

## **NCNR User Group (NUG) Executive Committee Minutes from conference call on May 20, 2015**

Present from NIST:

Present NUG executive committee members:

### **Topic 1: Letter to congress regarding budget**

All action from NUG is finished on this topic.

### **Topic 2: Letter to Willie May**

A letter will be drafted to Willie May from NUG to thank him for his support of the NCNR and emphasizing the importance of the NCNR to the scientific community.

### **Topic 3: Website**

The website has been updated with current committee information.

### **Topic 4: NCNR update**

- The CHRNS Grant from NSF has been renewed for 5 years. SANS/USANS will be phased out of CHRNS and replaced with VSANS and CANDOR.
- The National Research Council review will occur on July 7, 8, and 9. Peter Green (Michigan) is the chair.
- NIST Summer School starts on June 8. 35 students will attend. Focus is on inelastic scattering.
- A new deputy will start in August, Dr. Tom Newton (from MIT)

### **Topic 5: User survey**

The survey will include previously used questions (in order to track changes in the responses over time). It is possible to add a new question if desired. List of instruments on survey needs to be updated. Survey monkey will be used. NUG will transmit the survey results to NIST (and keep comments anonymous). NIST will then take appropriate action.

Another mechanism is considered in order to obtain user feedback. A survey can be sent to the investigators once the experiment is complete. Perhaps this could be implemented through the Indiana website, and use some of the same questions in the user survey. A statement of purpose at the top of the survey would better inform the user of its utility.