Agenda for the 36th AONSA Executive Committee Meeting

Date: 29 June 2026

Time: 13:00-18:00 Jakarta Indonesia (16:00-21:00 Sydney Australia, 15:00-20:00 Busan Korea, 14:00-19:00 Taipei Taiwan, 14:00-19:00 Beijing China, 11:30-16:30 Mumbai India)

Mode: Hybrid Zoom

Physical Location:

Meeting Room TBA
Engineering Faculty
University of Indonesia
Jakarta, Indonesia

Online URL:

To Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:
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Agenda Summary

29 June (Jakarta local time)

13:00 – 13:05 Opening remarks and welcome (Hsiung Chou)

13:05 – 13:10 Group photo

13:10 – 14:00 Items for discussion

- Presidents report (Hsiung Chou)

The HC welcomed participants attending in Jakarta and online. Introductions were made and a group photograph was taken.

The HC identified the ICNS host selection as a principal item of business. He reported plans to work with international counterparts on a statement highlighting the importance of neutron science and the impact of declining research and facility funding.

- Minutes of 35th AONSA EC Meeting (Chris Wensrich - See attached document)
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CW reviewed the previous meeting, including the incoming Executive Committee, support for the Indonesian neutron community, AONSA prizes and YRF arrangements, and the ICNS bidding timetable. The previous minutes were treated as accepted, subject to members advising the Secretary of any corrections.

- AONSA Office Report (Toshia Otomo)

TO reported on bank-account administration, membership-fee collection and routine office activities.

Outstanding annual fees were discussed, including NSSI arrears for 2025 and unpaid 2026 fees from several societies. Member societies were asked to arrange payment and resolve any associated transfer charges.

Uncertainty about arrangements for a future activity involving India was raised; further contact with the relevant organisers and consideration of a contingency were discussed.

- Finance report (Seiko Ohira-Kawamura)

SO-K presented the financial position following the Treasurer handover. The accounts were described in terms of the office budget, prize fund and support funds.

First-half income was principally membership fees, bank interest and two support donations of approximately US$1,000 each. Expenditure to date was limited, but upcoming meeting costs, neutron-school support and YRF travel reimbursements were noted.

The Committee emphasised monitoring cash flow and collecting overdue membership fees. A separate discussion on the funding rules for EC and FDM meetings was deferred until after the FDM report.

- AONSA YRF (2026 update + 2027 plans) (Hsiung Chou + Jae-Ho Chung)

HC reported eight applications for the 2026 YRF round and four accepted fellows after a withdrawal. Placements included J-PARC and ANSTO, with visits of approximately three to eight months. The Committee accepted the reported selections.

J-HC outlined the proposed 2027 process: nominations of selection-committee members from societies, an application call around mid-July, committee formation by late July and an application deadline at the end of August.

For the AONSA Prize, the proposed schedule was to establish the selection committee by late July, issue a nomination call thereafter, allow nominations until approximately mid-September and complete selection sufficiently ahead of the November 2027 presentation. These were planning dates, not all confirmed deadlines.

Societies were requested to nominate suitable selection-committee candidates. Social-media posters were

recognised as effective for YRF promotion. Short facility-introduction videos were proposed for further discussion with facility directors, recognising security, consistency and workload constraints.

- AONSA Newsletter and website update (FangWei Wang)

FWW reported updates to AONSA website officer details, photographs and links to member associations.

The newsletter continues on an approximately twice-yearly cycle. Member associations and facility directors were asked to provide mid-2026 news, reports and presentation material for publication.

14:00 – 15:00 ICNS Bidding Process (Chris Wensrich)

- Bid presentation from JSNS (15 minutes + 5 minutes Q&A)
- Bid presentation from CNSS (15 minutes + 5 minutes Q&A)
- ICNS Voting (Chris Wensrich)

The Committee heard presentations and questions on bids from the Japanese and Chinese neutron-scattering communities.

Voting was confidential, with two votes allocated to each represented member society and one vote to the President. Votes were submitted privately to the Secretary via Zoom. Five of six member societies participated; India was not represented.

Result: Japan received 8 votes and China received 3 votes (11 votes in total, including the President's vote).

Japan was selected to host ICNS 2029. The Japanese delegation thanked the Committee and accepted responsibility.

15:00 – 15:30 Short Break

15:30 – 15:45 FDM Review (Taku Sato)

TS summarised the 31st AONSA Facility Directors Meeting held the preceding day, including reports on regional neutron facilities, user programmes, instrumentation and planned upgrades.

Updates included CSNS and its expansion, J-PARC MLF operations following a disruption, reactor facilities in Japan, Indonesia, Australia and Korea, and related training and user-access activities.

A neutron school at ANSTO in November 2026 and a corresponding EC/FDM gathering were discussed. Further planning for subsequent meetings was noted.

The committee went on to discuss amendments to Article 6 to clarify meeting-hosting costs. The agreed principle was that EC meeting hosting costs should ordinarily be borne by the hosting member society; where hosted by a non-member, AONSA may meet those costs.

An addition to Article 6.3 was agreed to expressly permit AONSA funds to support the costs of hosting Facility Directors Meetings. Existing expectations that delegates or their parent organisations normally pay their own attendance/travel costs remain unchanged.

Decision: The amendments were agreed without recorded objection. FangWei Wang was asked to update the AONSA website with the revised provisions. Exact legal wording should be checked against the version presented at the meeting before publication.

15:45 – 18:00 Reports from AONSA member neutron associations (15 minutes each)

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

18:00 Any other business and close. (Hsiung Chou)

The President thanked the organisers, delegates and observers for participating in the joint EC/FDM activities and the ICNS selection process. The meeting was closed.