

ANS President's Breakfast Meeting

November 12, 2023 Washington Hilton

Ken Petersen, ANS President, Lisa Marshall, ANS Vice President and Craig Percy, Executive Director led the meeting. There were no presentations in order to have more open discussion on the following topics:

1. National meetings need to be in interesting locations and include embedded topicals. Meeting attendance is significantly higher when this is the case. Registrations fees will only go up due to increasing hotel and food costs. A suggestion was made to drop the food service. The counter was that more time would be needed for 1000 plus attendees to seek meals outside the conference and this would extend the length of the conference by a half day.
2. Conference organizers asked each division to provide more assistance in obtaining sponsors for national meetings and topicals. The suggestion is to ask for a couple thousand dollars in donations versus ten or twenty thousand. Companies are much more likely to give small amounts.
3. The new ANS Headquarters is in Westmont, Illinois near O'Hare airport. There is also a one person office and meeting room in Washington DC. Both office rents are less than the rent paid for the old office in LaGrange, Illinois. Every member is welcome to use the meeting rooms and office space in Illinois or Washington DC.
4. ANS is making a large effort to provide more educational materials in the schools. They would like every member to provide an ANS education kit to their local science teacher. High schools can also obtain a \$40 cloud chamber kit from ANS (uses dry ice).

ANS Professional Divisions Committee Meeting

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Deborah Hill, PDC Chair led the meeting. The slides are available on the ANS website. Meeting items of note are:

1. Division Onboarding Materials are available under the PDC web page for new officers and executive committee members. The onboarding materials are located at:
[www.ans.org/communities/professional divisions/professional division committee/resources for division officers/onboarding resources](http://www.ans.org/communities/professional%20divisions/professional%20division%20committee/resources%20for%20division%20officers/onboarding%20resources)

Let me know if you have difficulty getting to the onboarding materials.

2. Division snapshot statistics are also available when requested. Recommend we send this material to all division executive committee members and officers.
3. Rebecca Steinman provided an update on the certification process. Two divisions are working hard on this process and plan to have their certification process up and running by the 2024 annual meeting in June 2024. If DESD wants a certification process for decommissioning or environmental sciences then we need to notify Rebecca and form a committee to create the materials. The first step is creating a job analysis. Jim Byrne is the DESD representative on the Certification Committee.

4. The ANS Student Conference is April 4 to 6, 2024 at Penn State. Brandon Castillo asked for more judges to review papers. They expect over 500 attendees.
5. Todd Anselmi provided an update on Standards. The Standards Newsletter and Nuclear News lists the standards looking for volunteers. DESD needs to provide someone to represent us on the Fuel, Waste and Decommissioning Consensus Committee. Our previous rep was Dave Hillyer.
6. A new division storefront web page is under development for each division. Each division gets one logon to their new web pages to easily update their division materials. Until this new web page is up and running, it was suggested to continue to use Johnny, ANS IT, to help update the division website pages.
7. Annual payment of dues to each division by ANS HQ is based on the percentage of all ANS members in the division. The additional membership fee for joining more than two divisions will be eliminated.

Follow-up actions:

1. Update DESD web pages with meeting minutes and conferences. (Gerry)
2. Send division statistics to each member of the Executive Committee. (Miles)
3. Add a certification need discussion to the next Executive Committee meeting agenda. (Miles)
4. Discuss ANS Student Conference support at the next Executive Committee meeting. (Miles)
5. Find a volunteer to represent DESD on the Standards Committee. (All)

Respectfully submitted,

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