Introducing the Society for Science at User Research Facilities
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Presentation Overview

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Chronology

• 1997 first formal meeting of user administrators
• 2003 user organization representatives included in meeting
• 2006 user community elects NUFO steering committee
• 2010 USA Science & Engineering Festival
• 2011-2014 annual Capitol Hill User Science Expo
• 2016 SSURF incorporation
A “Community of Communities”

- Administrators
- Users
- User Committees
- Facility Managers
- Government Affairs
- Communications
A Community of Facilities

- nuclear and particle physics
- astronomical research
- neutron
- nanoscale science
- materials
- supercomputers
- light source
- Biological & environmental
- laser and fusion
Why SSURF?

• Education and outreach on behalf of the community as a whole.

• Third-party validation of user science.

• Coordination among facilities for benchmarking, best practices, and operational improvement.

• Coordination with/among academic and industrial users.
SSURF Incorporation

• Avoid legal liabilities (individual and facility).
• Expand scope of activities.
• Look to other funding sources (foundations & corporations).
• Hire staff.
Mission

“Purpose. (…)advancing the science performed at user research facilities by (1) supporting their professional communities and research networks through the sharing of best practices and facilitation of professional development, and (2) promoting public awareness about the benefits and significance of the facilities and their research.”
Governance

**Board of Directors**

- Eugene Kelly—Colo. State
- Jodi Muckelbauer—Bristol Myers Squibb
- Paul Runci—PNNL (Chair)
- Amanda Thompson—Purdue University
- Stephen Wasserman—Eli Lilly

**Operations Committee**

- Jen Bohon--Case Western Reserve University
- Brian Landes--Dow Chemical
- Terry Law--PNNL
- Susan Strasser—independent
- Susan White-DePace—ANL (COO)
- Beth Wurzburg--independent
SSURF Board: Facility Directors’ Representative

• Submit nominees
• Facility director or designee
• Please submit names to info@ssurf.org
Membership Categories

• Organizational
  • User program administrator or designee
  • Facility director or designee

• Individual
  • Professional
  • Student
  • Honorary
Facility Membership Fees

• Annual fee based on facilities’ operating budgets
  • <$30M: $2500
  • $30M-$90M: $5000
  • $90M+: $7500

SSURF membership fees are allowable expenses (FAR 31.205-43)
Planned Activities for 2017

• Training reciprocity across Office of Science facilities
• Annual meeting (July)
• Capitol Hill Science Expo (December)
• Congressional staff visits to selected facilities
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