

**AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY
DECOMMISSIONING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES DIVISION**

**DESD Officer & Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 20, 2017 - 1 PM EDT**

Phone Number: (563) 999-1067

Participant Passcode: 673856

(New conference call number dedicated to DESD)

Officers		
Chair	Holly Wohlberg	
Vice Chair	Dustin Miller	
Secretary	Doug Davis	X
Treasurer	Gerry Van Noordennen	X
Ex Officio – Past Chair	Mark S. Campagna	X

Executive Committee Members (last year for tenure):

2017		2018		2019	
James Clarke		Andreas Kronenberg		Richard St. Onge	X
Leah Spradley Parks	X	Linda Chou		Frazier Bronson	X
		Timothy Moore	X	Jorge Spitalnik	

Other participants:

Nadia Glucksberg			
Jim Byrne			
Scott Zinkham			

Next DESD Conference Call is January 17, 2018 at 1 PM

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Chair Report – Holly Wohlberg

- No update

Vice Chair Report – Dustin Miller

- No update.

Secretary Report – Doug Davis

- 2017 DESD Winter Meeting Minutes were approved.
- **Action items from 2017 DESD Winter Meeting Minutes – Updates needed**
 - Get registered for ANS Collaborate if you have not done so already. Information to be sent out regularly in 2018 through ANS Collaborate.
 - **An updated DESD survey of members is needed.**
 - **Jim Byrne will contact Larry Boing to discuss doing the survey.**
 - Dave Hillyer asked what is the purpose of the survey.
 - Increase membership
 - More active current members
 - Increase DESD membership at ANS meetings.
 - **Dave Hillyer will propose a new survey within 30 days following the winter meeting.**

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DESD Newsletter Revival

- Revival of a newsletter as it existed in the past was discussed and deemed not to be of value since we now have ANS Collaborate and a DESD Website. These will be the 2 platforms used by DESD to communicate newsletter type information to all DESD members. By April 2018, all DESD newsletter will be published via the website and ANS Collaborate.

Treasurer Report – Gerry Van Noordennen

- Gerry discussed the updated the DESD budget information. As of September 30th, 2017, DESD membership dues were \$1895. DESD will end 2017 with a balance of \$38,540.
- DESD scholarships and the Rad Waste magazine contributions will be adjusted for 2018 to better manage the end of year budget balance. DESD is currently reducing the Rad Waste magazine funds for 2018 and subsequent years.

Website – Linda Chou

- Leah Parks, Gerry Van Noordennen and Mark Campagna discussed update needs.
 - Update DESD Officers information for current officers and Executive Committee members. Add 2017 DESD Annual and Winter Meeting minutes. Add periodic DESD Conference Call minutes.
 - Add status of preparations for the 2018 Annual Meeting and the 2018 Topical Meeting in September.
 - Current DESD Mission Statement is good.
- Gerry Van Noordennen will contact Linda Chou to work on the DESD Website updates. Katie Mummah also needs to be engaged in the update process.

Scholarship Update – Mark Campagna

- Mark is working with ANS headquarters to more cost effective in awarding DESD Scholarship funds. This initiative is based on the input DESD receive from the ANS headquarters Executive Committee at the 2017 ANS Winter Meeting.

2018 Topical Meeting – Jim Byrne

- The latest ANS update is we had 10 papers in decommissioning and 40 papers overall. DESD is waiting for the Topical Meeting organizers to provide Jim with their needs from our decommissioning group. (12/20/17 email input from Jim)

Public Policy Updates – Leah Parks

- The PPC is considering consolidation of PS 14, PS 60, and PS 62 (Use of Nuclear Energy for the Production of Process Heat, Use of Nuclear Energy for Desalination, Nuclear Energy for Hydrogen Generation). Leah has volunteered to draft a consolidated PS. She will look for input from DESD and OPD when the draft is complete.”
- Doug Davis and Mark Campagna will support Leah in reviewing the draft.

DESD Program Committee – Scott Zinkham

- Rich St Onge discussed the poor turnout at the Winter Meeting Panel Session he hosted and the need for DESD to do a much better job in advertising and promoting DESD Panel Sessions for the Annual and Winter Meetings. This is very important since ANS meetings compete with the Annual Waste Management Symposia in the decommissioning world. DESD also needs to evaluate the relevance of the topics/information presented in our panel sessions given the current USA environment

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for nuclear versus renewable energy, and the focus on environmental issues. There needs to be more emphasis on Environmental Panel Sessions, not just Decommissioning.

- Leah briefly discussed Generation Atomic (a grass roots group) initiatives to promote nuclear energy. Here is the Generation Atomic website.

<http://www.generationatomic.org/advocates>.

Leah noted that someone should reach out to those that are members of ANS that are also listed as Directors for Generation Atomic (Gene Grecheck, Lenka Kollar, Timothy Crook, Daniel Curtis, or Nicholas Thompson for example) and reach out to them about a panel on environmental topics.

Other Discussion Items

- A new DESD Program Chair needs to be identified. This action requires the involvement of all DESD Officers and Executive Committee Members.
- We discussed the duration for officers serving in each position. Leah noted that Rule 7 of the DESD Bylaws states that individual serves for one year, or possibly longer if necessary, and then moves up to the next position. Considering our current situation, the DESD Officers and Executive Board should evaluate if there is a need to keep an individual in a specific officer position for longer than one year. Leah also noted that the Secretary and Treasure positions can be combined. Doug Davis will contact ANS Headquarters to discuss this item.