

RHIC/AGS Users Executive Committee Meeting

Marzia Rosati–Chair-elect
Zhenyu Ye–Chair
Christine Nattrass–Past-chair

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- Working Group Reports
 - SAS
 - FPP
 - MCO
 - QoL
 - Diversity
- AOB

Working Groups

If you would like to join a working group, please let the convener and Kathy know.

- Site Access and Science (SAS): Rosi Reed, Kathleen Nasta (C)
- Funding, Politics, Programmatic (FPP): Jim Drachenburg, Carl Gagliardi, Xuan Li, Zhenyu Ye (C)
- Meetings, Communication, & Outreach: Xuan Li, Marzia Rosati (C)
- Quality of Life: Jim Drachenburg, Roli Esha, Xuan Li, Agnieszka Sorensen, Maria Stefaniak, Christine Nattrass (C)
- Diversity: Xuan Li, Justin Frantz (C)

Site Access and Science (SAS)

Current rules: <https://www.bnl.gov/covid19/updates/20220824.php>

- All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19 but are asymptomatic can continue to work, but must wear a high-quality mask
- 50-person limit on internal (BSA) meetings has been removed.
- Lab visitors and guests are not required to provide vaccination information nor provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test
- Face coverings are no longer required on the Brookhaven Lab site or within Lab buildings, facilities, and vehicles, regardless of an individual's vaccination status.
- Social distancing is no longer required but is encouraged

Any comments or concerns?

Funding, Politics, & Programmatics (FPP)

- New DOE NSAC Long Range Plan
 - Discussion at RHIC Open Forum at DNP2022, Oct 27-30
 - Letter to NSAC?
- BNL Code of Conduct (Rep: Christine)
 - Update?

Meetings, Communication, & Outreach (MCO)

The Group's purpose is to provide an organized channel for the interchange of information between the Laboratory administration and those who use BNL's nuclear, high-energy, and heavy-ion, radiobiological, and testing facilities. Representing a wide spectrum of research workers, the group will make known to the BNL administration the needs and desires of those actively engaged in leading research projects, while providing a means for BNL to inform them of current and future plans for the Laboratory.

- Communication with BNL administration:
 - Monthly UEC meetings with Kathy, Kelly, Terri
 - Monthly meetings between UEC chairs with Haiyan Gao (ALD for NPP), and with Tom Daniels (ALD for Facilities and Operations), Aisha Thomas (Manager for Guest Services Division) and Steve Cannella (Manager for Campus Development Office)
- Communication with Users:
 - Annual Users Meeting, UEC webpage, <http://www.rhicuec.org>, blog and facebook
 - Task from the 2019 Science & Technology review of RHIC: "The RHIC UEC should maintain a prioritized (posted) list of requests for action items from BNL Management."
 - Publish meeting minutes [1]

[1] Minutes of the Executive Committee meetings shall be recorded by the Secretary and shall include a brief résumé of the results of the deliberations. After approval by the Chair, copies of the minutes shall be provided to all regular members of the Executive Committee.

Quality of Life (QoL)

- Onsite living:
 - Single occupancy requirement in the apartment still enforced?
 - Conducted survey on internet connection at dorm/apartment, issues reported
- Onsite food:
 - news on cafeteria
 - better food labelling
 - advocate to change the policy to allow delivery pass the gate

- Stat. of conference speakers and reaching out to future major conference organizers
- More Onsite gender neutral restrooms

Any Other Business

- Anything else