

Minutes

**Isotopes and Radiation Division**

Virtual Meeting – BlueJeans

June 9, 2021

(Notes taken by Kim Burns)

The following individuals attended the IRD Executive Committee Meeting based on verbal rollcall on the BlueJeans videoconference.

- Sam Glover, Chair
  - Steven R. Biegalski, Vice Chair
  - Kim Burns, Secretary
  - Robert Greg Downing, Treasurer
  - Lin-Wen Hu, Executive Committee Member
  - Jim Bowen, Executive Committee Member
  - Lei “Raymond” Cao, Executive Committee Member
  - Igor Jovanovic, Executive Committee Member
  - Jung Rim, Executive Committee Member
  - Kyle Hartig, Executive Committee Member
  - Brenden Heidrich, Executive Committee Member
  - Vaibhav Sinha, Executive Committee Member
  - Rebecca Steinman, Board Liaison
  - Aubrey Whittington, ANS
  - Derek Haas
  - Edward Cazalas
  - Erik Wilson
  - Evan Gonzalez
  - Jason Nattress
  - Miltos Alamaniotis
  - Farzad Rahnema
  - Sam Dotson – Student
  - Padhraic Milligan
  - Robert Penn
  - Steven LaMont
1. Steven Biegalski called the meeting to order.
    - a. Agenda is included as Attachment 1.
    - b. Quorum is present.
  2. Approval of previous minutes
    - a. Winter Meeting Minutes are included as Attachment 2.

- b. Motion to approve with editorial changes – Steven Biegalski, Seconded – Brenden Heidrich, All Ayes
- 3. Continuing Improvement of *Nuclear Science and Engineering* (NSE), an ANS publication
  - a. Farzad Rahnema spoke about the *Nuclear Science and Engineering* (NSE) journal.
    - i. He requested when requested for people to respond to a one question survey later this month.
    - ii. Possibly remove page charges
    - iii. F-1000 allows for open peer review
- 4. IRD Officers and Executive Committee
  - a. Review recent election results
    - i. Kimberly Burns – Vice Chair
    - ii. Robert Greg Downing – Treasurer
    - iii. Erik Wilson– Executive Committee
    - iv. Kenan Unlu– Executive Committee
    - v. Sam Glover– Executive Committee
    - vi. Padhraic Milligan – Executive Committee
    - vii. Jung Rim – Executive Committee
    - viii. Vaibhav Sinha – Executive Committee
    - ix. No secretary was elected.
      - **Action:** Steve Biegalski set up an electronic vote for Secretary between Miltos Alamaniotis and James Bowen
- 5. Treasurer’s Report
  - a. Division Funds (as of 31 March 2021)
 

Dues Income:	\$312
Expenditures:	\$0
Current Balance:	\$69,967
  - b. Scholarship Funds
 

Spend Limit	9.08%
Vogt Funds: \$119,744	\$10,873
Gozani Funds: \$60,000	\$5,448
  - c. Motion to provide \$1,000 in funding to support the conference 2022 student conference with discretion to Greg Downing on how that is allocated – Sam Glover, Seconded – Lin-Wen Hu, All Ayes
    - i. Action: Greg Downing work with Amanda Bachmann ([amandab7@illinois.edu](mailto:amandab7@illinois.edu)) on how to distribute funds.
- 6. Student Conference/Support Topics
  - a. UIUC (2022) – Sam Dotson provided update
    - i. April 14-16, 2022
    - ii. In person meeting planned
    - iii. Amanda Bachman is the sponsorship coordinator – [amandab7@illinois.edu](mailto:amandab7@illinois.edu)
- 7. Division Committees
  - a. Program

- i. Report is included as Attachment 4
  - ii. Summer 2021 - Virtual
    - 3 sessions, 10 technical papers and 5 panelists
  - iii. Winter 2021 – Washington DC
    - 5 sessions planned
  - iv. Summer 2022 – Anaheim, California
    - Currently organizing sessions for Summer 2022
  - v. Winter 2022 – Phoenix, Arizona
  - vi. MARC – April 3-8, 2022 – In person
    - Motion to provide four \$500 student travel awards (totaling \$2,000) for the 2022 MARC conference – Steve Biegalski, Seconded – Sam Glover, All Ayes
  - vii. ANIMMA 2021 – June 21-25, 2021 - Hybrid meeting
  - viii. INMM - August 21-26, 2021 - Virtual
  - ix. Actinides - October 16-23, 2021 - Virtual
  - x. ICI 11 - June 19-23, 2021 – Canada
  - xi. RANK Meeting – Delayed to 2023 – Should this be a category 4 ANS meeting
  - xii. Discussion
    - Could we get IRD topics on the executive track? Could flash therapy be a topic? Rebecca suggested Steve Biegalski be proactive in socializing this idea.
- b. Membership
- i. Membership statistics
    - Membership distribution is included as Attachment 5.
    - Membership in IRD seems to be declining.
    - Largest group is student members. Can Aubrey pull the list of students?
    - Second largest group is retired / emeritus.
    - Virtual meetings have good attendance.
- c. Honors and Awards
- i. Vogt Award
    - Winner - Madison N. Allen - University of Tennessee, Knoxville
  - ii. Radiation Science and Technology Award
    - No award given this year
  - iii. New Award: Gozani Family Graduate Scholarship
    - How are we advertising the new scholarship?
    - Create a PowerPoint slide that the student conference can show before sessions
    - Suggest ANS promote the scholarship on social media
    - How do we say thank you?
    - **Action:** Sam will reach out to Tracy and find out more information.
8. Subcommittee Reports
- a. Action: Steve Biegalski will send out the subcommittee meeting.

- b. For the winter meeting, we will request that all the subcommittees provide a few sentence updates.
- 9. Old Business
  - a. Review Rules and Bylaws – no update
  - b. Updating IRD Website
    - i. Secretary has the responsibility to update the website.
- 10. New Business
  - a. Board Liaison Update
    - i. Rebecca Steinman will be transitioning off the board and a new liaison will be assigned to support IRD.
    - ii. A lot of the change plan has already been implemented. Most of the things that are left, the PDC has been very active in adjusting the change plan to address issues with the original change plan.
    - iii. New young members director to the board of directors
    - iv. Overall bylaws and rules are being looked at and determining what things need to change.
    - v. Budget surplus for 2020 overall
      - COVID relief
      - Virtual meetings were successful
    - vi. Membership trends going up
      - Trial memberships in winter
      - Actively recruiting students
      - Go away from annual renewals on the same dates to an anniversary date
    - vii. Proposal put to the board to put the headquarters for sale with constraints on what offers would be acceptable.
  - b. Evan Gonzalez – YMG – Planning Committee for the Young Professionals Conference
    - i. Usually proceeds the winter meeting but has been moved virtually this year to November which will not coincide with the winter meeting
    - ii. After Action: Follow up via email about potential sponsorship of the YPC and determine a YMG Liaison.

## 11. Meeting Adjourned