



## **Minutes for the 23<sup>rd</sup> AONSA Executive Committee Meeting**

**Date:** 14:00 - 17:30, November 18 (Monday), 2019

**Place:** Howard Beach Resort, Kenting, Taiwan

**Participants:** 27

### **[Board Members]**

Brendan Kennedy (President; ANBUG, U. Sydney)  
Dongfeng Chen (Vice-president; CNSS; CIAE) – conference call  
Jae-Ho Chung (Secretary; KNBUA; Korea U)  
Hsiung Chou (Treasurer; TWNSS National Sun Yat-Sen U)  
Taku J Sato (Public Relations Officer; JSNS, Tohoku U)

### **[Members]**

Kathleen Wood (ANBUG; ANSTO, on behalf of Tracy Rushmer)  
Yun Liu (ANBUG, Australian NU, on behalf of Ian Gentle)  
Hesheng Chen (CNSS; IHEP) – conference call  
Rifai Muslih (INSS; BATAN, on behalf of Evvy Kartini)  
Kazuhisa Kakurai (JSNS, CROSS)  
Soo-Hyung Choi (KNBUA; Hongik U on behalf of Sungkyun Park)  
Ko-Wei Lin (TWNSS; Nat. Chung Hsing University)

### **[Observers]**

Jamie Schulz (ANSTO)  
Fangwei Wang (CSNS) – conference call  
Yuntao Liu (CARR) – conference call  
Kai Sun (CMRR) – conference call  
Mitsuhiro Shibayama (JRR3/U Tokyo)  
Toshiji Kanaya (J-PARC/KEK) or Kenji Nakajima (J-PARC)  
Masayasu Takeda (JRR3/JAEA)  
Sungil Park (HANARO)  
Apichate Maneewong (Thai Community; TINT)

### **[Special Observers]**

Hideki Seto (AONSA Office; KEK)  
Kenji Nakajima (J-PARC/KEK)  
Yasuhiko Fujii (retired)  
Yukinobu Kawakita (J-PARC)  
Sungmin Choi (KAIST)  
Wanchuck Woo (KAERI)

**[Apologies]**

Evvy Kartini (Member-at-Large; INSS; BATAN)  
S. M. Yusuf (Member-at-Large; NSSI; BARC)  
Tracy Rushmer (ANBUG; Macquairie U)  
Ian Gentle (ANBUG; U Queensland)  
D. Pandey (NSSI; ITT BHU)  
P. U. Sastry (BARC)  
Darminto (INSS; Institute of Technology, Surabaya)  
Sungkyun Park (KNBUA; Pusan NU)  
Jian Gong (CMRR)  
Iwan Sumirat (BATAN)  
Abdul Aziz Mohamed (Malaysian Community; UNITEN)

**Schedule**

Nov 18 (Monday)

14:00-14:10 Opening Remark (B. Kennedy)  
14:10-14:15 Approval of Agenda  
14:15-14:20 Report on the Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> AONSA ECM in Mianyang (J.-H. Chung)  
14:20-14:35 Report from the AONSA Office (H Seto)  
14:50-16:00 Discussion and Decisions  
*16:00-16:15 Coffee Break*  
15:45-16:45 Discussion and Decisions  
16:45-17:00 Facility Reports (Summary from FDM)  
17:00-17:40 Reports from Neutron Associations  
17:40-17:45 Closing Remark (B. Kennedy)

## Main text of the minutes

### **- Approval of agenda**

B. Kennedy listed the agenda of the 23<sup>rd</sup> EC meeting. The EC members approved the agenda.

### **- Report on the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> EC meeting**

JH Chung reported on the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> EC meeting, which was held in Mianyang, China, on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The EC members approved the minutes.

### **- Report from the AONSA Office (*Appendix 2*)**

H. Seto reported on the activities of the AONSA office

## **Items for Discussions and Decisions**

### **1. Process matters**

No items discussed at this meeting

### **2. Formal matters**

The executive members and the observers for the next term beginning January 2020 were nominated by the next term beginning in January 2020. The EC members confirmed the nominations.

ANBUG	(1) Tracy Rushmer (Macquarie University) (2) Yun Liu (Australian NU) (Observer) Jamie Schulz (ANSTO)
CNSS	(1) Dongfeng Chen (CIAE) (2) Hesheng Chen (IHEP) (Observer 1) Yuntao Liu (CARR) (Observer 2) Fangwei Wang (CSNS) (Observer 3) Jian Gong (CMRR)
INSS	(1) Darminto (Institute of Technology, Surabaya) (2) Eddy Giri Rahman Putra (BATAN) (Observer) Iwan Sumirat (BATAN)
JSNS	(1) Kazuhisa Kakurai (CROSS) (2) Taku Sato (Tohoku University) (Observer 1) Masayasu Takeda (JRR3)

	(Observer 2) Toshiya Otomo (J-PARC)
KNBUA	(1) Jae-Ho Chung (Korea University) (2) Soo-Hyung Choi (Hongik University) (Observer) Sungil Park (HANARO/KAERI)
NSSI	(1) SM Yusuf (BARC) (2) D Pandey (IIT BHU) (Observer) PU Sastry (BARC)
TWNSS	(1) Hsiung Chou (Nat. Sun Yat-Sen University) (2) Ko-Wei Lin (Nat. Chung Hsing University)
Thailand	(Observer) Apichate Maneewong (TINT)
Malaysia	(Observer) Abdul Aziz Mohamed (UNITEN)

The following nomination were received for the next Board members. The nominations were approved by the members after the EC meeting via e-mails

Past President	Brendan Kennedy (University of Sydney) - automatic
President	Dongfeng Chen (CNSS; CIAE) - automatic
Vice President	Taku Sato (Tohoku University)
Secretary	Jae-Ho Chung (Korea University)
Treasurer	Hsiung Chou (National Sun Yat-Sen University)
Public Relations Officer	Eddy Giri Rahman Putra (BATAN)
Member-at-Large	S. M. Yusuf (BARC)

### 3. AONSA Neutron School (*Appendix 3*)

Sungil Park reported on the 11<sup>th</sup> AONSA Neutron School, which was held in Daejeon, Korea, on August 19-23, 2019. The school hosted only 17 students (11 domestic and 6 from overseas) due to the unfortunately small number of applications. 17 lecturers contributed with science lectures and hands-on data analysis courses.

B Kennedy suggested to discuss on how to promote the attendance at AONSA Neutron Schools, and how to make these premier neutron schools in the region.

H Chou pointed out that the number of students in general are decreasing while domestic neutron schools may already accommodate majority of students.

K Kakurai said that the premiership could be difficult to achieve since domestic schools are already offered in English, and are inviting lecturers from outside the region. T Kanaya commented that MLF schools being international becomes a barrier for domestic students to

attend.

Y Liu suggested that the program should be better shaped to become attractive to students.

KW Lin said that TWNSS is covering airfares of their students attending neutron schools.

J Schultz suggested facilities and/or user societies to put up one or two scholarships to attend, which students may be selected via a competitive process. B Kennedy commented that winning a scholarship may add to student's resume.

H Chen mentioned that CNSS is trying to find some budget to support international students to attend the next neutron school at CSNS.

JH Chung advised the next school hosts not to waste time on setting up webpages but to announce the school and collect applications as early as possible. He also suggested to review which is the better way to collect applications: whether the school will directly accept individual applications or member societies collect and screen among themselves.

Sungil Park suggested that the AONSA schools being similar in format to other neutron schools may be making them less attractive for students to attend.

T Sato said that the frequency should be less than once a year to make the schools premier. He also suggested sharing roles between AONSA and domestic schools, one offering advanced level and the other general.

K Kakurai suggested that by combining the AONSA and domestic schools every two years, these goals may be achieved.

K Wood prefers the AONSA school in every two years and ANSTO schools in in-between years.

J Schultz explained that ANSTO offers general schools every two years, and courses focused on techniques or areas in the other alternate years.

B Kennedy summarized that there is a consensus for changes. He suggested putting up information of all other neutron schools on the AONSA webpage, which will be used for coordinating the local schools with the AONSA schools. He then also suggested each society to discuss among themselves and figure out the best way to encourage and support the best students.

#### **4. AONSA Prize 2019** (*Appendix 4*)

D Chen reported on the AONSA Prize and confirmed that Mahn Won Kim has been selected as the winner of the 5<sup>th</sup> award in 2019.

#### **5. AONSA Young Research Fellows** (*Appendix 4*)

D Chen reported on the selection result of the 2019 AONSA Young Research Fellow. Nine applications in total were received by the deadline on August 31, 2019. The selection committee recommended top three candidates: Dr. Tingting Song (China, ANBUG), Dr. Jungju

Ryu (Korea, KNBUA) and Dr. Taisen Zuo (China, CNSS). The committee approved the selection committee result. The CSNS agreed to accept Dr. Tingting Song to work on GPPD. The ANSTO agreed to accept Dr. Jungju Ryu to work on BILBY. The J-Parc agreed to accept Dr. Taisen Zuo to work on TAIKAN.

#### **6. Financial matters** (*Appendix 5*)

H Chou reported on the financial status of AONSA including the annual fee, prize fund, and future budget plans. He added that the 5<sup>th</sup> Prize winner MW Kim donated USD2,000 out of the prize money.

#### **7. Cooperation with NSSA and ENSA** (*Appendix 6*)

B Kennedy reported on the meeting with Despina Louca, the President of NSSA, and Christian Alba-Simionescu, the President of ENSA, and their visits to CARR and CSNS. He also participated in ECNS2019 in July, 2019, and gave a talk about the AONSA activities. He mentioned the recent inauguration of the Neutron Instrumentation and Innovation Award by ENSA, which is for early career scientists who made contributions to enabling advancement of neutron science. He suggested that similar early career awards may be needed in AONSA in the future.

B Kennedy also mentioned that the organizers of the ICNS2021 requested the three Presidents to suggest the list of the International Program Committee, which will be held in Bueno Aires, Argentina, in July 4 – 8, 2021. He suggested the list considering the regional and scientific diversity as well as the gender diversity, which is included in Appendix 6.

B Kennedy also mentioned that there was a discussion to form an international body representing world-wide neutron scattering community. It is expected that the body will be launched in 2021, which will provide the frame of ICNS to move forward.

#### **8. Diversity Proposal** (*Appendix 6*)

B Kennedy raised issue of the gender diversity and listed the diversity statements of IUCr, APS, and RACI. He and proposed the following statements to be considered. The statements will be circulated among the members after the EC meeting and adjusted before being placed on the AONSA webpage.

- AONSA strives to achieve gender balance in all its institutions and activities bearing in mind other diversity needs and its existing obligations to geographic and academic discipline representation where appropriate.
- AONSA award committees will have both male and female representation.

- AONSA will ensure reasonable representation of the AOCNS organizing committee will be female and that plenary, keynote and invited speakers together with session chairs will include females.
- Those seeking support from AONSA for, meetings, workshops and schools will have to demonstrate their efforts to address gender balance including targets for gender equality.

K Wood raised the importance of collecting data on gender balance and suggested that facilities collect data by including lines in their proposals and give them to AONSA.

T Kanaya mentioned that the females among JSNS membership are 8 %.

B Kennedy said that we need to strive for good role models for younger generations by improving gender balance.

## **9. Asia-Oceania Conference on Neutron Scattering**

H Chou submitted the status report of the AOCNS 2019. (*Appendix 7*)

B Kennedy apologized for failing to announce the Call for Proposal to host the AOCNS 2023 and having no proposals to discuss at the table. He proposed to announce the Call for Proposals immediately with the deadline one month prior to the next EC meeting. The proposal presentations and the final decision will be voted during on the next EC meeting in May in Indonesia.

## **10. Report on the 16<sup>th</sup> Neutron Facility Directors Meeting (*Appendix 8*)**

Sungil Park, on behalf of F Wang who was on a video call, made a summary report of the 18<sup>th</sup> Neutron Facility Directors Meeting, which was held on May 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, at the same venue. Fangwei Wang (CSNS) will be the next chair of FDM in 2020. J Schultz and T Kanaya will assist as secretaries.

B Kennedy proposed to plan a formal celebration of the restart of the JRR-3 in 2021.

## **11. AONSA Newsletters and Homepage (*Appendix 9*)**

T Sato report on the management of AONSA newsletters and homepage. He announced that the deadline for newsletter articles are Nov. 30, 2019. Any responsible person who intends not to submit articles this time must also inform him by the deadline. The newsletter will be released by the end of December.

## **12. Activities Related to SE Asia and Other Non-member Countries**

No items were reported in this meeting.

### **13. Cooperation with IUCr and IAEA**

No items were reported in this meeting.

### **14. Cooperation with AOFSTR**

No items were reported in this meeting.

### **15. Calendar of AONSA Activities (J-H Chung) (*Appendix 1*)**

### **16. Venue for the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> EC Meetings**

The 24<sup>th</sup> EC meeting will be held in May in Indonesia, with which a local workshop may be organized in conjunction. The 25<sup>th</sup> EC meeting will be held during the 12<sup>th</sup> AONSA Neutron School, which is scheduled to start on October 12, 2019. B Kennedy mentioned that the latter will place the EC meeting back in synch with the neutron schools and minimize the necessary travels although China will host EC two meetings in 18 months. The members consented with the proposed schedule.

### **<Reports from Neutron Associations and communities>**

- ANBUG (K Wood) (*Appendix 10*)
- CNSS (H Chen) (*Appendix 11*)
- INSS did not report this time.
- JSNS (K Kakurai) (*Appendix 12*)
- KNUBA (J.-H. Chung) (*Appendix 13*)
- NSSI (JH Chung on behalf of S. M. Yusuf) (*Appendix 14*)
- TWNSS (KW Lin) (*Appendix 15*)
- Thailand (A Maneewong) (*Appendix 16*)
- Malaysia did not report this time.

### **18. Additional discussions**

B. Kennedy raised the concern about INSS not actively engaging with EC recently. Given the possible difficulty of their budgetary situation against traveling, he proposed that the AONSA offer to pay for one roundtrip airfare from India to the next EC venue for one INSS non-facility EC member. The EC members agreed with the proposal.

### **18. Meeting close**



B. Kennedy thanked all the Board and EC members and observers for their contributions and participations in the 23<sup>rd</sup> EC Meeting.



## Appendix 1: Calendar of AONSA Activities

### Year 2019

Date	Events
May 24	16 <sup>th</sup> Facility Directors' Meeting (Mianyang, China)
May 25	22 <sup>nd</sup> AONSA EC Meeting (Mianyang, China)
Aug 19-23	11 <sup>th</sup> AONSA Neutron School (Daejeon, Korea)
Nov 16-21	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Asia Oceania Conference on Neutron (Kenting, Taiwan)
Nov 17	17 <sup>th</sup> AONSA Facility Directors' Meeting (Kenting, Taiwan)
Nov 18	23 <sup>rd</sup> AONSA EC Meeting (Kenting, Taiwan)

### Year 2020

Date	Events
May -	18 <sup>th</sup> Facility Directors' Meeting (Indonesia)
May -	24 <sup>th</sup> AONSA EC Meeting (Indonesia)
Oct 12-17...	12 <sup>th</sup> AONSA Neutron School (CSNS)
Oct 12...	19 <sup>th</sup> Facility Directors' Meeting (TBD)
Oct 12...	25 <sup>th</sup> AONSA EC Meeting (TBD)