

## **NCNR User Group (NUG) Executive Committee Minutes from conference call on September 27, 2016**

Present from NIST:

Present NUG executive committee members:

### **Topic 1: Next election**

The next election should occur in January 2017 (keep open for around 3-4 weeks). Moving off committee: Alan Nakatani, Megan Robertson, Mike Mackay, Amber Larson. The committee chair is selected by the executive committee from any of the members. Committee members will solicit recommendations for nominees to run for election. We have three categories: hard condensed matter, soft condensed matter, and industry. We also have a student/postdoc members. Members serve four year terms (for student/postdoc members: two years). We will identify nominees in each category and the user group will vote for one person in each category. The survey will be conducted on survey monkey (David Baxter, Indiana, can pay for the account). We will identify a list of names by October. We will consider many aspects of diversity (research, career stage, underrepresented groups) and also NIST usage. Committee members should email suggested names to Alan.

### **Topic 2: Plans for 2017**

The following are items the NCNR would like the committee to address in 2017:

- 1) Exit survey execution, handled through the user group website
- 2) New content management system for NIST: committee to provide feedback on web layouts, etc.

### **Topic 3: NIST update**

330 proposals were submitted. This cycle only has  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the usual time due to the upcoming shutdown in fall 2017 (shim arms and primary pumps). DCS is out of commission. Internet ports have been added to address connectivity concerns. In mid-October there will be a guest network available that does not require a password. Food contract at NIST is being renegotiated – negotiating for vendor locations other than the main cafeteria. There is movement on allowing skype on visit network, possibly next year? Health physics – time for in-person training has been more consistent recently.

**Next call: mid-November**