

2014 Education Subcommittee Minutes
Wednesday, 19 March 2014
C. Segre, Chairman

1. Call to Order

Carlo Segre called the meeting to order.

2. Appointment of Minutes Secretary

Denise Zulli was appointed as the Minutes Secretary.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 2013

Carlo stated that the minutes from March 2013 have been available on the ICDD web site, and asked if there were any objections; there were not. The minutes were approved by consent.

4. Review of the Mission Statement

Carlo then projected the Education Subcommittee Mission Statement to remind the group of their role and function:

The Education Subcommittee shall be responsible for developing educational materials, implementing workshops, audio-visual programs, and special sessions at meetings concerned with the acquisition and utilization of diffraction data with emphasis on the PDF and its manual and automated search/match systems. Also, it encourages the teaching of powder diffraction methods in educational institutions. The Education Subcommittee will be responsible for assembling information about X-ray safety and providing lists and links regarding software tools for powder diffraction and X-ray fluorescence.

5. ICDD Staff Reports

Terry Maguire reported on the following programs that promote ICDD's role as an education source for the X-ray community. - [Presentation](#)

a. PPXRD-12

During this presentation, the dates and location for PPXRD-13 in Germany, 17-21 May 2015 were announced. No PPXRD Symposium will be held in 2014.

b. XRD and XRF Clinics

The presentation also included information on tuition waivers, reduced registrations for manufacturers and ICDD staff, and a list of participating manufacturers.

c. Specialized Workshops

Presentation included a list of tuition waiver recipients for the Rietveld Refinement workshop and the Handheld XRF workshop.

Big news was announced to the committee: the printed binders in the clinics and specialized workshops were replaced with E-tablets (except for Hand Held XRF). The binders could weigh as much as 10 lbs and cost as much as \$250, and now all the information is provided on a 1.5 lb tablet, which students get to take home with them as part of their registration fee. This new method makes it easier for instructors to add last minute materials, and also lowers costs because a much smaller bag can be given to the attendees for carrying their materials.

d. DXC 2013

The award winners from DXC 2013 were also announced during the presentation – The Barrett Award to Vaclav Petricek; Jenkins Award to Rene Van Grieken and the Hanawalt Award to Bob

Von Dreele. Terry also announced the new venue that will host DXC 2014, Big Sky Resort, Big Sky, MT.

- e. 2013 Calendar of Educational Events
The presentation included a list of events that ICDD participated in for the year 2013.
- f. Meetings Supported Financially by ICDD
A listing of the meetings that ICDD supported financially was presented.
- g. Workshops and Lectures
The presentation included a listing of all the workshops and lectures where ICDD was represented.

Carlo Segre questioned Terry Maguire about the finances for 2013, and she responded that as a whole, the educational programs had a loss of \$75,000. This was mostly due to the U.S. Government sequester that took place. The XRD clinics were hit the hardest. It was also noted that PPXRD registration fees were cut in half to be in line with what the Chinese audience was accustomed to paying. The hope was that attendance would be higher than in previous years, but that did not happen.

6. Board of Directors' Liaison Report

No motions were made during the 2013 Education Subcommittee meeting; therefore, no BoD liaison report was necessary.

7. New Business

- a. Sue Quick made a motion to name one of the existing tuition waivers in the honor of Frank McClune. The motion was seconded by Davor Balzar. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously. The official motion is as follows:

MOTION:

The Education Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that one of the existing XRD Clinic Tuition Waivers be named in honor of Frank McClune.

- b. Stacy Gates addressed the committee regarding the need for a new XRD textbook that can be used for the clinics. Cyrus Crowder asked the committee to send their recommendations for a new textbook and requested that they choose, if possible, something that can be purchased electronically and placed on the E-tablet.

8. Adjournment

There was no other new business and the meeting was adjourned.