

## **American Nuclear Society- Decommissioning Decontamination and Reutilization Division**

Minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting held at the  
ANS Annual Mtg. in Reno, NV  
June 4, 2006 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

1. **Opening/Roll Call** - The meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Carignan. Vice Chair Larry Boing ran the Reno portion in person. Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Joe Carignan\*, Larry Boing, John Parkyn, John Gunning, Julie Tripp, and Tracy Goble\*, Lynne Goodman\*+, Dave Brevig, J. Mark Price, John Bowen\*, Jim Byrne+, Glenn Rae\*, Myron Kaczmarzsky\*, and Sue Aggarwal\*\*. Several others were present at various times of the meeting for various agenda elements.

\*Indicates attendance by phone

+ indicates non Committee member

\*\* indicates new Committee member after meeting concludes

Numbers in these minutes refer to approved agenda position, bold numbers to action items.

2. **Welcome** - Larry & Joe welcomed this group which does constitute a quorum and includes some new members of the Committee who will officially start their EC terms after the Reno meeting.
3. **Agenda** - The agenda as published was agreed to and the meeting proceeded.
4. **Meeting Minutes** - Meeting Minutes of the Executive Committee from August 2005 (Denver Topical Mtg.) and the November 2005 (Washington) were approved on a motion by Julie Tripp which was seconded by Mark Price.
5. **Treasurers Report** - A Treasurer's report was given by Tracy Goble. The March 31<sup>st</sup> balance was \$29,013. There are expenses which will still be paid from the Reno meeting such as student

travel and the Honors & Awards Chair plaque for out-going Chair Joe Carignan. Tracy also noted that the ANS provides Financial Statement Summaries only in March, September and December.

6. **Program Committee** - A report on the Program Committee activities was given by the Program Chair John Bowen. He noted the five sessions were set for the Reno meeting. The Winter meeting in November in Albuquerque needs updates and a July 10 or 11<sup>th</sup> call to the program committee will be held to accomplish this. The 2007 summer meeting in Boston will have only two sessions as the primary focus for 2007 will be the DDR2007 topical meeting Jim Byrne is working on to be held in Chattanooga. The 2007 winter meeting will also have only two sessions due again to the topical meeting which will be held in September 2007. We will consider moving the summer 2007 Executive Committee meeting to the Topical meeting in Chattanooga in September. The split of revenue between our Division and FCWM for the 2007 Topical will be the subject of a discussion between Larry Boing and Jim Byrne; they will then report their recommendation to the Executive Committee. (1). (NOTE: Since ESD is also involved now with DDR2007, this may require further discussion with them as well.)
  
7. **DDR2007 Topical Conf** - The status of the 2007 DDR Topical to be held September 16 – 19 was presented by Jim Byrne. He is hosting a short meeting today from 4:00 PM-5:00PM to status/advance planning on folks with an interest on that topic. The Screening Committee and Publications Committee of the ANS will be approached for approval here in Reno. Mary Keenan feels materials are ‘all in good shape’. A tour of Oak Ridge facilities in decommissioning is planned for Thursday following technical sessions held Monday through Wednesday.
  
13. **2007 ANS Student Conference** - Oregon State University ANS Student Chapter students made a presentation on the Student Conference they are hosting in 2007. Tom Elliot, Sonal Joshi and Konrad Kulesza outlined the importance of the conference to the industry and asked for support. The conference will be held March 29 – 31, 2007 in Corvallis, OR. Help is needed with Judges for technical sessions, workshops and of course financial

support. A motion was made by John Parkyn and seconded by Julie Tripp to place a 1-page ad in the Student Conference Program at the price of \$500 funded from the DDR Division budget. This is in compliance with our budget to support the student conference which includes \$750 to support the student conference. The motion carried with all voting aye. Sue Aggarwal will prepare a draft of the ad and present it to the Exec. Comm. via e-mail by the end of June (2)

8. A briefing was given by Mark Price and John Gunning of significant news items from: the Professional Divisions workshop held Saturday evening and the ANS President's meeting with the Div Chairs held Sunday morning.

- The divisions By-laws & Rules are to be revised to the new revised ANS format by the November meeting.
- We will be receiving \$2 per Division member under the new dues plan.
- There will be an update to the ANS Website with a Professional Divisions tab being added.
- A metrics update is underway (it was noted that DDR had a "yellow" finding having lost more than 2% of its membership this last year.)
- The new "Young Members Group" has been very well received.

9. The Chair/Vice Chair report was presented.

Chairs for the following Committees were appointed:

Scholarship – Sue Aggarwal  
 Standards – Lawrence Zull  
 Honors & Awards – Sue Aggarwal

There are several other slots that we need to have filled yet and we would look for those to be supported by some of the new on-coming EC members.

It was noted that some Committees are below the minimum number of members. Some Division members did volunteer in surveys.

Division membership was the subject of an extensive discussion. It has been a 3 or 4 year “thorn” in the side of the Division as existing decommissioning projects are being completed and the existing plants are not starting decommissioning, but looking at life extension. Government projects in decommissioning have been a source of division membership; however, some are being completed and some of the remaining is finding tighter budgets than in the past. The international community (especially England) was mentioned as a source of potential members. Ideas included approaching the new plant construction committee (Mark Price (3)) and a booth at the Waste Management Conference.

Nancy Zacha’s request for support for *Radwaste Solutions* was discussed and \$1000 for 50 6-month subscriptions for new members was approved on a motion by Glen Rae seconded by Julie Tripp. If the number of new members is inadequate to utilize the full \$1000, the amount will still be paid. All supported the motion and the work Nancy does with the publication.

The luncheon with the FCWM division was discussed. The Division luncheons are more expensive because they go through the ANS. John Parkyn will be the speaker for this year’s event. Future luncheons will look to be shifted from a luncheon format to a mixer format in a more informal setting. ACTION is assigned to Larry and Carl Mazzola to coordinate the first of these for Albuquerque meeting.

The ANS Speakers Bureau needs support and a call for volunteers has been sent out by Larry Boing. DDR members should get registered with the Speakers Bureau by contacting ANS-HQ and talking to the contact there and requesting to be added as a DDR subject matter contact.

10. Big Rock Point requested funding towards a site commemorative plaque which was discussed in great detail. ANS had declined to support the request and Tracy Goble made the presentation and request to the DDR Division to see if there was any interest in our supporting this effort. A very extensive discussion concluded in a motion by Joe Carignan seconded by Myron Kaczmarzsky that the Division contributes \$500. A roll call vote was held with six in the affirmative (Parkyn, Tripp, Carignan, Kaczmarzsky, Rae and Bowen) and three voting in the negative (Price, Brevig and Boing). The motion carried.

#### **11. Other Committee Reports -**

*Scholarship* - No formal report.

*Honors & Awards* - No formal report.

*Website* - A report by John Gunning outlined his plans to continue website updates and maintain as current a news base as possible.

*Newsletter* - A first newsletter under new editor John Millacci has been issued. It is planned for future editions to look at some new features for the newsletter.

*Nominating* - No activity at this point. Joe will be Chair and have slate ready by the November meeting.

*Standards* - Carl Mazzola will be taking on the role as Chair of the ANS Standards Committee. Sue Aggarwal will be assuming this new role as Chair of this committee – she was elected to the EC and will be starting her term after the Reno meeting.

*Membership* - The membership issues were already discussed in earlier agenda items.

*Goals & Planning*- Larry Boing and John Parkyn will have the lead to review and update our Division goals and planning documents.

***Publicity & Public Relations*** - Lynne Goodman gave an extensive report on two ANS public policy statements. She recommended, after her review, that Low Level Waste PP Statement (PS11) not be changed even though it is somewhat different than the Health Physics Society position. The statement on Clearance of Solid Materials (PS50) will be reviewed and she will need assistance from another person to complete this. Jim Byrne will provide her the contact information for Art Paynter. (4) Dick Brevig mentioned that the 1992 Energy Act dismissed the concept of 'Below Regulatory Concern'.

12. **Adjournment** - The outgoing officers and Committee members were recognized and thanked for their efforts over the last year. The new DDR officers for June 2006-June 2007 are: Larry Boing - Chair, John Parkyn - Vice Chair, Dick Meservey - Treasurer and John Gunning - Secretary. The new Executive Committee members are: Sue Aggarwal, Ed Doubleday, Larry Zull and Dave Culberson.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mark Price seconded by John Parkyn. All voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

John D. Parkyn  
Secretary

Action items:

- (1) Boing & Bryne
- (2) Aggarwal & Charters
- (3) Price
- (4) Byrne