



Minutes of the 35th AONSA Executive Committee Meeting

Date: 15 November 2025

Time: 9:00-13:00 Tokyo Japan Standard Time (11:00-15:00 Sydney Australia, 9:00-13:00 Busan Korea, 8:00-12:00 Taipei Taiwan, 8:00-12:00 Beijing China, 5:30-9:30 Mumbai India, 7:00-11:00 Jakarta Indonesia, 8:00-12:00 Kuala Lumpur Malaysia)

Mode: Hybrid Zoom

Physical Location:

Meeting Room "Umi"
16th floor
Loisir Hotel Shinagawa Seaside
Tokyo, Japan

Online URL:

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Agenda Summary (Minutes in **Blue**)

November 15th (Japan local time)

9:00 – 9:05 Opening remarks and welcome (S M Yusuf)

Meeting opened and presidents report given by SM Yusuf. Items discussed:

- AONSA Prize and Science Award 2025 presented at ICNS by T Sato Jae Ho and Kawakita.
- ICNS coming to Asia Oceana region. Bidding process to be carried out this year.
- New Board and EC committee to be finalized.

9:05 – 9:10 Group photo and attendance



9:10 – 10:30 Items for discussion

- Minutes of 34th AONSA EC Meeting (C Wensrich - See attached document)

Previous minutes tabled and sent out via meeting invitation – see attached items. Thank you to David Courtie for running previous 34th AONSA EC meeting and preparing minutes. Minutes were accepted without discussion.

- AONSA Office Report (T Otomo)

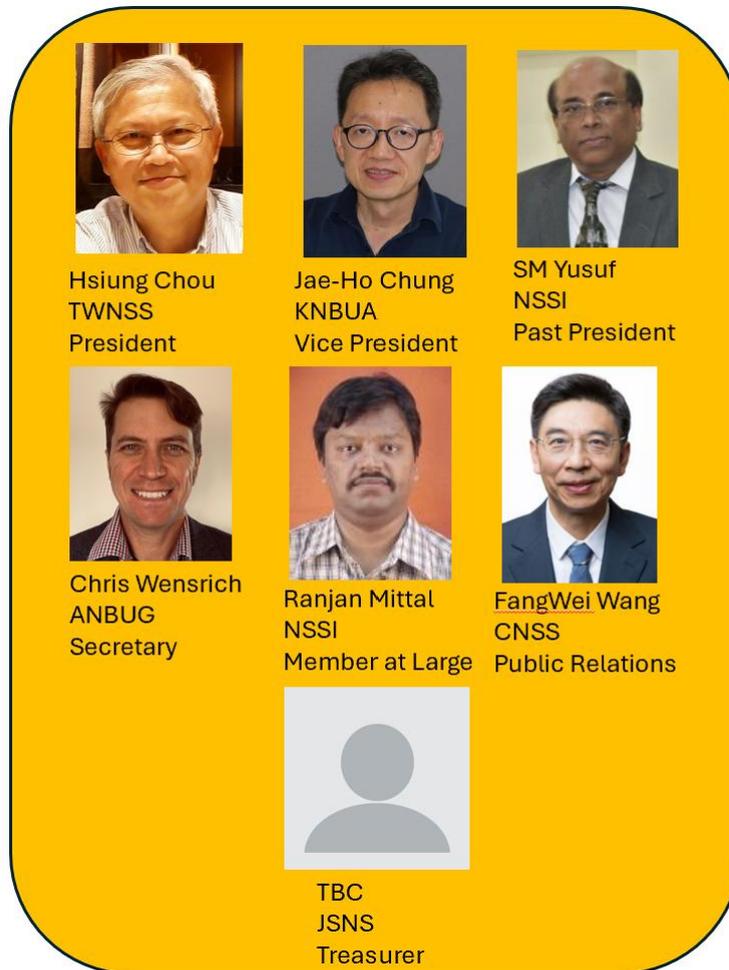
Office report presented by Toshio Otomo – see attached items

- Finance report (Y Kawakita)

Finance report presented by Yukinobu Kawakita – see attached items.

- Proposed new AONSA board:

AONSA Board membership for 2026 confirmed as follows;



The JSNS member (to take the Treasurer role) to be confirmed by Yoshie Otake (JSNS President) at a later date.

- AONSA EC member delegate list update (C Wensrich)

Project started to attempt to refresh and clarify delegate list. C Wensrich will be contacting local societies in early 2026 to confirm delegates to be included on the email list for EC meetings.

- Discussion on Indonesian Society (Indiri Adilina)

INSS is no longer an active member. Recent activity has focused on building and revalilising a local community and user base. There is a desire to interact more with AONSA and develop/nurture young researchers through the YRF scheme.

- AONSA Prizes 2025 (H Chou)

The three winners of the Science Award were highlighted (Dr Li, Dr Bera, Dr Peterson). Only one was in attendance at ICNS to receive their prize. Science award is to be awarded every two years – next round is in 2027.

AONSA Prize awarded to Prof Li (previous President of AONSA). Next AONSA Prize to be awarded in 2027.

- AONSA YRF timeline and process for 2026 (H Chou)

The planned timeline of the 2026 YRF round was disrupted by an adverse personal circumstance of a board member. A new timeline was developed and presented to the EC;

YRF 2026

Facilities offer:

ANSTO(Australia),
CARR(China),
CSNS(China),
J-PARC(Japan),
J-RR3(Japan)
4~5 positions offered

Possible Procedure	
Call for YRF	17 th Nov. ~ 17 th Dec.
Forming Selection Committee	
Review	22 nd Dec. ~ 14 th Jan (26)
EC	17 th Jan (26)
Facility Check	19 th Jan ~ 30 th Jan (or 14 th Feb(26))
Board Check	31 st Jan (or 14 th Feb(26))
Announcement	31 st Jan (or 14 th Feb(26))

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Support for this new timeline was given. This process will allow successful fellows to start in June.

The small number of applicants was also highlighted. All delegated were encouraged to promote the scheme to young researchers in their local community.

Local societies were also prompted to nominate representatives for the YRF selection committee.

Previous discussion from the FDM on the participation of YRF applications from non-member countries was raised. Support was given for this to be encouraged. In these cases, the required “recommendation” for non-member applicant should be given by the AONSA president. A later discussion also gave support that this “recommendation” could be given by a relevant Department or Division Chair/Head.

A question was raised about the possibility of the facilities to nominate which areas/instruments they could offer YRF positions in so as to guide applicants. This was not easy for the facilities to do ahead of time. It would be better for the applicants to approach the facilities beforehand/during the application process.

The two successful candidates from 2025 were discussed (Dr Li hosted by J-PARC and Dr Tung hosted by ANSTO). Issues with the J-PARC beamline meant the YRF for Dr Li was not taken up and the decision to promote Dr Li to be the first priority for a YRF in 2026.

A prior discussion from the FDM was raised that was concerned with ways that the YRF can be better promoted. The suggestion that a AONSA Youth/ECR sister organization could be set up tasked with fostering a stronger community of young researchers in neutron scattering.

- ICNS 2029 Bidding timeline and process for 2026 (C Wensrich)

Announcement that the next ICNS will be in the Asia Oceana region kicks off a bidding process that AONSA will be managing. The following timeline and approach for this process was presented and agreed to;

ICNS 2029 Bidding Process

Timeline:

23 Sept 2025	General email announcement and opening of the process (DONE)
15 Nov 2025	Open discussion and clarification of the bidding process at the 35th AONSA EC meeting in J-PARC Japan. (NOW)
1 May 2026	Applications/bids due including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of support from local society President. • Location and committee members • Details of venue • Indicative cost to participants
~June 2026	15min presentations by bidding <u>organisations</u> at the 36th AONSA EC meeting followed by FINAL vote

Year	City	Country
1982	Hakone	Japan
1985	Santa Fe	USA
1988	Grenoble	France
1991	Oxford	United Kingdom
1994	Sendai	Japan
1997	Toronto	Canada
2001	Munich	Germany
2005	Sydney	Australia
2009	Knoxville	USA
2013	Edinburgh	UK/Scotland
2017	Daejeon	Republic of Korea
2022	Buenos Aires	Argentina
2025	Copenhagen / Lund	Denmark / Sweden

Process for voting as per the published process for AOCNS:

Final decision based on 2 votes from each society PLUS 1 vote from President

This procedure is to be communicated to the other international societies.

- AONSA Newsletter (Jae-Ho Chung)

Recent updates to the AONSA website were discussed. Call was made for newsletter articles. Expectation of at least one newsletter article from each local society per year to be included in the newsletter. Deadline is nominally one month after the call for articles, but practically the deadline is prior to the end of the year.

‘Partial and advanced’ newsletter was published in September 2025 – to be completed when more articles are received. If many new articles are received a second issue will be published.

- 2026 AONSA meetings (C Wensrich)

The November/December EC/FDM meeting for 2026 is to be hosted by ANSTO in Sydney. This will be held in conjunction with a combined AINSE/AONSA/HZB neutron school.

It was decided to approach BRIN in Indonesia to see if they would like to host the June/July meeting.

It was suggested that this would be a positive outcome in terms of supporting the development of the local society with the hope they can re-establish membership of AONSA. The observers from the Indonesian Society who were present at the meeting (Indiri Adilina and Maykel Manawan) agreed to raise this possibility with BRIN management.

If this was not possible, it was decided that CNSS would be the back-up option.

UPDATE: Following the meeting, it was confirmed that BRIN will be happy to host the meeting.

11:00 – 11:15 FDM Review (Taku Sato)

Taku Sato gave a review of the FDM held on the previous day.

11:15 – 13:00 Reports from Neutron Associations (15 minutes each)

Reports were provided from the following local societies:

- ANBUG (Ania Paradowska)
- CNSS (FangWei Wang)
- JSNS (Yoshie Otake)
- KNBUA (Sungkyun Park)
- TWNSS (Pai-Chun Wei)
- NSSI (Ms Mala N Rao)
- RNSS (Andrei Gubkin)
- INSS (Maykel Manawan)

13:00 Any other business and close. (SM Yusuf)

The meeting was closed