

SNSS Board Meeting – 2023-11-02

Location: Zoom meeting

Attendees: Max Wolff (Uppsala University), Felix Roosen-Runge (Lund University), Sheng Guo (Chalmers University), Samira Dorri (Linköping University, PhD student representative), Tim Günter (Uppsala University, PhD student, Webmaster)

Agenda

1. Review and approval of previous board meeting notes
2. VR funding situation (Guest Niklas Ottosson)
3. Swedish neutron week (place and date)
4. SNSS board
5. FASEM school
6. Spirit
7. VR behovsinventering
8. Update from ENSA
9. Webpage, student presentation
10. AOB

Minutes

- Regarding notes from last SNSS board meeting
 - The search committee suggested nominating Karen Edler from Lund University to join the board, for the replacement of Pascale Deen from ESS. Concerns were raised that she is also from Lund University (Felix is also from Lund University), and no representative from ESS is now in the board. The conclusion was that Max will contact Karen to confirm her willingness to join the board.
 - Max attended the ESS/MAX IV Summit digitally, which made it difficult to ask questions. The suggestion was that SNSS better sends one representative to physically attend the Summit next time and represent the Swedish neutron community. We need to follow up when and where the next meeting takes place.
 - The suggested list of the Swedish neutron users/stakeholders was not done, and the SNSS board members therefore had no chance to contribute to that list.
 - Revision to SNSS strategy was suggested, but no revision has been done yet.
 - VR acknowledged to have received the letter from SNSS on the funding application, but we know no more other than that.
 - We temporarily nominated Max to be Chair, Felix to be Vice Chair and Sheng to be Secretary. This will be discussed and confirmed in the next board meeting.
 - We discussed the role of Treasurer, and the conclusion was that it is not needed at the moment since SNSS receives no funding.

- We talked about social media accounts for SNSS, and the conclusion was that a LinkedIn account shall be created for SNSS.
- The notes from the last board meeting were approved by the participating board members.
- VR funding situation
 - Unfortunately, Niklas Ottosson from VR could not attend the meeting due to sick kid. We proposed to invite VR again to send representatives to attend our next board meeting.
- Place and dates for neutron week
 - Suggested place is Lund, probably in both LINXS and ESS sites; suggested time is in week 22 (27/5-31/5). The proposal will be discussed with SwedNess. The estimated cost for renting the meeting room is around 12000 SEK per day.
- SNSS board
 - To invite Karen Edler to join the board; to discuss/confirm the nomination of Max, Felix and Sheng for roles of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary, respectively.
- FASEM school
 - SNSS will help to promote the FASEM school via newsletter.
- Spirit
 - The future of Spirit is uncertain, but we will follow up on it.
- VR behovsinventering
 - Max is working on a proposal for that, Center for neutron science for materials research in Sweden. Several SNSS board members are involved to support.
- Update from ENSA
 - ENSA is doing a bibliometric study of neutron users in Europe; Sweden has done a similar study for Swedish users; SNSS is happy that the Swedish data is presented in the ENSA study.
- Webpage, student presentation
 - We discussed the options for SNSS file storage, and the suggestion was to consider Teams.
 - We shall report issues related to the SNSS website to Tim.
 - Board members shall send their profile pictures to Tim.
 - We will add the "student presentation" section (section name to be decided later) to the newsletter, which will start next January. Samira and Tim will discuss how to implement that.
- Funding support (100,000 SEK) kindly offered by Martin M out of the SAGA budget
 - SNSS happily accepts that, with the task to provide input on the science case and technical specifications of SAGA. The resulting document will be presented and discussed with the user community at the neutron week.
- Suggested time for next board meeting
 - 19/12 Tuesday, 10pm or 1pm, Zoom meeting.