



## “1ANS” Brings Major National and Section Changes, Part 2

In our Spring 2020 newsletter (which can be found at <http://local.ans.org/trinity/newsletters.html>), I wrote to you about changes affecting local sections of the ANS and the reasons for those changes. I would like to update you now on some implementation details of one of those changes—specifically, the elimination of any distinction between local and national membership.

As a reminder, to be considered a member of the ANS at any level in the future, individuals will need to register and pay dues at the national level. This requirement is being phased in, and

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## Rescheduled Apr 2020 Dinner and Annual Business Meeting

We are still planning to hold the (postponed) annual Section business and dinner meeting some time this Fall at the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History in Albuquerque, when it becomes possible to hold such an event again in the post-COVID-19 world. The speaker is still planned to be Lou Martinez Sancho, MS, Vice President of Strategy and Innovation, Kairos Power. Her topic will be “How a nuclear power startup’s investment in Albuquerque will shape the future energy landscape.” Additional information will follow as we are able to develop more concrete plans.

## Annual Election Results

In the spring 2020 Section elections, Chris Perfetti (UNM) was elected Vice Chair / Chair-Elect and Mary Alice Cusentino (SNL) and Melissa Teague (Kairos Power) were elected to 3-year At-large Member positions. These newly elected individuals took their places in mid-June along with the

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## A Virtual ANS Annual Meeting

For the first time, in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ANS Annual Meeting was held virtually 8-11 June 2020. Although the usual face-to-face and in-person sidebar conversations weren’t possible in the virtual environment, by all accounts, the Virtual Annual Meeting was still a success. Significantly more people were able to attend

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## Volunteers Needed

We welcome Carl Willis (UNM) as the new Committee Chair for Public Information & Outreach. We still have vacancies for the Membership committee co-chairs. With the election of Chris Perfetti to the Vice Chair position, his former At-Large Member position is now also vacant. If you have an interest in helping on the management team of the Section, please contact any of the Executive Committee members (see box on page 2).

We also need individuals to be committee workers, to support public information & outreach (e.g., as science fair judges, career day speakers), to work specific jobs (e.g., inspector of elections), to help with program planning and execution (e.g., organize virtual events, arrange for dinner meeting speakers, organize informal social gatherings), to work on Organizing Committees for ANS meetings, etc. Volunteering for one of these committee or special project opportunities is a great way to learn more about ANS Trinity Section and to see where your talents can be best used.

## UNM Student Section Update

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the UNM ANS Student Section has had to invent new ways of reaching out to the community. Events have been moved online and the student section plans on many virtual meetings for its members. These include social gatherings over the ANS Discord Server, general meetings hosted over Zoom, and some possible outreach events. In early June, the section received the 2020 Samuel Glasstone Award while Alexandria Ragsdale was president, which is presented annually to the best Student Section. The UNM Stu-

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## Fundraising

With the upcoming changes to both ANS membership structure and Topical Meeting management (see the two “1ANS” articles in this Newsletter and in the Spring 2020 issue), our future fundraising efforts need to take a somewhat different approach. We are no longer able to earn a fraction of the proceeds for Topical Meetings we

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## Zoom Lightning Talks

Since we haven’t been able to get together in person for our usual dinner meetings with speakers for some time, the Section is hosting a “virtual” dinner meeting with four “lightning talks” by members who have volunteered to tell us something about their current technical activities over Zoom. The initial lightning talks are scheduled for Friday, **18 Sept 2020 at 7pm**. See our calendar page (<http://local.ans.org/trinity/calendar.html>) for the agenda and link.

If you are interested in presenting your own lightning talk during a future session, please contact one of our Executive Committee members from the list on page 2.

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will be fully effective in January 2023. During the three-year transition period, local members who are not currently national members will receive a reduced rate on their national dues and have their \$25 entrance fee waived. Each local section will receive 5% of the dues revenue for members in their jurisdiction (10% for new national members). Non-members will still be able to participate in all local section events, as well as make donations to the local section to support events and student activities.

ANS will soon be distributing registration codes to local sections, which we will then distribute via our Trinity Section mailing list. Anyone who is on the mailing list who is not already a national member will be able to register at a discounted rate by using the provided codes. The discounted rates will be:

*Established Members (\$170 full rate)*

2020 - \$75  
2021 - \$125  
2022 - \$170

*Young Members (\$125 full rate)*

2020 - \$50  
2021 - \$85  
2022 - \$125

Please remember that these changes are intended to promote unity, community, and alignment among members at every level and in each constituent unit of ANS. The full ANS Change Plan can be found at <http://www.ans.org/about/changeplan/>. If you have any questions or concerns about the change plan, please don't hesitate to contact me at [travistrahan@gmail.com](mailto:travistrahan@gmail.com).

Travis Trahan  
ANS Trinity Previous Chair  
ANS Local Sections Committee  
Vice-Chair

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manage. Also, with the new membership definitions at ANS National, there will no longer be a "local-only" membership with nominal dues after 2022. The "Section rebate" of national memberships to support local activities will amount to no more than \$8.50 per national member in the local section per year. In order to continue our work in public information & outreach, to support science fair awards, to support UNM Student Section travel to the ANS student meeting, and to offer two small scholarships to UNM undergraduate nuclear engineering students, we need to be more creative. We will be establishing "Friends of Trinity Section," which can accept tax-deductible donations (in lieu of dues) to support local activities (Trinity Section is an IRS 501(c)(3) corporation). See our "Fundraising" page for more info coming soon. The Section can also receive donations through employee giving programs. In addition, we are exploring the possibility of corporate sponsorships for specific Section activities. Other fund-raising ideas are welcome.

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at least portions of the meeting, travel costs were saved, and session video recordings are available to registered participants, so one can go back to watch that "other" parallel session that might have otherwise been missed (at <https://www.ans.org/meetings/am2020/>).

ANS has announced that, because of continuing COVID-19 concerns, the ANS 2020 Winter Meeting & Expo (16-19 November 2020) will also be held virtually. Registration is already open for the virtual Winter Meeting (at <http://answinter.org/>).

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change in ANS National officers.

In addition, John Bliss moved from Vice Chair / Chair-Elect to Chair, Matt Denman moved to Immediate Past Chair, and Travis Trahan moved to Previous Chair. We also welcome Christian Arguello, the new UNM Student Section President, to the ExCom.

Our sincere thanks to Nancy Jo Nicholas (LANL), Matt Griffin (LANL) and Zach Jankovsky (SNL) for their valuable service to the Section during their just-completed terms.

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dent Section has won this award two years in a row, and was second in 2018—a notable achievement. Moving forward, UNM ANS plans to reach out on a national level to expand the knowledge of nuclear science. An Instagram page was created to allow the section to make posts about the world of nuclear science, outreach events, school, and even day-to-day lives of students at UNM. This conjoined with other future collaborations with national student sections should make this a great year for UNM ANS!

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## 2020-2021 Officers and Committee Chairs

### Executive Committee:

John Bliss, Chair ('21), LANL  
Chris Perfetti, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect ('21), UNM  
James Pike, Secretary ('21), LANL  
Pat McDaniel, Treasurer ('21), UNM  
Matthew Denman, Immediate Past Chair ('21), Kairos Power  
Travis Trahan, Previous Chair ('21), LANL  
Christian Arguello, UNM Student Section President ('21)  
Adam Hecht, At-large ('21), UNM  
Matthew Jasica, At-large ('21), SNL  
<vacant>, At-large ('22), XXX  
James Tutt, At-large ('22), LANL  
Mary Alice Cusentino, At-large ('23), SNL  
Melissa Teague, At-large ('23), Kairos Power

### Committee Chairs:

Carl Willis, Public Information & Outreach, UNM  
Bill Flor, Communications, LANL  
[vacant], Membership, northern Co-chair  
[vacant], Membership, southern Co-chair  
Tom Hiron, Emeritus, LANL (Retired)

To reach the ExComm members, visit our Directory at <http://local.ans.org/trinity/directory.html>.

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