

Minutes of the COMPRES Executive Committee Meeting September 15, 2017, via telecon

Present: Carl Agee (President) Abby Kavner (Chair), Przemek Dera (Vice Chair/Secretary), Baosheng Li, Jackie Li, Mark Rivers (Chair of Facilities), Suki Dorfman (Chair of EO&ID)

Absent: Steve Jacobsen

AGENDA

11:00 Consent agenda: approve minutes of 11-July-2017, 12-July-2017, 21-July-2017

11:05 2018 Annual Meeting site selection

11:15 NSF site visit

11:25 6-BM-B proposal for year-2 COMPRES IV

11:35 NSLS-II DAC workshop proposal

11:45 Executive Session

12:00 Adjourn

MINUTES

Start: 11:00 PM PDT

1. Consent agenda: approve minutes of 11-July-2017, 12-July-2017, 21-July-2017

AK welcomed committee members after the summer break and reminded the committee about its mission and necessity to be mindful of COIs.

Minutes of ExComm meetings of 11-July-2017, 12-July-2017, 21-July-2017 were briefly discussed. AK moved for approval of minutes of the three previous meetings, with minor edits (in this and future minutes, proposals to be referred to by the title of the proposal, rather than by the proposers' names) JL seconded, minutes approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. Annual Meeting site selection

CA gave a summary of his visit to the Big Sky resort and an overview of the available options for 2018 meeting location. Big Sky is more expensive and not as convenient choice as Tamaya. Another resort in New Hampshire was contacted about a possibility of hosting COMPRES meeting, but was nonresponsive.

Choice of Tamaya involves scheduling restrictions, and different expense for early vs. late summer. CA's e-mail distributed prior to the ExComm telecon contains more details regarding cost and comparison of Big Sky vs. Tamaya locations. If Tamaya is to be selected, the booking needs to be done ASAP.

PD commented that in the past changing location and geographic convenience (switching between East and West Coast), were advantageous. Also combining of the COMPRES meeting with other conferences (e.g. US-Japan HP Seminar) was a good way to broaden audience.

JL agreed that having the meeting of the third time in a row at the same locations is not very attractive.

SD Commented that the choice of August dates can makes the meeting difficult to attend for teaching faculty for whom teaching duties start in mid-August.

SD also suggested that if making arrangements 9 months in advance is problematic, the scouting and discussions of the location for the 2019 meeting should start even earlier (fall 2017).

JL suggested an idea of partnership with Z-machine community to broaden the participant base for 2019 meeting.

JL moved for vote to accept Tamaya Resort as a site of 2018 COMPRES meeting. PD seconded Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

3. NSF site visit

CA presented the plan and agenda for the NSF visit on September 18. The meeting was requested by CA. The COMPRES group to meet with NSF PDs included CA, AK and MR. The plan for the COMPRES delegation to give a presentation about the current status of COMPRES and discuss outlook and opportunities at NSLS-II (e.g. HEX). Presentations to be given by the COMPRES delegation will be shared with ExComm. CA to report on the outcomes of the visit at the next ExComm meeting.

4. 6-BM-B proposal for year-2 COMPRES IV [BL COI]

CA gave a brief status update about the process to reconsider long term funding for APS 6BM project. A proposal outlining new technical and scientific plan for the facility and providing update on the scientific products thus far, has been submitted by the PI. The proposal has been passed to the Facilities Committee for comments and recommendations. Copy of the proposal was also distributed by MR via email. The proposal feedback is to be provided to the PI within 30 days.

CA to prepare and present budget scenarios that could accommodate continuation of 6BM project for at least one more year.

5. NSLS II DAC workshop proposal [BL COI]

A proposal for workshop to define a user community and scientific agenda for possible new DAC program at NSLS-II was submitted and reviewed by the EO&ID Committee. SD gave a summary of the evaluation of the workshop proposal by the EO&ID Committee.

AK moved to accept report, provide feedback and suggestions with no funding decision at this point. CA to relay message. JL left the meeting due to lab emergency. Vote was not conducted due to lack of quorum during the teleconference, but was conducted by email after the meeting with a motion to vote by AK, seconded by JL. Motion was unanimously approved by email vote

The proposal related to a white paper submitted to the ExComm outlining a general idea of a new DAC user facility to be proposed at NSLS-II. Initial feedback on the whitepaper has been provided to the PI by chair of the facilities committee [MR], with a copy distributed to ExComm.

12. Closed executive session [CA COI]

Adjourn

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ended at 12:40PM