

Minutes from conference call on October 6, 2014.

Present from NIST:

NUG members:

Topic 1: Elections

Elections for NIST NUG will occur by the end of 2014. We will start by requesting nominations, and the ballots will be sent out by the end of the month. There are three people whose terms are ending, in addition to the student/postdoc position. We will also need to elect a vice-chair. Bill will send an email to the user group, nominations can be sent to Despina.

Topic 2: NIST update

- A. Reactor update: a refueling shutdown will occur in approximately 2 weeks, through mid-November.
- B. NSF CHRNS proposal renewal: VSANS and CANDOR are coming online soon and will be included in this proposal. The existing SANS/USANS will be phased out of CHRNS. Previous reviews of this proposal have commented on the strength of the soft matter program at NIST. A site visit is expected in February 2015.
- C. The results of the NCNR workshop have been reported to NIST management. Suggestions will be implemented pending funding.
- D. Dr. Willie E. May is currently serving as the Acting Director of NIST.

Topic 3: User Survey

The last user survey was conducted in 2011. The next survey will be conducted in 2015.