

CINP Board Meeting Minutes

November 28th, 2024

13:00 AtI/12:00 East/11:00 MB/10:00 SK&AB/9:00 BC

Present: Gwen Grinyer, Greg Hackman (GHM, non-voting), Garth Huber (GH), Chris Ruiz (recorder), Russell Mammei, Olga (Liliana) Caballero Suarez, Rituparna Kanungo
Regrets: Thomas Brunner

Minutes by Chris Ruiz

1. Approval of Agenda

Gwen motions to approve, Chris seconds.

2. Approval of Minutes August 28th, 2024

Gwen motions to approve, Russ seconds.

3. Finance Report (Greg Hackman)

Greg gives report on state of finances (and submission of NSERC grant). The upshot is that projections from the start of the year are still appropriate for planning. The private account projected balance is \$17,995. The NSERC account projected balance is \$18,399.25 (planned for). The account will be \$66k in the red briefly, pending deposit in April of new grant funds. The account will then be only \$500 down from initial estimates, which is deemed acceptable.

A carry over of \$18k balance is deemed acceptable, based on Board's discussion and experience of NSERC regulations/practices.

Outstanding items: Remove December ACOT, since GH did not attend. Leave in NuPECC budget items just in case, but no request has yet been made.

Discussion on whether any conference support is coming up? Ritu asks about PAINT (Progress in Ab Initio Theory). GH: there has been no request.

GG: Can we put a reminder in the newsletter about conference support? GH: It's in there.

4. Executive Director's Report

a) Update on CUPC Student Travel Awards

GH gives update on CUPC Awards. Liliana Garth & Reuben met to judge awards. 4 were awarded. 3 F - 1 M.

b) WNPPC Student Travel Awards

Discussion on what to do if we have way more or way less applications than accepted. GH provides suggestion in agenda. Ritu provides motion: Roughly 70% success rate to a maximum of 15 awards. In addition, awards are \$750 each. Liliana seconds. All in favor.

RM volunteers for selection panel, as does Gwen.

c) Conference Support Applications:

Proposed \$750 to WNPPC for student prizes. Gwen motions, Russ seconds. Theory Canada FY25: \$1500, Chris moves, Gwen seconds.

d) Membership

Motion to approve new applications and discontinuances (+ 1 deceased).

New Applications:

- 250 - Dhruval Shah (McMaster)
- 251 - Harsimran Singh (Regina)
- 252 - Maeve Cockshutt (Victoria)

Associate Member 3-Year Renewals:

- 002 - Wim van Oers (Manitoba)
- 016 - Howard Trottier (SFU)
- 022 - Kumar Sharma (Manitoba)
- 058 - Gordon Ball (TRIUMF)
- 109 - Martin Alcorta (TRIUMF)
- 134 - Fatima Garcia (SFU)
- 152 - Daniel Yates (TRIUMF)
- 178 - Muhammad Junaaid (Regina)
- 184 - Nathan Heinrich (Regina)
- 187 - Wolfgang Klassen (UBC)
- 188 - Hussain Rasiwala (McGill)
- 193 - Fatemeh Gorgannejad (Manitoba)
- 194 - Tammy Zidar (Guelph)

Request to Discontinue:

- 108 - Wenliang Li (left country)
- 180 - Guy Leckenby (left country)
- 190 - Nicolas Fortier (McGill)
- 191 - Melissa Mendes (left country)
- 192 - Simon Guichandut (McGill)

Gwen moves, Chris seconds.

Five renewals were contacted who did not reply yet. Caballero-Folch and Bryn Knight contacted during meeting and send emails to GH indicating wish to continue. They will be brought up for approval at the next Board meeting. Still have to decide what to do with the other 3.

e) Recent Meetings by GH

Ottawa in-person meetings summarized by GH. NSERC, CFI and ISED. Then 1 week later Chief Science Advisor by Teams.

NSERC acknowledge success rate may decrease given recent raise in graduate wages.

GH discussed LRP with all parties. NSERC happy to partner with LRP.

Desire to engage Digital Research Alliance.

There will be an new capstone org above NSERC which will coordinate things.

Difficult to know exactly what its role will be, or the impact on SAP. A variety of different answers were given by those met with.

Discussion of connection to industry. Try to get testimonials from CEOs of orgs who hire nuclear graduates. Connection to TRIUMF could prove fruitful here, as they not only hire graduates from TRIUMF but also collaborate directly with TRIUMF (e.g. Gen Fusion, SMR projects). RM: Can we ask CINP members directly to contact former students?

What's in it for the CEOs - perhaps if they are explicitly mentioned in LRP it also lends credence to their endeavors, being part of the SAP community's orbit.

GH: Both NSERC & CFI did not think last LRP was particularly useful as it did not contain sufficient prioritization of projects.

CFI funding timeline discussed. It has become stricter: must spend money by certain milestones otherwise potentially lose it. CFI seems amenable to be flexible for SAP projects whose delays are caused by international partners or R&D needs. Karsten & Garth have drafted a note to send to CFI for their formal response.

ISED: Capstone organization is being created to better align research infrastructure with research funding.

f) Canadian Subatomic Physics Long Range Plan

Draft Terms of Reference -> Suggestions to be sent to GH by email. LRP will move to a 7-year cycle, similar to NuPECC, NSAC, etc.

g) SAPES Fall Orientation Meeting next week

h) Meetings at CAP Congress, Saskatoon SK

Discussion of CINP session time. No preference thus GH will probably keep it to breakfast meeting.

i) Junior Scientist Travel Award update

Spent full \$7000 budget for JSci this year, which is good news.

Unfortunately, had to turn down one application after funds were spent. Now considering applications for travel occurring after April 1 (next fiscal year).

Discussion of next meeting: January, to be divided between 2 meetings (one with SWG chairs). GH will send out calendar poll.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:31am (BC). Gwen motions, Chris seconds.