embedded topical on nuclear hydrogen production, control, and management. This topical may be better suited as a stand-alone topical in three years. The embedded topical on Risk Management received conditional calendar placement based on changes to the Publication Plan. Mike Modro has expressed interest to once again organize the Best Estimates embedded topical during the 2009 Winter Meeting, but more information is needed to proceed with calendar placement. See Attachment 7 – Topical Meetings Report.

Special Sessions: Dana Powers reported the status at this Winter meeting which included six stimulated papers and 17 contributed papers. The Annual meeting in Anaheim, CA, may include four General Sessions and 12 Special Sessions. One General Session will host a panel about the nuclear facility response to the June 2006 earthquake in Japan. There will be two Special Sessions on Safety Considerations for Sodium Fast Reactors that will be organized by H.P. Planchon and Robert Budnitz. See Attachment 8 – Special Sessions Report

THD Liaison Report: Dana Powers, NISD liaison to the Thermal Hydraulics Division, attended their Program and Executive meeting on Sunday. Discussions included THD's strategy for organizing sessions at national meetings. THD requested Dana as the NISD liaison to assist with one of their sessions. In turn, Dana requested THD for joint sponsorship on a severe accident analysis stand alone topical if sufficient interest was established. See Attachment 9 – Thermal Hydraulics Liaison Report.

TMI Workshop: Chip Martin gave an update on the workshop, "TMI-2 Accident—A Textbook in Severe Accident Management", conducted by Bob Henry on Saturday, November 10. There were approximately 24 working professionals and students who attended. A suggestion was made to repeat this workshop in Reno in 2009 for young professionals. Chip will discuss this possibility with Bob. A suggestion was made to develop a series of rotated topics for workshops that can be conducted at each national meeting.

Newsletter and Website: Gary Wilson (not present) produced the Fall 2008 newsletter that was sent to NISD members in October. Gary continues to keep the website updated to include information to improve communications among members. See Attachment 10 – Fall 2008 Newsletter.

Strategic Plans and Rules Update: Allen will update the Strategic Plans concerning scholarships. Allen will be providing the NISD presentation to the ANS Board of Directors at the ANS Annual Meeting in Anaheim June 2008. The Rules document did not need updated or changed. The Strategic Plan with corrected amendments was **Approved**.

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Nominations: Chip headed this year's nominating committee and submitted the slate of candidates to Allen.

Chair	Kevin O'Kula (will move from Vice-chair position to Chair)
Vice-Chair	John Kelly
Sec/Treasurer	Gerald Loignon
EC Members	Herbert Massie, Phillip Ellison, and John Lehner

NISD members will vote next year when ballots are sent by ANS HQ. The slate of candidates were **Approved**. See Attachment 11 – 2008 EC Candidates.

New Business / Open Issues: Hartmut Wider has other commitments that may preclude his attendance to EC meetings, but will continue to support the EC.

NISD PC had been considering joint sponsorship of the Energy Facility and Contractors Owners Group (EFCOG) topical meeting. The PC recommended supporting a few sessions on safety, but decided to not co-sponsor the entire meeting.

Bob Budnitz reported that an unprecedented issue will be on the February ballot in California that will revoke the previous ban on building a new nuclear power plant.

Kevin reported that NISD still conducts the longest meetings (PC and EC) of any other division. Kevin will send out a vote concerning how we run the committee meetings with the following options:

1. Statue quo--keep meetings as is (PC on Sunday evening; EC on Monday evening)
2. Conduct both meetings on Sunday, but split the meeting time (4:00-6:00 and 7:30-9:30)

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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