

American Nuclear Society Decommissioning Decontamination and Reutilization Division

Executive Committee Meeting
2005 DDR Topical Conference
Denver, Colorado
August 7, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Carignan who welcomed all members. (This meeting of the EC actually was agreed to replace that which would have been held in June at the Annual Summer Meeting due to the fact that more members were likely to be able to attend this meeting in Denver.) A discussion ensued on the actual required number to have a quorum of Committee members necessary for an 'official meeting'. It was agreed that the number was nine and that a quorum was indeed present.

Attendees: Joe Carignan, Larry Boing, Julie Tripp, Russ Mellor, Carl Mazzola, Dick Meservey, Jay Kunze, Tom LaGuardia, Myron Kaczmarzsky, Paul Woollam, Mark Morton, Lynne Goodman, Dave Brevig, Mark Price, John Bowen, Jim Byrne and Arthur Desrosiers.

Business Items:

The first item of business was to introduce the ***new Program Chair*** John Bowen who will replace Mark Price. John will be assuming Mark's duties and Mark will be delivering John the training to assume the role as time moves along.

A discussion ensued about the ***minutes of previous meetings***. Russ Mellor, the former DDR Division Chair, stated that only the minutes from the regular meetings required approval, the last one was in November and he remembered a previous approval on one of the DDR Division Executive Committee monthly telecons.

The Chair then read a ***list of the Executive Committee*** for the upcoming year. It consists of the four officers: Joe Carignan (Chair), Larry Boing (Vice Chair), John Parkyn (Secretary) and Tracey Goble (Treasurer). Other

Executive Committee members are: John Bowen, Dave Brevig, Noah Featherstone, Myron Kaczmarzsky, Jay Kunze, Tom LaGuardia, Dick Meservey, Gerald Motl, Mark Price, Glen Rae, Julia Tripp and Paul Woollam. (It was noted that Gerry Motl is no longer active in the industry and should have his slot replaced by another former candidate from the last election.)

Russ Mellor attended the *ANS President's meeting* back in June in San Diego at the Annual Summer Meeting and gave a report. Each Division had reported in as well as Jon Stouky on the Executive Conference Committee.

Russ Mellor and Carl Mazzola reported on the *Professional Division Committee (PDC) workshop* and committee meeting. The standard by-laws are ready to go and approved by ANS. Each Division may add rules in addition to the by-laws as they determine the need. The by-laws relate to the Division's external relationships within the Society. The scholarships and endowments were also discussed at the PDC and it was a consensus that Divisions should not be penalized in their metrics. The Division has endowments allowing the payment of a \$2000 per year to the scholarship fund. The DDR Division will be presenting its Status Update to the ANS Board along with five other Divisions in November. We will need to cover the last eighteen months.

Metric measures were distributed to attendees for the DDR Division. This has lead to a general improvement in division management across all of the ANS divisions. Overall ANS membership trends are down. A few additional individual items were discussed. One of the metrics - Professional Development - was discussed. From the over 250 attendees at this topical, only three persons were interested in the proposed Professional Development activity which had been attempted to be held on Sunday. However, we are "green" in nearly all of the other areas. Discussion on new divisions and working groups being vetoed by more then two divisions ensued.

Actions items from the 2004 Winter Meeting in Washington, DC have or will be covered in this agenda.

Five Year Plan. Joe will allow for one more round of comments, and then is ready for finalizing and implementation of the plan. Some general discussion on the substance and process were covered. One particular interest is new reactor design to facilitate decommissioning at lower costs.

Vice Chair's Report

A new ***DDR Members survey*** will be conducted as in 2003 when the last one was done. We need to provide the questions and the survey will be sent to members at no cost to the division. Discussion centered on follow-up and ways to enhance membership using this method of contact.

Our initial year for the ***DDR Division Awards*** produced 3 Lifetime Achievement Award nominees and 4 Award of Excellence nominees. The initial presentations to the winners will made at this meeting. Winners selected from the nominees by the Awards subcommittee were:

- Two winners of the Award of Excellence - Fluor-Hanford for the Hanford 233-S Decommissioning Project and BNG Americas for the Three-Building ETTP Decommissioning Project.
- Lifetime Achievement Award – Jon Stouky was the winner for this award.

A motion was made and voted on allowing DDR Executive Committee members to be considered for selection for the Lifetime Achievement award. (This was a change from the original criteria.) A majority voted Yes. Some minor tweaking of the award criteria and procedures will be finalized by a special Awards sub-committee. The Special Awards Criteria Sub-committee members are: Joe Carignan, Larry Boing, and the Past Chair plus Lynne Goodman & Glen Rae volunteered for the resolution of the award criteria.

It was clarified that to be eligible, work must be ten years in the DD&R area and have been a ANS member throughout. A target for criteria clarification was set for October. The RadWaste Solutions magazine has agreed to publicize award winners in an upcoming issue.

The semi-annual DDR Newsletter was last issued in May. Copies will be posted at events to try to gain additional division members. A total of 70 attendees at this Denver topical meeting are not members of the DD&R division.

Treasurer's Reports

Not present – no formal report made. The projected revenue from the Denver Topical Conference for the DDR Division was estimated to be about \$7500.

Committee Reports

- *Program Committee*

Mark Price introduced the new Program Chair - John Bowen. Mark Price also explained the new configuration for the DDR Program Committee. Persons will be solicited from and selected from various technical topical areas. DD&R is still looking for panelists for the Winter meeting. Russ Mellor is evaluating having another DDR topical in 2007. He wants input.

Mark was commended for his two years of work as Program Committee Chair. The agreement with the Fuel Cycle and Management division was discussed. No 2006 Spectrum meeting is planned, future meetings may not occur. The sharing of funds between FC&WM Div and DDR Div from future topical meetings to be renegotiated. The future of the agreement was discussed.

- *Nominating Committee*

Russ Mellor is the new Chair of the nominating committee. He is looking for up to five members. Myron Kaczmarzsky, Tom La Guardia, Richard Meservey, Glen Rae volunteered to assist Russ.

- *Membership Committee*

Vice-Chair Larry Boing addressed the topic of membership. The DDR Division is down 104 members since last year. We are 11th of the 18 ANS divisions in new members having obtained 99 over the last year. A handout was provided of the geographical and industry source of existing members. Possible target populations for new members were discussed. International area is an area for potential growth and will be pursued. The US market for decommissioning is decreasing somewhat. Commercial nuclear plants are winding down their efforts and NEI is no longer interested in decommissioning. DOE contractors are not funding attendance at meetings. The focus in places like Idaho is to just get the work done. It was suggested that we contact the DOE contractor management to see if we can get support. **An Action Item was accepted by Larry to put together a marketing package to**

DDR operating contractors and sub-contractors on what DDR is about and solicit wider participation.

- ***Public Policy***

Lynn Goodman reported on having received final approval of the 'Low Level Waste Public Policy' paper. A review of the other two policies of the Division is being initiated, it is an area of change. **Lynn will review these - this is an action item.**

- ***Scholarship***

Jay Kunze reported on the activities of the Scholarship Committee. The DDR scholarship winning student could not attend the San Diego meeting, but will try to coordinate their attending the November meeting.

- ***Newsletter***

No report.

- ***Honors & Awards***

Carl Mazzola reported on an award to be left out of the minutes. A Best Paper of the Day award is being presented each day in Denver. A two person committee of Carl Mazzola and Russ Mellor will accomplish this using the evaluation forms collected from the audience.

- ***Finance***

The Treasurer will be assigned to formulate a Budget to present to the DDR Executive Committee for consideration. No report at this point.

- ***Standards***

No report. Carl Mazzola indicated that he is looking for someone to assist with a low-level radioactive waste standard.

- ***DDR Website***

No report.

- ***DD&R 2005 Topical Conference***

Technical Chairman Jim Byrne reported that 130 papers, 230 people are present with over 190 of those persons being for full-conference registrations.

- ***Regulatory Interface Committee***

The former Regulatory Interface Committee (RIC) has been downgraded from an ANS Committee by the new ANS President and the committee function was remanded to the DD&R Executive Committee. The DD&R is to consider establishing another standing committee for this function. The RIC supported and tracked site cleanup and release standards from 1997 through 2005. Some background information on the RIC **will be distributed and the subject discussed on the next DDR Executive Committee telecon.** It was agreed to table the matter until the next phone meeting.

Other Business

- Succession planning was briefly discussed by Russ Mellor.
- Various other miscellaneous topics were briefly discussed.
- Thanks to Russ Mellor from the Chair for his successful term as Chair.

Meeting adjourned.

John D. Parkyn
Secretary