



**AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY**  
Oak Ridge/Knoxville Section

P. O. Box 5075, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5075

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**March 18, 2003**

**Attendees**

**Voting Members:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Present</u>		<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Present</u>
Maria LeTellier (Chair) 241-3458	CSE	X		Steve Bowman (2005) 574-5263	ORNL	
Julie Ezold (Vice Chair/Chair Elect) 574-9594	ORNL	X		Jeff Johnson (2005) 574-5262	ORNL	X
Trent Primm (Treasurer) 574-0566	ORNL	X		Michael Dunn (2004) 574-5260	ORNL	
Jan Preston (Secretary) 241-7608	ORNL	X		John Wagner (2004) 241-3570	ORNL	
Bernie Kirk (Chair Ex-officio) 574-6176	ORNL			Lien Nguyen (2003) 691-3211	Shaw E&I	
				Larry Miller (2003) 974-5048	UT	X

**Others Present:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Present</u>		<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Present</u>
Sedat Goluoglu,\	ORNL	X		Dwaine Pucket	BWXT Y-12	X
Norb Grant	Self	X				

Chair, Maria LeTellier, called the meeting to order. A quorum of the Executive Committee was present.

**Secretary's Report**

The February minutes have not yet been finalized to incorporate all comments. Jan Preston will re-issue and Maria will call for an email acceptance.

[Note: Approved via email vote on April 4, 2003.]

## **Chair's Report**

Maria LeTellier reported that she had received an email report from Ibrahim Attieh, thanking the section for our partial support of his attendance of PHYSOR 2002, in Seoul, Korea. He reported that his paper was very well received at the conference (if a bit controversial), and that he found South Korea to be extremely beautiful with a dynamic society.

## **Chair-Elect's Report**

Julie Ezold reported that the ballots have been sent out to the membership for next year's officers and the Executive Board.

She also reported a contact from Sigma Xi (the Scientific Research Society). The local Sigma Xi chapter, along with ORNL's Chemical and Analytical Sciences Division and AWIS, is planning to host a seminar on the history of finding transuranics at AMSE on June 11, 2003. The speaker will be Darlene Hoffman, who is a Glen Seaborg protégée. We are being asked to become a co-sponsor, and to provide \$250 to help rent museum (AWIS will provide refreshments). Since rental is \$100/hour in 30-minute increments, this means we are being asked to pay for the entire rental. A motion was made and accepted to offer for our ANS section to pay \$150. Trent Primm will allocate the funds out of the Programs budget.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The first two pages of this month's Treasurer's report provides a corrected report from February (the corrections were in "dinners absorbed" and "change in net worth"). The report for this month includes the section's sponsorship of the Engineers Banquet, plus purchase of a laptop with the SHADES budget allocation (\$1258.00). Trent reported that we got \$18 paid for one dinner meeting no-show and our mutual funds went up (\$600). It is projected that the M&C2003 conference will make some profit and will be able to pay back the loan made by the section. A motion to approve the Treasurer's reports for February (as corrected) and March was made and passed.

Trent has explored what sort of checking account arrangement we could get with the ORNL Credit Union, if we move our account from Bank of America (where our costs currently are equal to the interest we earn). BofA has updated their online banking, which is a positive step, but Trent still recommended that we move our accounts to the Credit Union – a motion to accept this recommendation was made and passed. Trent will also work to permanently set up this new account so as to be able to take MasterCard/Visa, if the costs are not prohibitive.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Membership: Norb Grant, Chair**

Norb reported that he has already received about 50 ballots back – he anticipates about 90. He received a membership printout from ANS national, and we have lost about 52 members who have moved, and have gotten about 46 new names – our total is about 540

(both national and local only). This is about as usual. Our memberships are dropping off a bit every year. He also received information on ANS Division membership for our section this time.

**Topical Procurement:**

Maria reported that she is getting copies of the planning group's meeting minutes and things seem to be going well.

**Education/SHADES: Julie Ezold/Bill Hill, Co-Chairs**

Maria reported that there has been some discussion about compressing the usual SHADES schedule to accommodate an outside conflict by some of the planners and participants. They may want to consolidate the program into 3 sessions. Sandy Larson and Maria have both volunteered to stay longer if they need chaperones. This looks like it will be the highest Spring SHADES attendance (50-65) on record. Julie will close on this to see if we need to drum up more volunteers to support this large group.

The summer Teachers Workshop is scheduled for July 14. Julie talked to Kristin England on whether we can get two TVA interns involved. Dick Rothrock will be called to see if he can help Larry Miller. Julie will also make arrangements for Bill Hill to receive Geiger counters. Bill has again raised the issue to Maria of whether the section needs to rent a storage space to Teachers Workshop supplies (including the Geiger counters we are getting from the Washington State section. After much discussion, it was decided that Maria would approach UT (Lee Dodds) about getting free storage space at UT, instead.

**Newsletter: Dan Ingersoll, Chair**

Jeff Johnson reminded everyone that they need articles to be written and provided as soon as events occur. Julie asked for the section's camera to document the March Women's History Month program. ANS will be represented at this program by at least 4 members.

**Program: John Wagner, Chair**

The April 1 program will feature Susan Gawarecki from the Oak Ridge Local Oversight Committee. There is no May program yet. We will, however, plan to have those achieving their 25-year anniversary with ANS invited to the May meeting for a free dinner.

**Arrangements/Publicity: Larson/Pucket**

Dwaine Pucket reported that April 1 dinner announcement has gone out. Parking is free at the Raddison (instructions included with the email announcement). We are scheduled to be back at Rothschilds, with a cash bar, for the May meeting. Dwaine will arrange for a fax to be sent to Rothschilds this time that will spell out all our needs (podium, bartender, microphone, screen, etc.).

**Web Page: Hanna Shapira, Chair**

Hanna provided tremendous support to the advertising efforts for the March Womens History Month program.

**Honors and Awards: Larry Townsend, Chair**

No report.

**Scholarship: Steve Bowman, Chair**

The single scholarship will be awarded at the April meeting.

**Bylaws: Peggy Emmett, Chair**

We are somewhat behind, since we missed sending out the proposed Bylaws changes with the annual ballot. Since there is now no rush (to meet the ballot deadline) to complete the Bylaws amendment process, we will finish writing the Rules and present both documents to the local Board for approval before sending them to the National Bylaws Committee. After receiving their approval, the Bylaws will be sent out to the general membership for vote.

There is some concern that the returns for a Bylaws-only vote will be very low (since they are not coupled, as usual, with the ballot), and we discussed having a special meeting for bylaws passage. It was agreed that we may try to pursue this idea over the summer, however, we cannot dispense with paper voting until this round of Bylaws changes is accepted.

**Old Business**

Dwaine Pucket has been looking for an older model laptop for the section Secretary to use. After much discussion, it was decided that we will defer such a purchase until it has been budgeted (early next year), plus we may ask whether the SHADES organization might be willing to let us occasionally borrow their new laptop.

Julie reminded us that the University of Missouri – Rolla has challenged us to send more than one student to nuclear camp this year (the Idaho ANS section sent 6). We will need to put effort into drumming up more applicants. Maria suggested that Julie could draft an email for Sandi to distribute using our standard email distribution list. Julie noted that the last student we sponsored had a very positive experience -- he is currently doing research for Rolla, and they set him up with a webcam so they could monitor his research.

**New Business**

None. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

**Next Meeting:**

Executive Committee Meeting – Tuesday, April 15, at 4:00 PM, at the NTRC.