

Preliminary Version- Pending Commission Approval

Minutes of the Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission Meeting 24 October, 2008.

Dr. Mecca called the meeting of the Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission to order. Present were Commissioners: Dr. Mecca, Dr. Allen, Dr. Gromet and Dr. Nassersharif and staff: Dr. Terry Tehan, Henry Bicehouse, Ed Wentz and Jeff Davis

1. Minutes of the 24 July 2008 RIAEC Meeting.

Dr. Nassersharif made a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Allen seconded the motion. The minutes of the meeting were reviewed. A Motion to accept the minutes passed unanimously. See Enclosure 1.

2. Dr. Allen made a motion to appoint Dr. Hamouda Ghonem to replace Dr. Knickle on the Nuclear and Radiation Safety Committee (NRSC). Dr. Nassersharif seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Dr. Nassersharif made a motion to approve Dr. John Breen as the Chairman of the Nuclear and Radiation Safety Committee effective 1 December 2008. Dr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

4. Budget: Dr. Tehan discussed the current budget and answered questions from the Commissioners.

5. Broad Scope license . A discussion was held regarding the need to cut costs due to the state budget crisis. Based on recommendations from the NRSC and the RSO, the RIAEC reviewed the need for the Broad Scope license.

Dr. Gromet made a motion to terminate the Broad Scope license. Dr. Nassersharif seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

6. Projects: Facility Utilization.. It was suggested that RINSC look into an institute or teacher workshop such as the NSF Chatauqua or DOE teacher workshops, which would focus on teacher preparation and orientation in applied nuclear science such as NAA and Gamma Ray Spectroscopy. This would have the benefit of a wide geographic market, funding and raising awareness of the capabilities of RINSC and the possibility of expanding our capacities. These things were mentioned as alternatives to a course for students, which would require marketing/negotiation with teachers to modify their curricula in order to add such an experience for their students.

7 .NRC Inspection results- Jeff Davis presented a summary of the recent NRC inspection that had no negative findings and no open items.

8. Dr. Allen made a motion to go into executive session Dr. Nassersharif seconded the motion. . The motion passed unanimously.

9. Dr. Gromet made a motion to end the executive session. Dr. Nassersharif seconded the motion. . The motion passed unanimously.

10. The next Commission Meeting will be at 8 A.M. on Tuesday 27 January 2009 at the Nuclear Science Center.

11. Dr. Allen made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Nassersharif seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Enclosure 1. Minutes of the Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission Meeting 24 July, 2008.

Dr. Mecca called the meeting of the Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission to order. Present were Commissioners: Dr. Mecca, Dr. Kadak, Dr. Allen, Dr. Gromet and Dr. Nassersharif and staff: Dr. Terry Tehan and Jeff Davis

1. Minutes of the 20 March 2008 RIAEC Meeting.

Dr. Kadak made a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Allen seconded the motion. The minutes of the meeting were reviewed. A Motion to accept the minutes passed unanimously. See Enclosure 1.

2. Budget: Dr. Tehan discussed the current budget and answered questions from the Commissioners.

3. Projects: Jeff Davis discussed the list of facility utilization initiatives. Dr. Mecca recommended contacting NSTA (The R.I. chapter of national Science Teachers Association) to improve high school outreach and perhaps setting up a studentaward program in connection with the R.I. state Science fair. The possibility of exhibiting at the annual science fair was also suggested as was contacting science clubs at the high school level. The commissioners discussed ways to improve the brochure including adding examples of current projects. Dr. Kadak suggested that the facility utilization report also include monthly utilization statistics. It was suggested that the brochure be distributed in time for fall classes and to interested industries in the area. The reinstatement of the web page was also suggested as was the use of email distributing the brochure more broadly.

- 4. Dr. Gromet made a motion to go into executive session Dr. Nassersharif seconded the motion. . The motion passed unanimously.**
- 5. Dr. Gromet made a motion to end the executive session. Dr. Allen seconded the motion. . The motion passed unanimously.**
- 6. The RSO provided a copy of the latest radiation safety report to the commissioners and a discussion was held on radiation levels, the status of the pool leak investigation (not leaking), and condition reports. It was noted that no condition reports were filed since the last Commission meeting. The need for a replacement for Dr. Knickle on the NRSC was also discussed with a suggestion that Dr. Nassersharif identify a number of faculty candidates from URI to serve on the NRSC.**
- 7. Dr. Kadak asked Jeff Davis questions concerning the emergency plan, the security plan and the emergency drill. Dr. Mecca reaffirmed the need for unannounced drills. All plans are current and comply with NRC requirements. Possible changes may be required as a result of several changes in the security area. There have been no NRC inspections since the last Commission meeting. A general NRC inspection is scheduled for September.**
- 8. The next Commission Meeting will be at 8:00 A.M. on Friday 17 October 2008 at the Nuclear Science Center.**
- 9. Dr. Kadak made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Gromet seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously**