

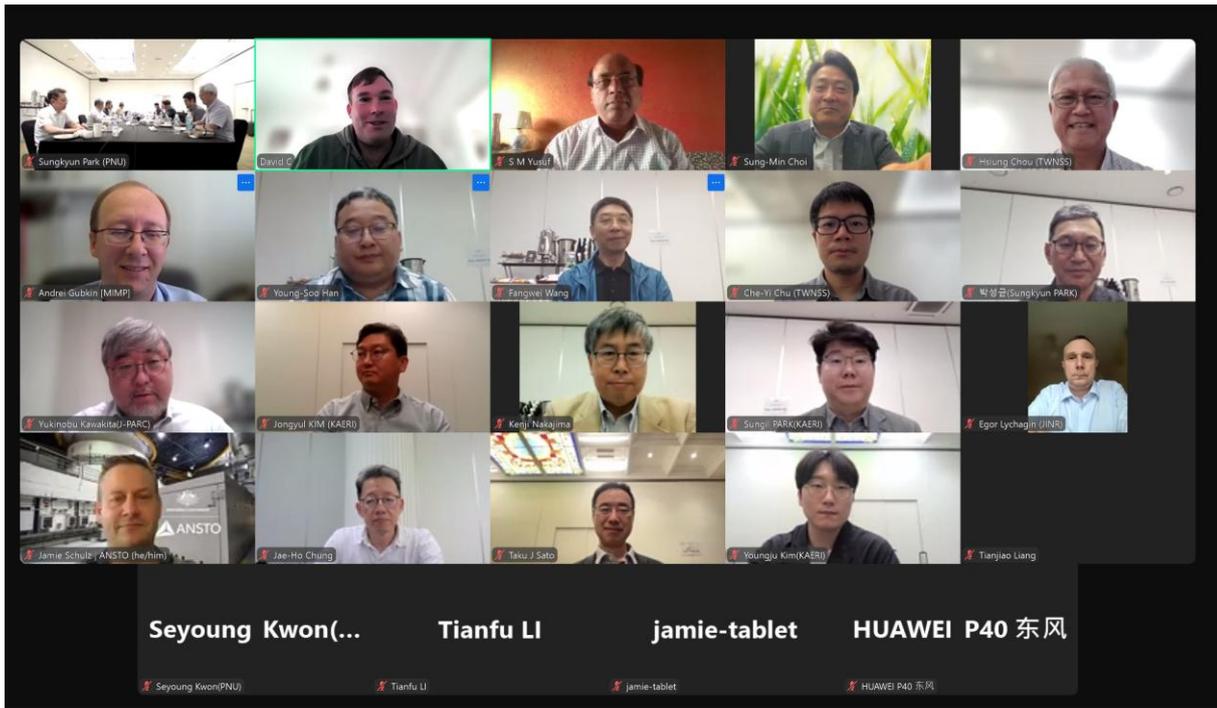


## Minutes 34<sup>th</sup> AONSA Executive Committee Meeting

**Date:** 21 June, 2025

**Place:** Hybrid Busan , South Korea, and Online Zoom

**Time:** 09:00 – 13:00 (Tokyo and Seoul)



### Attendees

**[Board Members]**

(President) S M Yusuf (SY, NSSI BARC)  
(Vice President) Hsiung Chou (HC, TWNSS National Sun Yat-Sen U)  
(Pub Relations) Jae-Ho Chung (JHC, KNBUA; Korea U)  
(Treasurer) Yukinobu Kawakita (JSNS, JAEA)  
(Member-at-large) Fang-wei Wang (FW)  
(Past President) Taku Sato (TS, JSNS, Tohoku U), Invitee  
(Past Secretary) David Cortie (DC, ANBUG, U. Wollongong), Invitee

**[Members]**

Sungkun Park (KNBUA)  
Sung-Min Choi  
Che-Yi Chu (TWNSS)  
Tianfu Li (CNSS)  
Tianjiao Liang (CNSS)

**[Observers]**

Young-Soo Han (KAERI)  
Jamie Schulz (ANSTO)  
Andrei Gubkin (ROSNeutro)  
Egor Lychagin (JINR)  
Young-Soo Han (KAERI)  
Sungil Park (KAERI)  
Jongyul Kim (KAERI)  
Kenji Nakajima (JPARC)  
Youngju Kim (KAERI)  
Toshiya Otomo (JPARC)

**[Special Observers]****[Apologies]**

Chris Wensrich (ANBUG)

# Minutes

## 1. President's update

- S.Y. Yusuf (S.Y) opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.
  - S.Y.: There is a need to enhance the member strength in all member associations of AONSA. Also stressed the need to attract more proposals for future AONSA symposia.
- SM also highlighted the importance of sharing of Educational Resources with regard to Neutron Scattering and its applications in the AONSA Web site.

## 2. International Conference Neutron Scattering (ICNS2025):

-The ICNS will be held July 6-10, 2025 in **Copenhagen, Denmark, and Lund, Sweden**. AONSA will have a presence at the meeting. The Science Award ceremony will be chaired by Jae-Ho Chung (J.H.) and presented by Taku Sato (TS). The AONSA Prize ceremony will be chaired by Kawakita and presented by Jae-Ho Chung. The whole session will be 30 minutes. **(Corrected after the meeting that each session will be 30 minutes: two Science Award sessions on Tuesday and a Prize session on Thursday.)** S. M. Yusuf and H. Chou will not be present.

-On the first day, the **Asia and Oceanian Facility Updates and Instrumentation** session will be chaired by T. Otomo. This will include an overview of AONSA (~ 5 min) presented by Otomo, based on materials **that** will be prepared by board members and facility updates.

-The ~~last session of~~ **ICNS2025 “Neutron Landscape and Facility Roadmaps” session on Tuesday** is to be prepared by representatives of the different neutron associations. The material will be prepared by T.S, S.Y, Astrid and at least one more representative (from US). If necessary, J.H is available to participate as he will be at the ICNS.

**(Note from Jae-Ho: It may refer to the “User Needs - Neutron Science - Community Interactions” session. Need to confirm with Taku.)**

## 3. Report on the 28th Asia-Oceania Facility Directors’:

- Toshiya Otomo (T.O) provided a report on the 28<sup>th</sup> FDM.
- An update was given on the YRF 2025 awardees: Dr. Tung is in the process of paperwork, Dr. Li will not be hosted by J-PARC (He will be given a priority for YRF2026 selection).
- The JPARC/KEK neutron school in 2026 will be combined with AONSA school.
- H.C suggested that AONSA to contact the BRIN director and ask to restart a neutron society in Indonesia.

## 4. AONSA office report:

- T.O. resented the report on behalf of the AONSA office. So far, prize medals have been sent by post. from now on, it will be delivered to EC members of the corresponding country, if possible.

## **5. Finance report - [Link](#)**

- Y.K. (Treasurer) presented the current financial report for AONSA, and the plan for the coming year. This includes funding for the AONSA Prize and Science Award. The full report and details are available in the link above.

## **6. Discussion of upcoming events: 35th AONSA Executive Committee, 14th AONSA Neutron School, 29th Asia-Oceania Facility Directors' Meeting - [Presentation Link](#)**

- T.O. presented the plan for the upcoming EC, FDM and Neutron School which will be held in Japan in November. The full details and presentation are available in the link above.

- The dates for AONSA Neutron School are November 17-21, 2025 and the venue is at J-PARK, Tokai, Ibaraki, Japan

- The FDM meeting is planned for afternoon of Nov 14, 2025.

- The AONSA EC meeting is planned for the morning of Nov 15, 2025 at Tokyo (Loisir hotel, Shinagawa)

## **7. Next chair of the FDM**

- Taku Sato will be the next chair of FDM.

## **8. Discussions on next ICNS venue**

- T.S. and S.Y.: There is a possibility coming for the **ICNS2029** to come to the Asia-Oceania region this time

- S.Y. will send a letter to the ICNS chair expressing an intent to host in the AONSA region.

- J.H. will be representing AONSA at the ICNS2025.

- The decision on the venue will be made by June 2026.

## **9. Report on the AONSA-YRF programme**

- S.Y.: There are not enough applicants. We need to promote the program better. It is encouraged to put forward ideas to improve the status of the YRF. How can we reinvigorate?

- **JS**: It is becoming harder to find salaries for visitors.

- T.O.: It may be helpful if facilities declare up front how many positions are available at their facilities. This will be a useful guideline for applicants.

## **10. AONSA Newsletter and Communications**

- J.H. (Public Relations Officer) presented up and update on the website and newsletter. Website running smoothly on Godaddy and Wordpress.

- J.H.: What should we do with YRF who do not take up the fellowship. Remove from the website. S.Y.: Suggestion is that after 2 years are removed. **J.-H.**: YRF who got cancelled will be marked on the webpage by providing information about the reason for the cancellations.

- J.H.: Please report to JH if any of the member or names on the website need to be updated.

- J.H.: Call for articles will be sent out after the meeting

## **11. Update on 2<sup>nd</sup> AONSA Symposium?**

-J.H.: Emails will be sent out to encourage applications for the AONSA Symposium

## **12.AONSA 2026-27: Election**

- S.M: Time is approaching to appoint new board and executive committee. EC members need to be elected/nominated every two years following the AONSA Bye laws. The selection of new board members will occur late 2025/early 2026. The plan is in early October, we send out an email to member societies to nominate two delegates for the next term.

- Some discussion over whether elections required or able to select. SP: The wording on the AONSA charter is “selected” rather “elected, and so member societies can select and nominate two names for the next EC meeting.

-TS: Societies can change delegates if needed, midway through appointment.

-SP: The recommendation is to avoid abruptly changing members, under normal circumstances although there is no regulation or mandatory requirement.

13. Proposal was put up for receiving financial support from AONSA for the Neutron School 2025 to be held in Tokai, Japan. EC decided to provide the same amount as last year AONSA School 2024 held in Mumbai.

## **14. Summary of the FDM (link available Appendix 6)**

- JSNS by Kawakita ([Link](#))
- CSNS by Fangwei Wang
- KNBUA by S Park ([Link](#))
- TWNSS by Che-Yi Chu
- ROSSNESTRO by A. Gubkin
- ANBUG – D. Cortie ([Link](#))

## Appendix 1: Calendar of AONSA Activities

### Year 2025

Date	Events
November 17-21, 2025 at J-PARK, Tokai, Ibaraki, Japan	AONSA Neutron School

### Year 2024

Date	Events