



## **Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> AONSA Executive Committee Meeting**

**Date:** 09:00-14:30, November 26 (Sunday), 2017

**Place:** TINT, Bangkok, Thailand

**Participants: 25**

### **[Board Members]**

Sung-Min Choi (President; KNBUA; KAIST)

Kazuyoshi Yamada (Vice-president; JSNS; KEK)

Chris Ling (Secretary; ANBUG; U. Sydney)

Hsiung Chou (Public Relations Officer; TWNSS; National Sun Yat-Sen U)

Saibal Basu (Member-at-Large; NSSI; BARC)

### **[Members]**

Yoshiaki Kiyonagi (JSNS; Nagoya U)

Jae-Ho Chung (KNBUA; Korea U)

Darminto (INSS; Institute of Technology, Surabaya)

### **[Observers]**

Wen-Hsien Li (Past President; TWNSS; NCU)

Toshiji Kanaya (J-PARC)

Masayasu Takeda (on behalf of Mitsuhiro Shibayama, JRR3/JAEA)

Jamie Schulz (ANSTO)

Sungil Park (HANARO)

Fangwei Wang (CSNS)

Abdul Aziz Mohamed (Malaysian Community; UNITEN)

Roppon Picha (Thai Community; TINT)

### **[Special Observers]**

Brendan Kennedy (ANBUG)

Hideki Seto (KEK)

Nipavan Poramatikul (TINT Deputy Director)

Kanokporn Boonsirichai (TINT)

Suthipong Boonmak (TINT)

Kanchalika Dechates (TINT)  
Sorada Chanintayuttavong (TINT)  
Jatechan Channuie (TINT)  
Apichate Maneewong (TINT)

**[Apologies]**

Dongfeng Chen (Treasurer; CNSS; CIAE)  
Evyv Kartini (Member-at-Large; BATAN; Indonesian community)  
Ya-Sen Sun (TWNSS; National Central U)  
KG Suresh (NSSI; IIT Bombay)  
Guang-ai Sun (CMRR)  
Kookheon Char (KNBUA; Seoul National U)  
Ian Gentle (ANBUG; U Queensland)  
Mitsuhiro Shibayama (JRR3)  
Hesheng Chen (CNSS; IHEP)  
Chang-Hee Lee (HANARO)  
Yuntao Liu (CARR)  
Iwan Sumirat (BATAN)  
Deleg Sangaa (Mongolian Community)  
SM Yusuf (NSSI; BARC)



*Group photo of the 19<sup>th</sup> AONSA Executive Committee Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand*

## **Minutes**

### **1. Report from the AONSA Office (Appendices 2 and 3)**

H Seto presented the AONSA Office report (Appendix 2). He noted that there has still been no progress on determining the future location and ongoing funding arrangements for the AONSA Office. SM Choi noted that this has remained unresolved for too long.

H Seto subsequently presented a proposal for sharing the responsibilities of the AONSA Office (Appendix 3). He began by noting that many of the tasks of the AONSA Office are done primarily by AONSA Board members. He then proposed formalizing this, by assigning the preparation of the Newsletter and email updates to the membership to the PR Officer; preparation and management of the documents for the YRF and AONSA Prize selection processes to the VP; and management of the schedule to the Secretary.

The only tasks that would still need to be done by the Office are managing the bank account and handling money (including disbursing funds for the Prize, YRF, AOCNS etc.).

This proposal was accepted unanimously by the EC and Board. SM Choi proposed that a schedule of tasks be assembled with the help of C Doda, and this be made available to the Board members, for examples as a Google Calendar.

### **2. Process matters**

No items were reported at this meeting.

### **3. Formal matters**

The following nominations were received for the next EC members and observers:

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| ANBUG | (1) Tracy Rushmer (Macquarie University)<br>(2) Ian Gentle (University of Queensland)<br>(Observer) Jamie Shulz (ANSTO)                                    |
| CNSS  | (1) Dongfeng Chen (CIAE)<br>(2) Hesheng Chen (IHEP)<br>(Observer 1) Yuntao Liu (CARR)<br>(Observer 2) Fangwei Wang (CSNS)<br>(Observer 3) Jian Gong (CMRR) |
| INSS  | (1) Darminto (Institute of Technology, Surabaya)   |

	(2) Evvy Kartini (BATAN)
	(Observer) Iwan Sumirat (BATAN)
JSNS	(1) Yoshiaki Kiyanagi (Nagoya University)
	(2) Taku Sato (Tohoku University)
	(Observer 1) Mitsuhiro Shibayama (JRR3)
	(Observer 2) Toshiji Kanaya (J-PARC)
KNBUA	(1) Jae-Ho Chung (Korea University)
	(2) Sungkyun Park (Pusan National 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 nominations were all unanimously approved. It was requested by Masayasu Takeda (JRR3/JAEA) that a representative of JRR3/JAEA is included as a special observer of the AONSA EC. It was noted that according to the AONSA Articles special observers can be included as needed by the EC, and we don't see problem including the representative of JRR3/JAEA as a special observer.

The following nominations were received for the next Board members, after noting that the current Vice President, K Yamada, has decided not to continue on the AONSA Board for personal reasons, necessitating the nomination of a new President:

President	Brendan Kennedy (University of Sydney)
Vice President	Dongfeng Chen (CNSS; CIAE)
Secretary	Jae-Ho Chung (Korea University)
Treasurer	Hsiung Chou (National Sun Yat-Sen University)
Public Relations Officer	Taku Sato (Tohoku University)
Member-at-Large	Evvy Kartini (BATAN)
Member-at-Large	TBD (from NSSI)

The nominations were all unanimously approved. It was noted that there was no nomination

of a second Member-at-Large, following the replacement of Saibal Basu by Pandey as the NSSI representative. The current Board undertook to contact NSSI on this matter.

### **3. Financial matters (Appendix 4)**

The AONSA Annual Fee and Budget Plan, and the AONSA Prize Fund and Budget Plan, were presented by C Ling on behalf of D Chen (not in attendance). The annual fee account continues to accumulate, and is anticipated to accumulate further in 2018. The prize fund is approximately neutral, due to the Prize having been awarded and donations called for in 2017. It was pointed out that we should find a way to make good use of AONSA Annual Fee Fund rather than accumulating it in bank account.

### **4. AONSA Prize**

No items were reported at this meeting.

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

K Yamada reported that three nominees for the AONSA Young Research Fellowship 2018 have been accepted, plus one reserve. All nominees are from China, and all wish to visit J-PARC and/or ANSTO. K Yamada explained the process, and also noted that the standard of J-PARC proposals from AONSA YRFs was generally below the cutoff for being awarded beamtime. J Shulz added that this was also the case with ANSTO proposals from AONSA YRFs. This risks putting pressure on the facilities to accept poor proposals, and creates extra work for beamline scientists. More consideration will need to be given to this in the selection process in the future – e.g., beamline scientists should have the chance to see the applications and decide whether they agree to assist the YRF. It was pointed out that applicants' pre-communication with the facility of their 2<sup>nd</sup> choice is required. For this purpose, it was agreed that the application form will be revised to include this requirement.

As a bridging program between the AONSA Neutron School and the YRF program, a scheme for short-term visits for experiments or training scientists from developing countries was proposed (airfare support by AONSA and local expense by hosting facilities). This possibility will be discussed further at the next EC meeting. Such a scheme could potentially be eligible for IAEA funding assistance.

## **6. Asia-Oceania Conference on Neutron Scattering (Appendix 6)**

H Chou reported on the status of TWNSS preparations to host AOCNS-2019. The website is live at <https://sites.google.com/view/aocns2019/>. The meeting will take place from Nov 11-15, 2019. There will be a call for abstracts in 03/19, with a deadline in 06/19; registrations will open in 06/19, with an early bird deadline in 09/19. Early bird registration planned to be US\$620 (approximately half this for students). Final organizational decisions will be made at the 2nd EC meeting of 2019.

IAEA etc. support will be sought for delegates from developing countries, with priority given to students. B Kennedy reminded the organizing committee of the need to allocate enough keynote and plenary talks to women, and that the process of securing enough abstracts from suitable candidates needs to start as early as possible.

SM Choi reminded the organizing committee that AONSA would provide US\$5000 support for student travel, prioritizing developing countries, and the possibility of a special session for AONSA YRFs during the AOCNS as it was discussed when AONSA YRF was formed.

*Note: During the informal dinner after the EC meeting, it was discussed and agreed among the attendants that we should have a special plenary session during the 3rd AOCNS to celebrate the 10th anniversary of AONSA (or beyond the decade of AONSA). A formal decision and planning will be discussed at the next EC meeting.*

## **7. AONSA Neutron School (Appendix 7)**

Y Kiyonagi reported on the 9th AONSA school held at J-PARC in December 2017. 13 countries were represented at this School – the most for any AONSA School so far.

The venue for the 10th and 11th AONSA Neutron Schools was discussed. J Shulz proposed that ANSTO host the 10th School in conjunction with the next ANBUG User Meeting in late 2018. S Park stated that he hoped HANARO will be back on line and able to host the 11th School in 2019.

## **8. ICNS2017 (Appendix 8)**

J-H Chung presented the final report from the organizers of the ICNS2017 in Korea. There

were 758 registrants in total, and 734 papers submitted, of which 288 were awarded oral presentations. 107 papers were submitted to the Physica B special issue. SM Choi thanked J-H Chung and the entire organizing committee for making the meeting such a success, and recalled that the idea of hosting the meeting in the region was first floated over 10 years ago at an AONSA EC meeting.

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

H Chou presented the report of the Public Relations Officer. He is aiming to have this issue (Vol 9 No 2) ready for distribution by 21/12/17. The article submission deadline is 01/12/17.

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

SM Choi reported that he attended the Malaysian national meeting at the invitation of A Mohamed, and ICONSTA in Indonesia at the invitation of E Kartini. He gave presentations about AONSA at these meetings. A number of other AONSA EC Members and Observers also attended the latter meeting.

#### **11. Neutron Facility Directors Meeting (Appendix 10)**

T Kanaya presented a report on the 14th AONSA Facility Directors Meeting, held the day before the EC Meeting.

#### **12. Cooperation with ICSU, IUCr and IAEA**

SM Choi referred to Item 5 above, in which the possibility was raised of shorter training visits to facilities by scientists from developing countries. The IAEA would be approached for possible funding assistance if this goes ahead.

#### **13. Cooperation with NSSA and ENSA (SM Choi)**

SM Choi reported that a productive meeting took place at ICNS in Korea between the leadership of AONSA, NSSA and ENSA. It is hoped that this tradition, which was initiated by John White when he was President of AONSA, will continue. The next such opportunity will be at AOCNS-2019.

#### **14. Cooperation with AOFSSRR**

No items were reported at this meeting.

#### **15. Calendar of AONSA Activities (Appendix 1)**

#### **16. Venues for the next EC Meetings**

- A Mohamed undertook to investigate the possibility of hosting the 20th EC Meeting in Malaysia in mid-May 2018.
- J Shulz stated that ANSTO can host the 21st EC Meeting in Australia in late November or early December 2018.
- The 22nd EC Meeting will take place in Korea in the first half of 2019, in conjunction with the AONSA Neutron School.
- The 23rd EC Meeting will take place in Taiwan in November 2019, in conjunction with the 3rd AOCNS.

#### **17. Reports from Neutron Associations**

The following reports were presented.

- ANBUG (C Ling for I Gentle, not in attendance) (Appendix 11)
- CNSS (F Wang for H Chen, not in attendance) (Appendix 12)
- INSS (Darminto) (Appendix 13)
- JSNS (Y Kiyanagi) (Appendix 14)
- KNUBA (J-H Chung) (Appendix 15)
- TWNSS (Y-S Sun) (Appendix 16)
- Malaysian community (A Mohamed) – Verbal report
- Thai community (J Channuie) (Appendix 17)

#### **18. Meeting close**

Outgoing AONSA President SM Choi thanked the Thai hosts for organizing an excellent meeting, and looked forward to seeing Thailand form a neutron users' society and join AONSA as a formal member in the near future. He then thanked all the Board and EC members and observers for their service over the last two years of his presidency, and

expressed confidence that AONSA would continue to grow in influence and stature over the coming years under its new leadership.

Incoming AONSA President B Kennedy thanked SM Choi for his exemplary service to AONSA and to all neutron scattering scientists in the region. He noted that the Asia Oceania region is now leading the world in neutron scattering science and facilities, and he looked forward to the challenge of trying to follow in the footsteps of previous AONSA Presidents.

## Appendix 1: Calendar of AONSA Activities

### Year 2017

Date	Events
Nov 25	13 <sup>th</sup> AONSA Facility Directors' Meeting (TINT, Bangkok, Thailand)
Nov 26	19 <sup>th</sup> AONSA EC Meeting (TINT, Bangkok, Thailand)
Nov 27	TINT Neutron Symposium (TINT, Bangkok, Thailand)
Dec 2-3	17 <sup>th</sup> JSNS Annual Meeting (Fukuoka, Japan)

### Year 2018

Date	Events
May	14 <sup>th</sup> AONSA Facility Directors' Meeting (Malaysia)
May	20 <sup>th</sup> AONSA EC Meeting (Malaysia)
Nov	15 <sup>th</sup> AONSA Facility Directors' Meeting (ANSTO, Sydney, Australia)
Nov	21 <sup>st</sup> AONSA EC Meeting (ANSTO, Sydney, Australia)

### Year 2019

Date	Events
May	16 <sup>th</sup> AONSA Facility Directors' Meeting (HANARO, Daejeon, Korea)
May	22 <sup>nd</sup> AONSA EC Meeting (HANARO, Daejeon, Korea)
Nov	17 <sup>th</sup> AONSA Facility Directors' Meeting (Taiwan)
Nov	23 <sup>rd</sup> AONSA EC Meeting (Taiwan)