

Minutes of the COMPRES Executive Committee Meeting July 12, 2017, Tamaya Resort, NM

Present: Carl Agee (President) Abby Kavner (Chair), Przemek Dera (Vice Chair/Secretary), Baosheng Li, Jackie Li, Steve Jacobsen, Mark Rivers

Absent: Suki Dorfman

AGENDA

1. Welcome new members and summer business
2. Discussion of the site reviews of COMPRES facilities
3. ExComm meeting at the 2017 AGU
4. Discussion of the process to evaluate relationship between COMPRES and GSECARS
5. Site of the next COMPRES Meeting
6. Facilities Committee report
7. Discussion of APS 6BM project status
8. 2017 ID&O proposals
9. COMPRES Student Committee
10. Membership of the 2018 Annual Meeting Program Committee
11. Change of bylaws to enable electronic electoral votes.
12. Closed executive session

MINUTES

Start: 7:00 AM PDT

1. Welcome new members and summer business

AK welcomed newly elected members. She explained that one of the responsibilities of the vice chair will be to serve as secretary, take notes, and prepare minutes. AK emphasized the confidential nature of ExCom discussions. She also urged member to be sensitive to conflicts of interest and proactively identify any COIs. CA will set up doodle poll to attempt scheduling ExComm meeting(s) for discussion of summer business. CA will also create annual calendar to schedule ahead of time meetings that do not follow regular schedule.

2. Discussion of the site reviews of COMPRES facilities

Tentative schedule of site visits to all facilities needs to be proposed. Because of the number of facilities, one, perhaps two site visits per year may be necessary.

3. ExComm meeting at the AGU

The 2017 AGU meeting will take place in New Orleans, instead of the usual location in San Francisco. It was unclear whether sufficient number of ExComm members will attend to have a quorum. CA suggested that instead of meeting at the AGU, ExComm could meet for a one day e.g. at UNM. It was also suggested that if the next facility site review were to take place before the end of the year, it could provide a venue for a longer ExComm session. AK requested that all ExComm members let her know by email their plans with regards to attending the AGU meeting.

4. Discussion of the process to evaluate relationship between COMPRES and GSECARS

NSF panel summaries received after review of both COMPRES and GSECARS 5-year renewal proposals included a request to start a process of evaluating the relationship between the two organizations, including analysis whether they should continue as separate project in the next 5-year edition. This process needs to be concluded before the next renewal proposals are due. The process will require analysis of each of the organizations by special committee and an open discussion at COMPRES Annual Meeting.

5. Site of the next COMPRES Meeting

Big Sky Montana Resort was identified as the possible site of the 2018 COMPRES meeting. CA is planning to visit the site to evaluate suitability. He will report his conclusions back to the ExComm.

6. Facilities Committee reports

The final committee report has been completed and is uploaded to the Dropbox. CA will prepare the feedback summary for each facility.

CA explained that COMPRES III is currently on a no-cost extension, but this will likely not be further extended, and unspent COMPRES III funds will not be possible to carry over to FA 2018. Unspent funds should be expended for all subawards by the end of May 2018.

7. Discussion of APS 6BM project status

The status of facility project APS 6BM project and its future COMPRES funding prospects was briefly discussed. More detailed discussion to follow.

8. EO&ID proposals

New call for EO&ID proposals will be issued in September.

9. COMPRES student Committee

The student committee elected new chair, Cara Vennari from UC Santa Cruz. ExComm needs to define a better/more effective way to liaise with student committee.

10. 2018 Annual Meeting Program Committee membership

Heather Watson agreed to chair the Committee. Bin Chen will also participate in the committee.

11. Change of bylaws to enable electronic electoral votes

Preliminary discussion about the possibility to introduce electronic voting took place during the open business session of the Annual meeting. Either the 2018 nomination committee, or another special committee may need to be formed to analyze the options and prepare a draft text of the bylaws amendment. Final debate of this proposal will need to take place at the next Annual Meeting, with draft text of amendment distributed to the participants beforehand.

13. Closed executive session

Adjourn

Approved by unanimous voice vote at 8:20 AM PDT.