

PENN STATE NUCLEAR ENGINEERING SOCIETY
Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2018 – PSNES Teleconference (12 noon – 1 pm)
(Includes Record of June 10, 2018 E-Mail Board Poll re: Membership Vote Waiver)

Participants:

PSNES Officers and Directors (with vote):

Doug Wood - PSNES President
Hilary Ruby (Neal) – Secretary/Treasurer
Matt Ellis - At-Large Director
John Atchison - At-Large Director
Matt Wargon - At-Large Director
Dr. Arthur Motta – NucE Program Chair
Hamilton Gubanc - At-Large Director
Rick Etling – Immediate Past President

PSNES Members

Pat Loftus

Jason Beebe

Other Attendees

Tyler Cousins - PSU NucE Undergraduate Student
Erin Hendrick – MNE Communication Strategist

Opening

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by Doug Wood. Eight (8) voting members were present, constituting a quorum. Although time might be available for other items, the primary purpose of this meeting is to nominate a slate of candidates for the 2018 PSNES election.

Old Business

Status of PSNES Constitution Changes

On January 31, 2018 the PSNES Board of Directors approved the proposed Constitution changes that would be voted on by the PSNES membership for approval. The markup with the proposed changes was uploaded to the PSNES website on April 6, 2018 and a message was sent to all PSNES members to start a 1-month disclosure required by the Constitution prior to completing the formal approval vote by the PSNES Membership. A live voting link accessible to PSNES members was added on April 10.

Follow-up note on member voting for Constitution changes and website update: A message was sent to all PSNES members on May 7, 2018 requesting them to vote for approval using a link provided. Voting to be closed May 19, 2018. The MNE Senior System Analyst reported on May 21 that the constitutional changes passed unanimously effective May 19. The PSNES website for the updated Constitution was completed on July 11, 2018.

PSNES “Business Cards”

A new supply of the PSNES 2-sided card has been ordered.

New Business

Arthur Motta Announcements

Arthur made the following announcements to the Board:

- The Dean is considering splitting the mechanical and nuclear engineering programs to make them completely separate departments. As this development is very new, Arthur and the MNE staff will be working over the next year or so to work out the details
- A new NucE faculty member ,Leigh Winfrey, was hired in the field of Nuclear Fusion. She will arrive in May, 2018.

Jeremy Barnhart Director End Date of Term

A motion was made (Doug Wood, 2nd Hilary Ruby) that Jeremy Barnhart’s appointment as At-Large Director be changed from 2017 - 2018 to 2017 – 2020 (initial appointment made in 2017). The rationale for this change is that moving him to the “class of 2020” would more evenly distribute the staggered Director terms (5 and 4 versus 6 and 3). The resolution passed (8/8 voting members present in favor).

Appointment of Interim PSNES Vice President

A motion was made (Doug Wood, 2nd Hilary Ruby) that Jason Beebe be appointed as PSNES Vice President effective immediately through the next election (planned for August 2018) to fill the vacancy

that has existed for some time. (If the Constitution changes are approved as expected on May 19, the office will be for Vice President as opposed to VP/President-Elect.) The resolution passed (8/8 voting members present in favor).

PSNES 2018 Elections – Slate of Candidates and Opportunity to Self-Nominate

For the purpose of this discussion, it is assumed that the Constitution changes being voted on by the membership will be approved, and therefore the 2018 election will be conducted in accordance with the new Constitution (which makes the President and Vice President elected offices every two years and abolishes term limits for At-Large Directors).

The Board next reviewed each of the elected Board positions for the purpose of identifying which of these positions would be participating in the 2018 elections.

- Four At-Large Directors are serving terms that end in 2020, Matt Ellis, James Tusar, Matt Wargon, and Jeremy Barnhart (appointed earlier during this meeting). These positions are not open for the 2018 election.
- The remaining five At-Large Director positions (for terms 2018 to 2022) will need nominees for the 2018 election that are willing to serve if elected. The nominees can be incumbents with terms ending in 2018 deciding to run again or new candidates.
- All three officer positions will need nominees for a two-year term from 2018-2020 willing to serve if elected. The officer nominees are subject to the constitutional two term limit and graduate of the (NucE) Program requirements.

A motion was made (Doug Wood, 2nd Matt Wargon) that the Board-recommend the following 2018 election slate meeting the requirements above:

Board Position	Candidate	ElectedTerm
President	Hilary Neal	2018-2020
Vice President	Jason Beebe	2018-2020
Secretary/Treasurer	Tyler Cousins	2018-2020
At-Large Director	John Atchison	2018-2022
	Jennifer Butler	2018-2022
	Duane Karchner	2018-2022
	Mara Levy	2018-2022
	Michael Pantano	2018-2022

The resolution passed (8/8 voting members present in favor).

It was acknowledged that in accordance with the Constitution, during the following 30-day period (April 19, 2018 to May 19, 2019, PSNES members may self-nominate for any of these positions by contacting the PSNES Secretary at nealha@westinghouse.com. Again, if the Constitution changes are approved on May 19, 2018, the Board may waive the need for balloting (by approved motion) if all the candidates are running unopposed and declare the winners of the election without balloting Society members. See the record of Motion and Board approval of such a waiver following the minutes of this meeting below.

Next Meeting

Although the next meeting was not formally scheduled, it has been customary for PSNES to schedule a face-to-face meeting on campus in conjunction with NucE New Student Orientation the day before Fall Term classes begin (August 19, 2018). Each Board member was asked to evaluate their availability to support a meeting on that date.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 pm.

Record of June 10, 2018 E-Mail Board Poll re: Membership Vote Waiver

The following motion for a proposed resolution was sent out to all the members of the PSNES Board of Directors by e-mail by Douglas Wood, PSNES President, on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 3:45 pm:

Background and Proposed Resolution:

Background

On May 19, the PSNES membership balloting closed for the proposed Constitution changes that have been posted on the PSNES website, and the changes passed with the required 2/3 majority margin for constitution changes.

One of the new provisions in the Constitution for elections in Article V Section 2 is "In the event that all of the final nominated candidates are running unopposed, the Board of Directors may waive the need for balloting (by approved motion) and declare the winners of the election without balloting Society members."

This situation has taken place for the following offices and candidates who were nominated by the Board for the 2018 election and were not changed by subsequent nominations from the PSNES membership. Specifically, the following nominated candidates are running unopposed, and the Board has the option of waiving the need for balloting PSNES members and may declare them winners of the election by approved motion:

- President - Hilary Ruby (Neal) (2018-2020)
- Vice President - Jason Beebe (2018-2020)
- Secretary/Treasurer - Tyler Cousins (2018-2020)
- At-Large Director - John Atchison (2018-2022)
- At-Large Director - Duane Karchner (2018-2022)
- At-Large Director - Michael Pantano (2018-2022)
- At-Large Director - Jennifer Butler (2018-2022)
- At-Large Director - Mara Levy (2018-2022)

For completeness, the following PSNES At-Large Directors are not affected by the 2018 election:

- Jeremy Barnhart (2017-2020)
- Matt Ellis (2016-2020)
- James Tusar (2016-2020)
- Matt Wargon (2016-2020)

Proposed Resolution

In accordance with the PSNES Constitution, the candidates above (Ruby, Beebe, Cousins, Atchison, Karchner, Pantano, Butler, & Levy) are running unopposed, and shall be declared the winners for their respective elected positions without balloting the PSNES Membership. If this motion is passed, these positions will transition in Fall 2018 at the PSNES Annual Meeting as if the election balloting had taken place.

The following is a record of the votes received from Board of Directors voting members.

<u>Name and Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Date Received</u>
Doug Wood - PSNES President	Approve	6/10/2018
Mike Pantano – At-Large Director	Approve	6/10/2018
Rick Etling – Immediate Past President	Approve	6/11/2018
Hamilton Gubanc – At-Large Director	Approve	6/15/2018
Duane Karchner – At-Large Director	Approve	6/15/2018
John Atchison – At-Large Director	Approve	6/15/2018
Matt Ellis – At-Large Director	Approve	6/15/2018
Jim Tusar - At-Large Director	Approve	6/15/2018
Matt Wargon – At-Large Director	Approve	6/15/2018
Kenan Unlu – At-Large Director	Approve	6/15/2018
Jeremy Barnhart – At-Large Director	Approve	6/15/2018
Hilary Neal – Secretary/Treasurer	Approve	6/16/2018

A quorum for this vote is 8 voting members. 12 affirmative votes were cast by Board of Directors voting members for the resolution, thereby approving it.