

**Decontamination, Decommissioning and Re-Utilization Division
Executive Committee Meeting**

**ANS Annual Meeting, Hollywood, Florida
June 9, 2002
3:00 – 5:30 pm**

Present: P. Augustyn, S. Bhattacharyya, J. Byrne, J. Carignan, A. Desrosiers, T. Goble, L. Goodman, J. Gunning, C. Mazzola, R. Mellor, G. Motl, T. Polich, J. Rang, and P. Ziemer.

Guests: J. Gunning and Erica Ludlum

1. Call to Order/Special Reports: S. Bhattacharyya called the Executive Committee (EC) to order and introduced the new officers for next year and new EC members as follows:

- Chair – L. Goodman
- Chair-Elect (Vice-Chair) -- J. Byrne
- Secretary – P. Ziemer
- Treasurer – G. Motl
- New member – L. Boeing (not present)
- New member – K. Trice (not present)
- New member – T. Goble

2. Officer's Reports

2.1. Chairman: S. Bhattacharyya reported that ANS President Gail Marcus met with all of the Division chairs. She has requested that all division web sites link to the ANS web site. A general discussion ensued regarding updating the DD&R web site. It was noted that ANS HQ provides the host server. J. Gunning agreed to update the site and was appointed to serve as webmaster. EC members were directed to send suitable materials to the EC Chair and the to the webmaster prior to each EC meeting.

The Chairman also reported that President Marcus is advocating greater international interchange. Recently (June 5), the Chairman appointed T. Ishikura of Tokyo, Japan, to fill the term (through June 2003) of an EC member who has been unable to participate in EC activities. A general discussion ensued regarding filling vacant and inactive positions. The DD&R Bylaws specify automatic removal of a member who missed two consecutive meetings. This requirement affects J. Thayer and R. Miller. Accordingly, J. Rang and J. Gunning were appointed to terms ending in June, 2003.

Chairman Bhattacharyya, following the lead of Gail Marcus, noted that it is critical for ANS members to send letters to their congressmen urging them to support the Yucca Mountain bill.

The Chairman announced that the speaker for the DD&R luncheon tomorrow (June 10) will be Carl Mazzola.

On Wednesday, June 12, at 4 pm, the Chairman will make a presentation to the ANS Board of Directors. A copy of the presentation (Power Point slides) was previously distributed electronically to the EC members.

Concerning the ANS Public Policy Committee, it has been agreed that the Fuel Cycle Division's draft policy statement on fuel storage needs to come to the DD&R Division for review and comment.

2.2. Vice-Chairman: L. Goodman distributed updated versions of the Operation Manual and the Bylaws.

2.3. Treasurer: R. Mellor distributed the financial report. A general discussion focused on the need to be conservative in predicting membership dues because of recent declines in membership. It was noted that 2003 will be a lean year for the ANS. Additional discussion followed on Division income from papers, panels, embedded topical, etc. Concerning the budget, there was a recommendation that a "Web site" category be added, and a recommendation that the \$500 for student travel be moved from the "Scholarship" category to the "Student Support" category. The Treasurer agreed to follow these recommendations. A straw-man budget for next year was presented for information. No action was required. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

2.4. Secretary: The Committee approved the November 2001 Meeting Minutes, which had been previously distributed.

3. Standing Committee Reports

3.1. Program: Scott Damm, Program Chairman for the ANS Winter Meeting, reported on the plans and logistics for the 2002 winter meeting. The meeting will have limited space due to a change in hotel. Session organizers are therefore requested to focus on reducing concurrent sessions. Sessions will be rated and prioritized in advance so as to allocate space. There will be a shortage of meeting rooms, so planning must be very efficient. A general discussion ensued regarding eliminating the planned DD&R general session or other planned sessions.

J. Rang summarized the upcoming programs for Spectrum 2002 (Reno in August) and for the winter meeting. There was further discussion on consolidating the nine DD&R sessions, including the possibility of dropping some sessions when the time comes to negotiate space. All Division Program Committee chairs will meet with S. Damm for this purpose. It was agreed that if necessary, we will drop "Hot Topics" and the "General" session.

3.2. Goals and Planning: L. Goodman presented the current draft of the “Long Range Operational Plan for 2002-2007, Goals and Actions”. G. Motl moved that the EC approve the Goals. The motion was seconded by C. Mazzola. The motion passed. Lynne then indicated the need to populate the action items in the Plan. It was agreed that these items would be fleshed out during the next conference call of the EC on July 2. EC members were tasked to evaluate candidates for positions required to implement the manual and to e-mail input to L. Goodman by June 28.

3.3 Honors and Awards: C. Mazzola reported that Joe Shonka received the DD&R award for Best Paper at the last Winter meeting, and Bill Trabilowitz received the award for Best Panelist.

3.4 Scholarships: P. Ziemer introduced Erica Ludlum, the DD&R Scholarship recipient for 2002. Erica, who will be a Senior in Nuclear Engineering at the University of Illinois, had an outstanding record of academic achievement and professional activities. She expressed her appreciation to the Division for the award.

3.5 Standards: In the absence of V. Likar, the Chair noted that the ASME Handbook on Nuclear Facility Decommissioning will be coming out soon. C. Mazzola is currently reviewing the draft.

3.6 Newsletter: (No report)

3.7 Finance: (See item 2.3)

3.7 Membership: J. Carignan referred to the membership figures that had been previously distributed by J. Rang during the Program Committee meeting. He noted that although there has been some decline in DD&R membership, eventually all nuclear plants will require DD&R, so we can expect increasing interest in the future. He asked if expanding the scope of DD&R should be considered as well.

3.8 Nominations: (No report)

4. Other Business

4.1. ANS Student Conference: Two students, Darby Kimbell and Lance Kim from the University of California at Berkeley, presented information on the next 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 whatever support they could.

4.2. World Summit on Sustainable Development: D. Schutz visited the meeting and made a presentation on ANS participation in the World Summit. He indicated the important contributions of nuclear energy in addressing issues of

sustainable development and climate change. He noted that eliminating poverty and protecting health require recycling, reutilization, preservation, and restoration of the environment. He stated that he is looking for input for a brief (4 page) document that covers nuclear science and technology. This is needed by the end of June. John Gunning volunteered to assist in this effort. He will also put the drafts on our web site.

4.3. Web Site: (See item 2.1, above). John Gunning has been appointed to serve as Webmaster for the DD&R site.

4.4. Future Mission of the DD&R Division: S. Bhattacharyya lead a discussion on future directions for the Division. The discussion included the homeland security issues surrounding future decommissioning of research reactors and the vulnerability of source and fuel storage; and considerations on how to get the Department of Energy more involved in activities of the Division. It was agreed that discussions on the future mission must be ongoing as the role the Division evolves. The EC took all comments as input for further discussion. Whether the scope of the Division will include license renewal will be discussed at the Professional Divisions Committee meeting later this week.

4.5. Public Policy: P. Augustyn will be working with the ANS Public Policy Committee and asked the members of the EC provide input to her on public policy issues and concerns.

5. Adjournment: Chairman Bhattacharyya made concluding remarks and thanked the EC members for there work this past year. The members of the EC thanked him for his leadership with a round of applause. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Paul L. Ziemer
Secretary