American Nuclear Society - Health Physics Society

Applicability of Radiation - Response Models

to Low Dose Protection Standards:

Topical Planning Meeting Minutes

Friday July 21, 2017

Present:

Alan Waltar, Steve Baker, Tony Brooks, Ron Kathren, Wanda Munn, Bob Tibbatts, Mike Leimon, Kris Troyer, Jillian Gardner-Andrews, Anna Markham, Darrell Fisher

By Telephone: Wayne Glines

Not Present:

Virginia Cleary-Ivanoff, Paul Rittmann, Jerry Woodcock, Mike Lawrence

Attachments:

1. [Agenda](http://www.umtanum.com/TopicalManagedFiles/Minutes/2017-07-21/2017-07-21Agenda.docx)
2. [Input from Jerry](http://www.umtanum.com/TopicalManagedFiles/Minutes/2017-07-21/JerryMeetingInput.msg)

1. [Final Budget](http://www.umtanum.com/TopicalManagedFiles/Minutes/2017-07-21/Budget2018TopicalMtgANS150BaseCase,Rev.3NISD7.21.2017.xlsx)

1. [Budget Changes](http://www.umtanum.com/TopicalManagedFiles/Minutes/2017-07-21/BudgetSubmissionChanges7.21.2017.xlsx)

1. [Forum Costs](http://www.umtanum.com/TopicalManagedFiles/Minutes/2017-07-21/ForumCosts.msg)

1. [Handout](http://www.umtanum.com/TopicalManagedFiles/Minutes/2017-07-21/Handout.pdf)
2. [Notes](http://www.umtanum.com/TopicalManagedFiles/Minutes/2017-07-21/2017-07-21Notes.docx)

Alan started the meeting establishing the decision that we would change the conference dates to September 30 – October 3, 2018. This change requires that the American Nuclear Society questionnaire be resubmitted. Changes required to specific questionnaire entries were discussed.

An extended discussion with respect to requirements that potential authors must meet to be included in the program followed. A requirement to submit a summary after abstract submittal which would be used to decide acceptance or rejection was considered. It was decided that acceptance or rejection of papers would be based on submitted abstracts, so summaries would not be required. An abstract deadline of March 30, 2018 was set. Abstracts will be published in the Health Physics Society Journal. Alan tabled the discussion with the hope that Wayne would call in before the meeting was over.

Discussion followed with respect to extending the conference from three to four days. An alternative would be for a small group to work the fourth day to document the conference results. It was decided that we can visit this decision later.

Darrell and Ron reviewed several abstracts that have been submitted. Ron said that having this many abstracts so early is extraordinary. Darrell noted that none of the invited speakers have submitted abstracts yet.

Bob handed out and discussed the final [budget](#Budget). Minor [changes](#BudgetChanges) were made including reducing the number of project exhibits. Potential contacts were discussed.

Kris discussed the planned tour events. An open question is whether enough conference attendees will sign up for the B Reactor tour and concert. If not enough do, we will open the event to the public. Past B Reactor events have been well attended, this seems to not be a major problem.

Discussion of a publication strategy was resumed when Wayne called in. Two different approaches were discussed: traditional journal publication, and publication in a free web site. If a traditional approach is taken, the final budget will pay for a limited number of pages. Authors can add more pages if they pay for them. Further, it isn’t clear that American Nuclear Society members would have access to the papers. Publication in an open access web site would eliminate concerns with respect to a page limit and American Nuclear Society access. Since the abstracts will be published by the Health Physics Society, copyright conflicts might inhibit abstract distribution and open access publication of the papers. A decision was not made with respect to which approach will be used by the conference.

Wanda left the room to call Floyd Ivy to see if he would be willing to help with legal issues. When she came back, she gave Wayne Floyd’s cell phone number and said that Floyd would be happy to help.

Wayne said that we should publish “[forum](#ForumCosts)” articles in Health Physics Society publications to publicize the conference. Ron asked if this would cost money. Wayne said that he hoped that it would be free. Anna, Jillian, and Wanda are working to prepare the publicity articles.

Tony and Bob have been working on material to support a request for a grant from the National Institutes of Health. Alan, Darrell, and Tony as key contributors to the conference need to produce brief biographical sketches to support the grant request. Alan agreed to contact Doug Boreham to request financial support for the conference. Steve will prepare material for Alan to use to contact NuScale requesting conference support.

Wanda described changes that she has requested for the web site including:

1. Removing the local section menu from the header of all conference web pages,
2. Including Health Physics Society links on an equal footing,
3. Adding links to the American Nuclear Society local section and the Columbia Chapter of the Health Physics society,
4. Adding a “Contact Us” button,

a Allan and Darrell contact information,

b Webmaster contact information**.**

Steve said that he would have Abadan print 2,000 copies of a conference [Handout](#Handout) for $320 when approved.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday August 15th.

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