

American Nuclear Society Carlsbad Section (ANS-C)

Board meeting 05/24/2023, 6pm, in-person, CEMRC Small Conference Room

Attendees: Anderson Ward (acting Chair), Seth King (acting Vice-Chair), Jef Lucchini (Treasurer/Secretary)

Absentee: Jerry Golden (excused)

Anderson Ward called the meeting to order.

The following topics were discussed:

1. Status of the Section

- Difficulty to “recruit” volunteers on the section Board. Thank you to Anderson and Seth for stepping up after the leaving of Joshua Vajda and Punam Thakur (elected Chair and Vice-Chair respectively at the beginning of the fiscal year).
- About 35 “friends” of the ANS-C on our distribution list (they are not called “members” anymore, since all ANS members have to join the National ANS before joining a local section).
- Because of the extreme work load of all Board members this year, the section has not been very active: no talks offered, no tours, no extra-activities. However, we kept some connection with the friends of the section by sending ANS News periodically (Jerry did a great job on this!).
- We awarded Adrien Sandoval (CECHS) with our 2023 ANS-C Scholarship (\$1,000).
- The Section has \$16,564 in the bank, and \$2,881 at the Carlsbad Foundation for the Scholarship.

2. Planning Board elections

- Ideally, Board elections should be held by the end of June, which marks the end of the section Fiscal Year.
- It was decided to hold the elections remotely, using either our website, a poll website (like SurveyMonkey) or even emails.
 - Action item: Jef will contact our webmaster Greg, to evaluate what is the best tool to use for the elections.
- Anderson, Seth and Jef agreed to continue in their current positions, so they will be candidates for the upcoming elections. It was reminded that the Chair and Vice-Chair positions require an ANS National membership.
 - Action item: Jef will send an email to our ANS-C friends to announce the upcoming Board elections, and the possibility for any volunteer to be candidate for any position on the Board.

3. Possible future talks and activities

- Sponsoring the viewing of the upcoming “Oppenheimer” movie (July 21) at the local movies theater.
 - Action item: Jef will contact the cinema.
- Tours of the Trinity site (next opportunity: first weekend of October), the Urenco and the WCS sites.
- Anderson suggested the ANS-C participation to a Science Day at the Sitting Bull Fall, as it was organized in the past.
- It was suggested to resume our Lecture Series in the fall, possibly on a monthly basis. Local experts giving talks to national and international conferences (ACRSP, SNL) were mentioned as possible speakers. Ila Pillalamarri (CEMRC) would like to propose a short presentation when the next school year starts.
 - Action item: Anderson will tentatively suggest an agenda with some possible speakers for next season/year

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.