

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE DIVISION  
AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY  
Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, CA  
June 8, 2008**

**Executive Committee Members Present: Stephen LaMont, Ralph A. Butler, Elisabete Fernandes, Rolf Zeisler, Dennis James**

**Others Present: Dick Lindstrom, Greg Downing**

1. Chair Rolf Zeisler called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
2. Meeting Agenda. The agenda was distributed and is attached.
3. Student leaders from the 2008 ANS Student Conference at Texas A&M University presented a report of their meeting and thanked the Division for its support. In addition, student leaders from the upcoming 2009 conference from the University of Florida presented a request for support. Rolf Zeisler suggested that he will send a request for a committee vote by email.
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes. Minutes were presented from the November, 2007 Winter Meeting. However, since a forum was not present, no vote was taken to approve them.
5. Treasurer's Report. No treasurer report was available and the Treasurer was not present.
6. Chairman's Report
  - a. Issues relating to the need for significant commitment of time by those elected to committee offices as well as the chairs of technical committees was discussed..
  - b. A discussion of the Division metrics was conducted. Rolf Zeisler explained the current metric report and reported that ANS had agreed to several "color changes" based on BMD activities that headquarters had not been aware of.
  - c. The upcoming topical meeting to be held in Las Vegas, sponsored by the local section as well as the Radiation Protection and Shielding Division and the Isotopes and Radiation Division. The Chair supports BMD participation in this meeting.
  - d. Sam Glover (not present) is overseeing the development of our Division website. He needs input to keep it updated.
  - e. The division needs a "long range plan". Steve LaMont has a template that he used for developing the same for the Isotopes and Radiation Division. We will work to establish such a plan for BMD.
  - f. The progress of the Computational Working Group on Medical Physics was discussed.
7. Committee Reports

- a. Program – The program committee report was presented by Dennis James, detailing the sessions planned for the current meeting. Suggestions for sessions for the 2009 Annual Meeting in Atlanta were discussed.
- b. The chair reports that the following ad hoc committees have been formed to address ANS position statements for which BMD has responsibility.
  - 1) Low Dose position statement (Position Statement #41)  
Albert L Wiley, PhD, MD  
Director, REAC/TS, Vice President ORAU  
BMD executive committee member  
Brant Ulsh, PhD  
Health Physicist, NIOSH
  - 2) Radon (Position Statement #19)  
Henry Spitz, PhD  
University of Cincinnati
  3. Food irradiation (Position Statement #28)  
No action. We discussed possible action on item 3 to be taken by the incoming Chair.

8. Technical Committee Reports – none were presented.

9. Old Business – A discussion of the finalization of the BMD bylaws was conducted. The Chair was to submit the proposed bylaws including the Division rules to ANS for review. Upon approval he intends to submit to the Division Executive Committee for approval.

10. New Business

- a. A divisional name change for the Human Factors Division was discussed and an informal vote was taken to direct the Chair to vote to allow it.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis James for Sheldon Landsberger