

## Minutes from the 2015 Service SIG Meeting

July 28, 2015 in the Independence CD room at the Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, PA

Service SIG Chair: Bruce Noll  
Service SIG Chair-Elect: Vic Young  
Service SIG Secretary: Stacey Smith

Bruce Noll (chair) conducting.

Bruce called the meeting to order at 12:49pm. Many items of business had already been covered in the Small Mol meeting just prior, and since we were pressed for time, Bruce skipped down the agenda to the proposal of sessions for the 2016 meeting in Denver.

Proposed Sessions:

- “A day in the life of a service crystallographer” proposed by Bruce, chaired by Bruce Noll
  - o Should be interesting for students & early career scientists, and is in line with the increased focus on education of the ACA.
- “Would you publish this” proposed by Louise, chaired by Louise Dawe, Danielle Gray, and Brian Delimar(?), a YSIG co-chair
  - o Louise wishes this session to be an evening session with an informal environment, as it was this year. It is a good format for such a topic because it is more conducive to discussion.
- “Using standard tools for non-standard projects” or “Using standard tools in non-standard ways” proposed by Andre, chaired by Andre and Louise Dawe. (A similar idea was also proposed by Graciela Diaz via email.)
  - o Topics for talks in such a session could include powder samples on SC-XRD instruments, software used for unique purposes, etc. Any situation where you have a project with unique needs and you must modify your approach using standard equipment
- Co-sponsor “Engaging undergraduates with crystallography education and research,” chaired by Joe Tanksy & Kraig Wheeler, co-sponsored by GIG, Small Mol, & biomac SIG with co-chair Rachel Powers
  - o This will be a full day session. The first session will focus on how to educate undergraduate students in crystallography (chaired by Kraig Wheeler). The second session will focus more on how to integrate undergraduates in crystallographic lab research (chaired by Joe Tanksy). Are in the process of finding a biomac co-chair will help draw in good bio speakers. (Rachel Powers was identified after the meeting as the biomac co-chair.)
- Co-sponsor “Standard Practices in Crystallography” chaired by Peter Mueller, proposed by GIG
  - o It will be a follow-up from this year’s session and already has approval by the Education Committee, Data Standards Committee, Small Mol SIG, and GIG. It will be a full day session. The topic will be Data refinement & validation. Speakers that have already agreed to speak are George Sheldrick and Ton Spek.
- Co-sponsor “What is old is new” – the session suggested by Larry Falvello in the Small Mol meeting
- “How to install Apex III” was jokingly suggested as a sacrificial session in case we need to bargain

Bruce brought up the idea of a survey of service crystallographers, which has been discussed several years in a row but has never come to fruition. Ideas suggested for topics to include in the survey were salary, responsibilities for instrumentation and training, teaching responsibilities, and a general comments section (for those who wish to vent). Bruce called for volunteers to help put the survey together. Stacey Smith volunteered, and Allen Oliver also volunteered since he has the code from the previous survey.

Bruce asked for volunteers to run for chair-elect and secretary of the Service SIG.

- Christine Beavers & Brian Patrick volunteered to serve on the nominating committee if no candidates volunteer
- Alexander Filatov volunteered to run for the Chair-Elect of the Service SIG
- Danielle Gray volunteered to run for secretary. She also volunteered to run for secretary of the Small Molecule SIG, but since these SIGs have joint meetings (back-to-back, really), it shouldn't be a problem to fulfill duties for both if she's elected for both.

Vic Young moved to adjourn, Peter Mueller seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:01pm.

12 minute SIG meeting – it must be a record.