

**NCNR User Group (NUG) Executive Committee
Minutes from conference call on December 15, 2016**

Present from NIST:

Present NUG executive committee members:

Topic 1: NIST update

The extended shutdown will occur in fall 2017 (around mid-September to the end of the year). There will be one more call for proposals in March. Both the current call and the call in March will be for a reduced number of available days on the instruments, to account for the shutdown. The VSANS tank is arriving and there are plans for it to be operational before the shutdown.

Password-free wireless is now available in the user office at NIST. The existing network which requires a password is still functioning. Over time the password-free network will be more widely available.

Topic 2: Election for executive committee members

Alan Nakatani, Amber Larson, and Michael Mackay have finished their terms on the committee.

Megan Robertson, Igor Zaliznyak, Rafael Verduzco, and Mike Crawford will continue for the next two years.

We will elect three additional members: one in hard condensed matter, one from industry, and one student/postdoc member.

Three candidates have been nominated in each category and their statements have been collected. We will prepare a document with the statements and a ballot in survey monkey. There will be a link to the statements within the survey. In addition the survey monkey link and statements will be posted on the NUG website and will be sent out to NUG in an email. Objective: email will be sent after Jan 1. Survey will be kept open for 3 wks. A reminder will be sent a few days before it is closed.

Next call: February 2017. Will include the current committee and new members.