

Minutes  
ANS Local Sections Committee  
Sunday, June 26, 2011  
Westin Diplomat - Hollywood, FL  
Diplomat Ballroom 1

Continental breakfast offered beginning at 7:30 am.

Agendas (Attachment #1) and limited copies of November 2010 minutes w/attachments were available (Attachments #2 & #3).

Workshop sign-in sheet was provided. (Attachment #4)

#### WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Meeting was called to order by Robert Penn, LSC Chair, at 8:00 am.

Penn offered an apology for error in presentation prepared for BoD which said San Diego section was dissolved, noting that it was Los Angeles which was previously dissolved. San Diego is involved in revitalization.

#### GROUP REPORTS FROM SECTIONS

After brief introductions, Penn left for a meeting of committee chairs with incoming ANS president, Eric Loewen. Tinh Tran, LSC Vice-chair, then led the meeting with requests for brief reports from Sections with a focus on “lessons learned/successful practices/challenges/concerns.”

A brief summary of comments follows:

San Diego – Incoming chair, Ken Schultz, noted the section is seeking ways to attract new people.

Northeastern Section – Steve Stamm noted that their meeting have been speaker focused and recently included attention to Fukushima events.

India – Corrie McDaniels reported about 400 names on their listserv and noted efforts to have meetings when U.S. officials are visiting.

Washington, DC – Alan Levin noted they don’t draw much interest from the utility side of the industry; rather, they have stronger representation from government and regulatory people

Eastern Carolina (North Carolina) – Lisa Marshall noted that the section interacts with the Student Section, provides travel support and is looking at increasing scholarship support.

Mississippi – Meetings have focused on “lessons learned”; Section collaborates with NA-YGN (earth day, etc).

Trinity – Section collaborates with INMM and is working to increase membership. Developing Facebook page to reach younger members, trying online ballot, and invites NA-YGN to participate.

Wisconsin – Matthew Gidden noted that the Section has increased student participation

Chicago – Section holding quarterly meetings; has approved rules. Section has done outreach to high schools, science fairs; has done some outreach regarding Fukushima. Preparing proposal to host Global 2013. Roger Tilbrook spoke about the Section’s ongoing efforts with science fairs, where it gives awards.

Pittsburgh – Section is developing relationship with NA-YGN. Section would like to increase members from Bettis. Section trying to be supportive to University of Pittsburgh as it seeks to establish a Student Section.

Wilmington Area – Membership representation is broad; challenge is cost of meetings for younger members. Has conducted outreach to high school and middle school. Looking forward to Local Section manual particularly for help with organizing to host topical meetings.

Virginia – Section is spread across large geographic area and tries to hold events in various locations. Electronic elections are utilized. Holding teacher workshop at Virginia Commonwealth University this year (partnered with NA-YGN and others).

Connecticut – Uli Decher reported on progress in revitalization. They hold planning meetings by phone and schedule meetings at various locations. They do give meeting discounts for some events or for bringing guests. Currently have about 70 members from 20 organizations. Has not yet held an election.

Oak Ridge/Knoxville – Section serves large area. Co-sponsored Fukushima panel with University of Tennessee. Section has an online dues payment system. Working to update website.

Michigan – Michigan has large distance between concentrations of members and has established a SW Michigan Branch (near two utility plants).

Savannah River – noted plans to host a topical meeting for 2013

There was general discussion of the possibility of webcasting to broadcast meetings – including leadership executive committees. There was a suggestion to look for local companies with capabilities already available.

## SNAPSHOT SUBJECTS

Bob Penn returned from the Committee Chairs meeting with Eric Loewen and reported that incoming president Loewen has requested a list of three Sections to visit. A number of Sections immediately asked to be put on a list for consideration: Wilmington Area, Mississippi, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Northeastern, San Diego, Washington DC, India, and Savannah River. A message will be sent to all Sections offering them the opportunity to be on the list.

Bob Penn also reported that incoming president Loewen expressed a desire for increased information sharing among Local Sections regarding Fukushima. Several sections noted panels and round tables that had been held. Pittsburgh noted interest from high schools on this topic; they will seek specific opportunities for outreach on this topic.

Penn reported that discussions by the membership committee regarding national membership requirements for local section members have been tabled.

There was a request to add more Local Section officers (chair, vice chair, secretary & treasurer) to the listserve so that communication does not depend strictly upon the chair.

-----> Action item for Chuck Vincent at headquarters to add officers to listserve (implementation depends upon headquarters receiving a complete and up-to-date list of officers from all sections)

LSC Liaisons – There was discussion of “advertising” the liaison list.

-----> Send liaison list to all Local Sections. (This was done in July using the “chairs” listserve)

----->Action item: add liaisons to web site (Liaison names and assignments are already posted on LSC download list)

----->Action item: Provide electronic access to past year annual reports for each section (request for IT assistance has already been sent)

----->Action Item: LSC chair and Staff Liaison to make special follow-up calls to new liaisons

There was discussion of the value to a Local Section in adding its assigned liaison to email list for Section communications.

----->Action Item: Each Local Section to add the assigned liaison to its email distribution

## SUCCESSFUL OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Sharon Kerrick (ANS Outreach) provided an overview of upcoming ANS participation in  
Nuclear Science Week  
National Engineering Week  
USA Science & Engineering Festival

----->Action Item: Post information online about these events

Laura Scheele (ANS Outreach) provided an overview of ANS activities in social media.

## LOCAL SECTIONS MANUAL & IT UPGRADES

Tinh Tran discussed effort to get Local Section Manual completed and post it online for ease of updating. Tinh issued a call for volunteers to assist with the project.

Art Wharton suggested setting up a collaborative site (e.g., Sharepoint, wiki) to facilitate the process.

----->Action: Request assistance from IT department at ANS.

Suggestions for ways that IT could assist Local Sections:

- ability for each section to update its own officers list

- generic format for calendar file that can be imported into other formats

## BUSINESS MEETING

Attendees for business meeting signed attendance sheet (Attachment #5). Presence of quorum was verified.

Minutes from the November 2010 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Matt Gidden and seconded by Tinh Tran to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no old business and no new business.

The motion to adjourn was made by Matt Gidden and seconded by Tinh Tran. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting ended at 11:15 am.