

2022 AGR minutes

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Some 40 members attended in person for the first time since the COVID19 restrictions were lifted. Some 15 members joined by zoom.

After gathering in the TRIUMF lobby with the annual picture taken, the group was led by Esther Shirmaker on a comprehensive tour of the brand new AIMI facility which is to become the prime radio-tracers production site for TRIUMF and the BC hospitals. A 24MeV cyclotron from ICS (Richmond, BC) is the main source of isotopes. The next major milestone will be the obtention of the CNSC operating license for the 6th cyclotron on site.

Thank you Esther for hosting this tour.

The AGR then heard from the director Nigel Smith about the comprehensive effort to generate a 20 years vision for the lab and the associated 5 year plan which will be forwarded to the Canadian government for securing the next funding cycle.

In the mean time the operating license for the main facility was renewed by the CNSC for the following 10 years – a major milestone indeed. Nigel also reviewed the latest scientific and technical achievements of the lab. You can see the slides presented on the TARA web page of the TRIUMF website.

We had a presentation from the TRIUMF innovation CEO, Kathryn Hayashi, regarding the technology transfer activities stemming from the lab and the impact they have on the Canadian society. These are important yardsticks in evaluating TRIUMF's relevance for Canadians and defending the federal and provincial contributions to its budget.

We got a report from the consultant, Lucy Sousa from Dehoney Ltd, regarding the negotiations with Pacific Blue Cross for the renewal of the health and dental coverages for TARA members.

Following a short annual report from the Chair of TARA, Jean-Michel, approval of last year AGR minutes and a report from the membership keeper Roy Moore, an election was conducted to select the executive members for the following year.

Your new executive group is:

Corrie Kost	Fred Jones	Jean-Michel Poutissou	Mike Brigham	
Roy Moore	Tamara Hurtado	Franco Mammarella	Tom Ruth	Nicole Bienvenue
Ex-officio Dana Giasson				

A motion to close the 2022 AGR was unanimously approved from the floor and the group reconvened around some refreshments provided by TRIUMF (thank you Nigel) and generously delivered by Dana and her daughter.

Thank you, Dana, for your continued support in making these AGR's and TARA a key link between old timers and the Laboratory.