



**Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 23, 2008**  
**10:00-12:00**  
**468 Whitaker Lab**  
**Lehigh University**

**Attendees:**

|                   |                               |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Barbara Canfield  | NCC                           |
| James Gilchrist   | Lehigh                        |
| Martin Harmer     | Lehigh                        |
| Chris Kiely       | Lehigh                        |
| Bruce Koel        | Lehigh                        |
| Al Philpotts      | Ben Franklin NEP              |
| Hai Lin           | Silberline                    |
| Gene Lucadamo     | Lehigh                        |
| Shahri Naghshineh | Surface Chemistry Discoveries |
| Nancee Noderer    | Manufacturers Resource Center |
| Chuck Picardi     | Nanoblox                      |
| Joan Stanescu     | Lehigh                        |
| Paul Osimo        | Lehigh Nanotech LLC (guest)   |

**Not Present:**

|               |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Gina Kormanik | LV WIB                 |
| Tom Karras    | Lockheed Martin Corp.. |
| Joe Lane      | Ben Franklin NEP       |
| Steve Melnick | LVEDC                  |
| Mark Mezger   | ARDEC Picatinny        |
| Mark Rosner   | Gentex                 |
| Bob Wert      | Wachovia Securities    |

## **Minutes:**

### Executive Board appointments, officers, and nominations

C. Picardi will continue as Industry Chair with open invitation for other volunteers or nominations for this position. Dr. Hai Lin accepted position of Vice Chair. G. Lucadamo will be Academic Chair. Joan Stanescu was appointed Secretary. New EB members are Hai Lin (Silberline), Mark Rosner (Gentex), Bob Wert (Wachovia Securities).

### New Members (2008)

Continental Remediation

Gentex (sustaining)

Honeywell

Material Complexions

Nanoopto

Oravec

Panisolar

Silberline(sustaining)

Stryker (sustaining)

TBW

Wachovia Securities (sustaining)

### Prospective Members for 2009

Alcon

BBraun

Becton Dickinson

Boeing (V.F.)

Fairchild

First Quality Nonwovens

Green Tweed

International Battery

Morgan Advanced Ceramics

Nanopack

Noble Fibers

Olympus

PPG

### LNN management and support – Lehigh and industry roles

Industry focus and leadership is needed. Lehigh will continue to be the central coordinator and physical base of the LNN.

### Direction, purpose, and vision going forward - What is missing; what do *members want*?

LNN will continue primarily as networking, but need to consider ways to bring PA funding to members under a collaborative request.

Can LNN provide assistance in grant requests?

### 2009 Program Ideas and Schedule:

There will be 2-3 short (~2hr) meetings, and we will follow up with PANMCC (Pittsburgh) and Drexel Nanotech Inst. on potential for larger joint meeting in 2009, and for webcast of LNN meetings. First meeting will be in Dec or Jan, and will webcast to members and other organizations. Silberline offered their facility for this, but Lehigh can also do it. Topics could include Silberline overview, new member introductions, new technologies, and LNN website use by members.

The second meeting will be in combination with PANMCC or DNI and should include webcast.

### Member fees

Maintain one-time \$500 fee for new sustaining members.

### 2009 Executive Board meeting schedule

Jan 22 (all meetings are 1000-1200)

May 29

Sept 11

### Issues for future Exec Board meetings:

Expanding benefits to members - *lab facilities at reduced costs, funding opportunities, consulting, technology assessments, entrepreneurial advice, courses, faculty contacts, B2B communications, publicity for members....*

How can LNN support/enhance the DCED PIN and raise visibility?

Promotion of the LNN and its members (newsletter, NanoExchange)

### Action:

P Osimo will forward name of recent nano contact made with Lockheed Martin, to help re-establish connection.

A Philpotts indicated that BFTP is on the Boeing Technology Alliance. He can help make connections for companies with new products that have near term aerospace application.

G Lucadamo will follow up with PANMCC (Pittsburgh) and Drexel Nanotech Inst. on potential for joint meeting in 2009, and for webcast of LNN meetings with their participation.

J Stanescu will email all members to confirm their membership status, update profiles, describe access to website and NanoExchange, and poll members about webcast/web conferencing capabilities.

J Stanescu will post EB minutes on website.

J Stanescu will begin gathering info for a newsletter or for website content (success stories, technology development, requests for assistance or connections, new resources...)

G Lucadamo will draft a proposal from LNN Sustaining Members (small companies) to request funding from PADCED or PITA to assist them in using Lehigh facilities. Once drafted, we could ask for letters of support from all Sustaining Members and submit from the LNN Chairman on behalf of the organization. Is there potential to include DNI and their member companies in this request, with the intent of opening facilities in both LNN and DNI to LNN member use at reduced rates? Can we include any facilities at NCC and LCCC? M Harmer will check with R Sause about PITA interest.