

American Nuclear Society

**Decommissioning, Decontamination, and Reutilization Division
Executive Committee**

Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2006
2:00 pm

Sandia Room, Albuquerque Convention Center
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Attendees:

Officers

x	Mr. Lawrence E. Boing	Chair
x	Mr. John D. Parkyn	Vice Chair
x	Dr. John E. Gunning	Secretary
x	Mr. Richard H. Meservey	Treasurer
x	Mr. Joseph E. Carignan	Ex Officio, Past Chair

Executive Committee

	2007		2008		2009
	Mr. L. Dave Brevig	x	Mr. John W. Bowen	x	Dr. Sue Aggarwal
#	Mr. Glen A. Rae		Mr. Noah W. Fetherston		Mr. Dave Culberson
	Ms. Julia L. Tripp	x	Mr. Myron M. Kaczmarzsky	*	Mr. Ed Doubleday
	Dr. Paul B. Woollam	x	Dr. Lawrence M. Zull		
x	Steve Horvath		Newsletter Editor		
*	Carl Mazzola		Honors and Awards Committee Chair (Emeritus):		
x	Jim Byrne		General Chair, DD&R Topical 2007		

x indicates present at the DD&R EC meeting in Albuquerque and the supplemental teleconference of 2006/11/30

* indicates present at the meeting in DD&R EC meeting in Albuquerque.

indicates present during the DD&R EC teleconference of 2006-11-30.

Note:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the DD&R EC of November 12, 2006 in Albuquerque did not contain a quorum of officers and EC members. Thus, preliminary notes were taken, and a subsequent teleconference was held on November 30, 2006. The teleconference did contain a quorum. These notes reflect the consolidation and concurrence of information presented at both gatherings.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Boing at approximately 2:03 MST on Sunday, November 12, 2006. The supplemental meeting of was called to order at 11:36 EST on Thursday, November 30, 2006

2. Welcome/Introductions

Larry welcomed all attendees, who introduced themselves.

Larry observed that a quorum was not present on Sunday, November 12, 2006. There are 11 DDR EC members and 4 DDR officers for a total of 15. A quorum is half plus 1, or 9 members. As there were 7 EC or officers present, a quorum was not present. It was decided to conduct the meeting and make preliminary decisions on the agenda items.

During the supplemental meeting of Thursday, November 30, 2006 Larry observed that there were 10 officers or EC members present, which constitutes a quorum.

3. Approval of Agenda

The previously distributed agenda was approved.

4. Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the DD&R EC meeting of June 2006 in Reno Nevada taken by John Parkyn were previously posted on the DD&R web site. The minutes were approved.

5. Treasurers Report - Richard Meservey

The ANS national report was distributed, which reflects the first nine months of 2006. A copy of this report is below.

	Through September 2006
Budget Funds	
Current Year Member Allocation	\$1,140
Carry forward, prior Year	\$27,873
Other Budget Funds	0
Total Budget Funds	\$29,013
Budget Expenses	
Newsletters	0
Awards, Plaques	\$139
National Meeting Costs	\$454
Division Officer Expense	0
Student Support	0
Scholarship/Need Funding	0
Other Expenses	\$1,717
Total Expenses	\$2,310
Excess (Deficiency) of Budget Funds over Expense	\$26,703

There was a discussion that some of the expenses previously submitted for payment seem not to be included in the ANS HQ report. Dick Meservey will check with ANS HQ on this issue.

There was also a discussion of budgetary affects of the scholarship fund. Carl reported that some divisions had removed the "Endowment" nature of their scholarship, and had decided to just pay for the scholarships from the fund without restricting a decrease in the principal of the fund. The issue seems to also be tied to which funds ANS pays interest on. Carl volunteered to evaluate the issue and make a recommendation to EC. *(AI 2006/11 – CM)*

Dick volunteered to compile a proposed 2007 budget and distribute for concurrence. *(AI 2006/11 - RM)* Final charges to be posted to the 2006 fiscal year authorization are due by December 10, 2006. The proposed 2007 budget is due to ANS HQ by December 31, 2007.

The budget should include at least the items below.

Subsidy for ANS RadWaste Solutions \$1,000 (max)
(each new DD&R member to receive 3 issues [6 months] of RWS)

DD&R website maintenance \$500

6. Program Committee – John Bowen

John provided a summary status of progress of sessions at past, current, and future ANS meetings.

2006 Summer – Reno, NV – recap

2006 Winter – Albuquerque, NM – preview

DD&R had originally planned to have 4 tracks in this meeting. However, two tracks were combined and one track was deleted. The result is that there are two sessions:

- 1) Project Status on DD&R - three papers
- 2) Technology Innovations Update – 5 member panel

2007 Summer – Boston, MA

Drafts have been provided of the session descriptions. These need to be finalized by February 2007. The subjects are below.

- 1) DD&R Hot Topics and Emerging Issues
- 2) Project Status on DD&R - Chair: Bowen/Stouky
- 3) Barnwell and LLW Disposal Sites – Chair: John Parkyn

2007 Winter Meeting – Washington, DC

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Tentative topics are below.

DD&R Hot Topics and Emerging Issues Chair: TBD

DD&R Technology Char: TBD

(A session on Best of DD&R Chaired by Jim Byrne had been proposed for this meeting. However, it was agreed to move this proposed session to the ANS Annual Meeting in 2008.)

2007 Topical Meeting, Chattanooga (September 16-18, 2007)

Refer to the report by Jim Byrne below.

2008 ANS Annual Meeting – Anaheim CA (June 8-12, 2008)

Best of DD&R Chaired by Jim Byrne

2009 DDR Topical Meeting

A proposal has been submitted to ANS for calendar placement of this meeting, and Idaho has been proposed as a possible site. There is also some consideration of waiting until 2010 to get out of the cycle of conflicting with meetings of the ICEM, HPS, and others. Jim Byrne volunteered to submit a proposal to the DD&R EC for the 2009 (or 2010) DD&R Topical Meeting. (*AI 2006/11 - JB*)

General Comment. The EC expressed their concern that the DOE is limiting their focus to cleaning up sites, and very little expenditures are authorized for documenting the work that has been done in a public forum such as meetings and presentations. This approach by DOE has been making it more difficult to obtain presentation submittals for recent meetings.

7. DDR2007 Topical Meeting Status - Jim Byrne

Jim provided the status on the DD&R 2007 Topical Meeting in Chattanooga.

The current schedule for paper/abstract submittal is below.

Summary submittal due date: January 30, 2007

Author notification: March 16, 2007

Final summary due date: April 30, 2007

Other arrangements are in place or underway and progressing satisfactorily.

A fee sharing agreement has been tentatively agreed to between DD&R and FCWM, the co-sponsor of the meeting. The draft agreement is that the excess income will be distributed between FCWM and DD&R in accordance with the ratio of the number of papers that are submitted by each division. The division of the paper is determined by the division membership of the first author. If the author is a member of both DD&R and RCWM, the credit is split. Authors who belong to neither division are not included in the count to determine the share for each division.

ANS provided final approval of this topical meeting during the Albuquerque meeting.

Sue has assisted in the publicity for this meeting by sending out email notification to approximately 1800 folks.

8. Chair/Vice-Chair Report – Larry Boing/ John Parkyn

DD&R Committee Chair Assignments

Standards – Larry Zull has agreed to serve in this role.

Newsletter – Steve Horvath has agreed to serve as Newsletter Editor.

Membership – Sue Aggarwal recently agreed to serve in this role.

Support for RadWaste Solutions magazine

DD&R has transferred \$1000 to ANS HQ for 25 free 6-month subscriptions for new DDR members

Mixer with ESD in ABQ

This proposed mixer did not occur at the meeting in Albuquerque. However, one is tentatively planned for the meeting of June 2008.

Operations Plan

Larry reported that updates to the Operations Plan had been distributed to the EC. If anyone has comments or suggestions, Larry would like to receive them by December 15. He is hoping to obtain concurrence during the DD&R EC teleconference in January.

Long Range Plan

This is part of the ANS strategic plan for making the divisions better. Larry and John Parkyn agreed to get together and compile an updated recommended update.

Professional Divisions Workshop and Meeting with ANS President

Rich Fil, with input from Carl Mazzola, has agreed to address the issue of revising the DD&R bylaws to be consistent with the bylaws of other ANS Divisions. He plans to have this done by December 31, 2006.

ANS plans to increase the Division allotment from \$1 to the \$3-5 range.

There was a concern expressed by the Division representatives that ANS governance is authorizing expenditures (an example given was related to awards) without obtaining concurrence of the Divisions.

ANS HQ Honors and Awards is concerned that an appropriate number of nominations are not being made for some ANS national awards.

Newsletter

Non-US contributors who are not members of the DD&R Division and who make contributions to the newsletter will be provided a copy of the Newsletter. However, it will be requested that distribution be limited to those who contributed information to the Newsletter. Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

9. Committee Reports

Scholarship Sue Aggarwal

Sue recently agreed to chair this committee.

Myron Kaczmarzsky and Dick Meservey volunteered to be members of this committee.

Honor & Awards Sue Aggarwal

The awards for the Best Papers in Reno have been ordered and have been mailed to the recipients. A presenter from France received the award for best paper from the Reno meeting. The awards for best paper at Albuquerque will be sent out next week.

A request for nominations for other awards was included in the Spring DD&R Newsletter, with a due date of October 27, 2006. There have been a relatively small number of nominations submitted for these awards. Thus, the current nominations will be held to be included in the next cycle of awards, which will be made during the DD&R Topical Meeting in Chattanooga. Moved, seconded, and approved.

DD&R Website John Gunning

The website has been significantly revamped since the last meeting. All members are encouraged to review the site and let John know if any information is incorrect or outdated, or if anyone has suggested improvements. DD&R members are encouraged to submit photos of work on their sites that they would like included on the website. John plans to distribute an email to DD&R members soliciting their submittals. The photos will then be available via the website in some sort of organized fashion that will be determined after the photos are submitted.

Ed Doubleday volunteered to submit some pictures of ceremony commemorating completion of D&D at the Big Rock Point site. *(AI 2006/11 - ED)*

Newsletter Steve Horvath

Steve recently agreed to be Newsletter Editor. He is looking for enhancements for future issues such as featuring a particular site, book reviews, and highlighting future meetings including those other than just ANS.

Steve has received input to the Newsletter from about 15 organizations, and plans to have the Newsletter complete and submitted to the website shortly.

Nominating Joe Carignan

Joe provided the status of DD&R officer and EC nominations. Nominations had been made and the nominees agreed to run for all positions. The EC expressed their thanks to Joe for the outstanding job that has done in recruiting candidates for these positions.

Standards *Larry Zull*

About twelve individuals have volunteered to work on the development of D&D standards in support of ASTM. Dick Meservey of ASTM and also of DDR and Larry Zull are working together and coordinating this activity. Larry plans to distribute soon an email to the volunteers to coordinate these activities.

Membership *Sue Aggarwal*

Sue recently agreed to serve in this role.

Membership promotions that are currently underway are:

- 1) A RWS and Decommissioning Handbook was presented to Dave Hilyer of Shaw E&I, who won the new member drawing in June.
- 2) A similar award will be presented to the drawing winner of new DD&R members who join from July 1- Dec 31, 2006.

Sue is also looking for other incentives for new members to join.

Membership trends in DD&R have been monotonically decreasing from 1350 in 2000 to 1065 in November of 2006. The decrease seems to reflect a transition back to the operations of nuclear power plants as opposed to decommissioning of them. The membership decline also reflects a completion of major projects at national labs, Rocky Flats, Mound, Fernald, NPP, and others.

Goals & Planning *John Parkyn, Larry Boing*

No report.

Publicity & Public Relations *Lynne Goodman*

No report.

10. Other Business

2007 Student Conference *Tony Elliott*

Tony Elliot of Oregon State University described the upcoming ANS Student Conference of March 29-31, 2007 in Corvallis, Oregon (Oregon State University) and solicited support from the Division. Information about the conference is available at –

<http://groups.engr.oregonstate.edu/ans/conference.htm>

The DD&R Division previously agreed to provide sponsorship in the form of a program advertisement for this meeting. Sue plans to have a draft of the advertisement complete and issued before Christmas.

For convenience, the minutes of the June 4th EC meeting in Reno relevant to this issue are repeated below.

A motion was made by John Parkyn and seconded by Julie Tripp to place a ½ 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)

Proposed movement of DD&R EC Meeting date

It was suggested that there be a DD&R EC meeting at the 2007 DD&R Topical Meeting in Chattanooga (September 16-18, 2007) to replace the regularly scheduled EC meeting of November 2007 in Washington DC. It was agreed that this issue be tabled, and brought up at a later date when participants will have a better vision of their future travel plans.

Recognition

Larry expressed his interest in providing appropriate recognition of individuals and sites, as well as documenting significant events from the start up as well as decommissioning of previously significant sites. To begin this effort, Dick Meservey volunteered to organize a committee to nominate a DD&R Hall of Fame, and also solicit stories from the start up and decommissioning of early significant nuclear sites. **(AI 2006/11 – RM)**

Related to this issue, Larry also suggested considering having a luncheon at the DD&R 2007 Topical Meeting with a program of interesting stories from the decommissioning of one or more nuclear sites.

Public Policy Statements

Public Policy Statement #50 (Clearance of Solid Materials from Nuclear Facilities, March 2003) may outdated and should be reviewed for possible updating or withdrawal. The standard indicates that:

The latest developments in this area is the direction issued to the staff on October 25, 2002, to proceed with the rulemaking effort and the issuance of request for comments on February 28, 2003 (Federal Register, February 28, 2003, Vol. 68, No. 40, 9595-9602).

ANS believes that ANSI/HPS N13.12 provides a basis for achieving consensus among all stakeholders and defining a timely regulatory policy at the Federal level for the clearance of solid materials.

Lynn Goodman volunteered to review the standard and make a recommendation to the EC regarding what if any action should be taken regarding this position statement. **(AI 2006/11 – LG)**

11. Adjournment

The meeting of November 12, 2006 adjourned at approximately 4:07 pm MST.
The teleconference meeting of November 30, 2006 adjourned at 12:54 EST.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Gunning

November 30, 2006
John E. Gunning
Secretary
DD&R Division

Notes:

- 1. Any errors are strictly the fault of the secretary, for which I apologize in advance. Please feel free to contact me to correct any mistakes.*
- 2. (**AI-year/month name**) Action items have this designation, where the year and month designate the meeting in which the action item was created, and name has the initials of the responsible individual.*