

Decontamination, Decommissioning and Re-Utilization Division Executive Committee Meeting

ANS Winter Meeting, Washington, DC

November 17, 2002

3:00 – 5:30 pm

Present: L. Boing, G. Benda, J. Byrne, J. Carignan, D. Eggett, J. Fiori, L. Goodman, T. Ishikura, V. Likar, C. Mazzola, G. Motl, T. Polich, M. Price, J. Rang, R. St. Onge, and P. Ziemer.

Guests: E. Roos (ANS Board member), G. Benda, and E Ludlum (DD&R Scholar)

1. **Call to Order:** Lynne Goodman called the Executive Committee (EC) to order and asked all attendees to introduce themselves.
2. **Student Conference Report:** Darby Kimble and Lance Kim, students from the University of California at Berkeley, presented an update on plans for the ANS National Student Conference to be held April 2-5, 2003. The theme will be “Living in a Nuclear Free Zone.” They encouraged the Division to provide support for student travel and student awards. Most of the other meeting expenses are being covered by industrial support. They also noted that
 - The Conference will include a career fair that will be cosponsored by the U C Berkeley Career Center
 - They are organizing several non-technical sessions on professional development and on graduate school opportunities
 - There is a Conference web site at www.nuc.berkeley.edu/ans/conf
 - They hope to have at least 300 students attend
3. **Service Award:** Carl Mazzola paid tribute to Sam Bhattacharyya, past Chairman, for his service on the Executive Committee. In Sam’s absence, the award plaque was accepted by Larry Boing who will pass it on to Sam.
4. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the June 9, 2002 meeting that had been previously distributed were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with the following correction:
 - In Item 3.1, correct the spelling of the name Scott Dam
5. **Treasurer’s Report:** Gerry Motl presented the current balance sheet, including the 2002 Budget and the 2002 actual expenses to September 2, 2002 (see copy attached to the original of these minutes). The total expenses posted for 2002 were \$1,009 leaving a balance in the account of \$17,735. Gerry also provided suggested figures for the 2003 Budget. A number of changes were suggested as follows:
 - 5.1. Eliminate the \$500 for the Newsletter (no longer needed since the Newsletter is now on the web site).

- 5.2. Increase the amount for Honors and Awards from \$250 to \$450. This was proposed by Carl Mazolli who recommended that the additional \$200 be for award plaques for the best DD & R papers (1 poster and 1 oral) at the annual Waste Management Conference (Tucson Conference).
- 5.3. Provide \$500 in the category of Division Officer Expense.
- 5.4. Provide up to \$1000 for support of “Radwaste Solutions”.
- 5.5. Increase the Student Support category to \$4,000. This should include funding travel and awards for the National Student Conference (see item 2, above). Gerry indicated that he would work with Lynne Goodman and Paul Ziemer to determine the actual numbers for travel and awards within the \$4,000 total.
- 5.6. Provide \$500 to advertise in “Insight”, the Waste Management Newsletter.

A motion was made to approve the 2003 Budget with the changes noted. The motion was seconded and after additional discussion was passed.

6. Chair’s Report: Lynne Goodman reviewed a number of activities and topics of interest to the Executive Committee. Highlights of her report included

- 6.1. A summary of the ANS President’s meeting with the Division Chairs. A number of issues were covered in that meeting including the following items:
 - a) The Professional Divisions Manual has been revised
 - b) Many divisions are having problems with lack of active members
 - c) It is fortunate that we already have our student scholarship endowed because it now requires much greater funding to meet the endowment criterion
 - d) There is a need to be open to a wider scope of technical areas
 - e) There needs to be less reliance of ANS on the utility industry
 - f) The Criticality Division sponsors local Division meetings in some locations. Is this an idea that DD&R should consider? (Lynne will try to get more information on the geographical breakdown of the DD&R Division.)
 - g) Efforts need to be made to involve younger members in ANS activities; senior members tend to get the nod to attend meetings, present papers, and participate in committees and Boards. All divisions need to consider how to stimulate the younger members.
 - h) Consideration of stand-alone topical meetings vs. embedded topicals. Divisions typically make more money from stand-alones, but ANS prefers the embedded topical format. A group will evaluate this.
 - i) The ANS needs to work on influencing the Senate to ratify the IAEA Joint Waste Convention, so the US can participate in discussions on release limits.
- 6.2. Two spots on the Executive Committee need to be filled: Patty Augustyn has to withdraw from participation on the EC due to a change in jobs. Mark Price is available and Lynne Goodman proposed that he fill the remained of Patty’s term. By consent, the EC agreed to this appointment. Bill Phythian, the international member of the EC needs to be replaced due to inability to participate. Paul Wollan of BNFL was suggested as a replacement. Lynne is authorized to appoint him if he is available.

7. **Vice-Chairman's Report:** Jim Byrne reported that he is working on the preparation of a nomination of Neal Norman to be a Fellow of the ANS. (Neal was a founder of the DD&R Division) Jim also reported that he had attended the ANS Program Committee meeting for the 2003 New Orleans meeting. There have been some organization difficulties to overcome with the meeting co-sponsors. As it now stands, the 2003 meeting for DD&R is shaping up as follows:

7.1. Five sessions for DD&R have been approved

7.2. DD&R will co-sponsor a session on environmental restoration

7.3. We may consider co-chairing a session with the Criticality Division

8. Standing Committee Reports

8.1. **Membership:** Joe Carignan provided a handout summarizing membership. He indicated that he would try to develop a table of membership data by quarters and will try to have it posted on the web site.

8.2. **Scholarship:** Paul Ziemer introduced Erica Ludlum, the DD&R Scholarship recipient for 2002. Erica, is a Senior in Nuclear Engineering at the University of Illinois. Paul reviewed plans for soliciting applicants for next year's DD&R Scholarship. He also recommended that the EC consider requiring applicants to submit an essay concerning some aspect of DD&R. There was general agreement that this should be required. Details on implementation will be worked out with the ANS staff.

8.3. **Newsletter:** Vince Likar reported on the new format of mailing out a brief (4 page) hardcopy with the bulk of the news being on the web site. Discussion followed concerning the extent to which the web site (and the Newsletter) was being viewed. Vince agreed to try to obtain information on the number of "hits" that we are getting on the site.

8.4. **Honors and Awards:** Carl Mazzola announced that the best paper award for the June 2002 meeting in Hollywood, FL, goes to Ken Schneider. (See also Item 3, above, concerning the recognition of Sam Bhattacharyya.) Lynne Goodman and Jim Rang volunteered to be responsible for the evaluations at this winter meeting.

8.5. **Nomination:** In the absence of Sam Bhattacharya, Lynne Goodman presented the proposed slate of nominees that Sam had provided. Rich St. Onge's name was dropped from the slate presented. With that change, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the proposed slate. The final slate is as follows:

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| • Vice Chair/Chair Elect | Art Desrosiers and Russ Mellor |
| • Treasurer | Jim Rang and Joe Carignan |
| • Secretary | Vince Likar and Carl Mazzola |

- Executive Committee Tom La Guardia, Dick Meservey, Gerry Motl, Jay Kunze, Mark Price, Larry Camper, and Jas Devgun

8.6. Financial: No additional items (see Item 5, above)

8.7. Student: Erica Ludlum thanked the Executive Committee and the DD&R Division for providing the scholarship.

8.8. Program: Jim Rang summarized the items covered in the Program Committee meeting held just prior to the Executive Committee meeting. For details, see the minutes of the Program Committee.

9. Report on Top Items from Long Range Operating Plan

9.1. Membership Interest Questionnaire: Lynne Goodman presented the latest version of the questionnaire. The only additional change recommended was to the word “annual” to “national” in Item 2 so as to read “...topical or national meetings”. The EC agreed that the questionnaire was ready to send out. It will also be placed on the web site. Joe Carignan volunteered to convert it to a more user friendly survey format

9.2. Meeting Consolidation: Jim Rang reported that this matter had been discussed in detail during the Program Committee meeting just prior to the Executive Committee meeting (See minutes of that meeting.) The Subcommittee on Consolidation of DD&R Related Meetings was established in June 2001. It has recommended that we attempt to consolidate several DD&R related conferences into one conference. At the Program Committee meeting, Jim indicated the need for a new group of Subcommittee members to keep the effort going. At the Program Committee meeting, the following individuals volunteered to participate: Larry Boing, Joe Carignan, Lynne Goodman, Gery Motl, Mark Price, and Jim Rang.

9.3. Standards: Don Eggett indicated that he had sent out an e-mail request (to IAEA, Maine Yankee, and a few other facilities) in September asking for input on what standards are needed in the DD&R arena. The response has been limited. There will be a general meeting this Tuesday (November 19) on standards. The plan is to meet with personnel from the NRC to identify both US and global needs. Don will let the EC know the results of the meeting and what areas are identified as priority areas. Don also noted that there is a Working Group on site remediation that will provide information at the meeting on their 1st draft.

9.4. Public Policy: Jim Byrne agreed to replace Patty Augustyn as the DD&R representative in this ANS activity.

9.5. Website: In the absence of John Gunning, there was no official report. The EC members agreed that the web site was of high quality and would like John to continue in his role as web-master. It was also suggested that John be added to the slate for next

year's Executive Committee. There was agreement that John should be asked to be a nominee.

10. **White Paper on Designing New Plants:** The report from Sam Bhattacharyya is that he is still working on the document and expects it to be completed in a few months.
11. **WM Interactions:** Gary Benda reported that he has submitted an approval request for the WM Symposium. Also, Lynne presented a Class IV approval request from Sam Bhattacharyya to the ANS National Program Committee for co-sponsorship of a session on decommissioning at a meeting in France scheduled for November, 2003.
12. **ASME D&D Handbook:** Carl Mazzola reported that he served as a peer reviewer for several chapters of the Handbook earlier this year. At this time we have no official word back on the status of the Handbook. Carl agreed to check on the status.
13. **New Business:** Mark Price suggested that there be follow-up on members who drop out of the Division. It was noted that ANS may have such information. Joe Carignan volunteered to check on this matter. Mark Price noted that membership is not the only metric for assessing the health of a division. We will always have fluctuations in the number of members. It may be more important to be properly serving our members.
14. **Other Business:** Lynne Goodman announced that she will attend the Professional Division Committee meeting this week and asked if any of the EC members had issues that she should raise. There were none.
15. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Paul L. Ziemer
Secretary