

Argonne National Laboratory
Center for Nanoscale Materials
Users Organization By-Laws

I. Name

This organization will be called the Center for Nanoscale Materials Users Organization (CNMUO).

II. Purpose

The purpose of this Organization is to provide CNM users with a formal voice in the operation of the CNM, and to facilitate the availability and effective use of the Center for Nanoscale Materials by the nanoscience and nanotechnology research community so that the greatest overall scientific and technical benefits are realized.

III. Organization

A. Membership

All badged CNM users are CNMUO members.

B. Meetings

Annual User Meetings will be held at the Argonne National Laboratory site. The CNMUO Executive Committee shall be responsible for the programs of the User Meetings. CNMUO members shall receive appropriate advance notice of the Meetings.

C. Users Executive Committee (UEC)

A Users Executive Committee will conduct the business of the CNMUO.

A Founding Users Executive Committee will serve for two years at the invitation of the CNM Director. Subsequent to the initial term of the Founding Executive Committee, two members will be elected by the CNMUO through an electronic voting procedure at the time of each annual User Meeting. Two founding Executive Committee members will leave the committee after each election until the transition to a fully elected committee is complete. In steady-state two new members are elected annually to the Executive Committee.

The open election period shall precede the User Meeting by no less than two weeks, and will close at the User Meeting. All CNMUO members and prospective users who attend the User Meeting are eligible to vote. The elected members'

terms expire at the third following User Meeting so that, in general, the Executive Committee will have 6 regular members.

The Executive Committee is responsible for preparing a slate of qualified candidates and providing advance notice of the election to the CNMUO membership. Any CNMUO member may suggest candidates to the Executive Committee. In addition, nominations shall be accepted by petition of 1% or more of the CNMUO members in support of a candidate.

To promote representation of smaller interest groups, a weighted system of voting shall be used. Each ballot may select up to two candidates, with the first choice assigned two points and the second choice assigned one point. Tie votes shall be decided by a coin toss.

D. Officers

The officers of the CNMUO will be a Chair and a Vice-Chair. At the first meeting held after the dates of the User Meeting, the Executive Committee shall elect from its voting members a Chair, who will be responsible for organizing the scientific program for the next User Meeting. Both the Chair and the Vice-Chair will be the UEC members with the longest terms of service. The former Chair will remain as a nonvoting ex-officio member of the Executive Committee until the following User Meeting.

Officers' terms on the Executive Committee shall be extended as needed to perform the above services.

E. Executive Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee shall meet at the time of the User Meeting and at such other times as called for by the Chair or by a majority of the Executive Committee membership. A quorum consists of a majority of the Executive Committee membership. Argonne National Laboratory will be responsible for providing administrative and financial support.

IV. Functions

The CNMUO shall be advisory to the Director of the Center for Nanoscale Materials.

- The Organization will serve as an advocacy group for the Facility and its user community.
- The Organization will provide advice to the Director on matters affecting the user community.
- The Organization will assure good communication between the CNM user community and the CNM management.

- In order to ensure that the user community has an additional opportunity to engage in the discussion of future developments at the CNM, the Chair of the Users Executive Committee is an ex-officio member of the Scientific Advisory Committee.

V. Amendments

Proposed changes to the bylaws shall be presented by the Executive Committee to the CNMUO membership, who will cast votes through electronic means. An open voting period of no less than two weeks is required. These bylaws shall be amended by a favorable vote of two-thirds of ballots cast.