

Notes on September 18 1985 Organization Meeting held at MEEI.

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1. Persons attending:

Cole; Castro; Brownell; Koehler; Lyman; Thomas; Martin; Schrieber; Suit; Gough; Goitein; Livdahl; Slater; Kjellberg; Morton and Zink, NCI "observers"; Herbster (?) [Scanditronics].

2. Discussion of purpose and function:

Inter-communication within group. Newsletter? [Cole]
 Outside visibility, communications
 Interaction of designers, users and funders
 Is there any likelihood of agreement on one design solution? [Martin]
 Different user groups have different sets of requirements
 This group might help a user to develop his own specifications
 The immediate object is to identify criteria [Cole]
 Then determine which are important to which application
 NCI would not wish to fund an eyes-only machine in one place, a brains-only in a second, and so on [Morton]
 Elaborate beam control is not needed for some proven applications
 Division between (a) Neuro and ophthalm.
 and (b) General
 This group will not make a proposal to build [Cole]
 Working groups would identify several chunks of the whole, such as: Accelerator, beam delivery, controls, building (for example)
 What should be done for particular clinical investigation
 Division between (a) Clinical service
 and (b) Research
 Discussion led to agreement on two working groups: (a) Accelerator criteria, and (b) Facilities criteria. A third working group to define (c) Clinical application was then added. The need for a Steering Committee to coordinate these working groups was agreed on.
 There was some discussion of potential conflict of interest
 There was agreement that the chairperson of the steering committee has to be an MD for credibility
 Time scale: There is a critical point about 1989 or so when present grants run out. If there are no new acceptable particle beam proposals at NCI by then, the money will slip over into chemotherapy.
 A report from the whole group in 6 months is the aim.

3. Organization and Appointments:

Persons were nominated, discussed and appointed "by consensus"
 Steering Committee: Suit – Chair; Goitein – Secretary; Archambeau and Castro – Clinical Applications; Slater and Wilson – Facilities; Schrieber and Gough – Accelerator

Clinical Applications	Facilities Criteria	Accelerator Criteria
Archambeau – Chair	Slater – Chair	Schrieber – Chair
Slater – 2 nd	Wilson – 2 nd	Gough – 2 nd
Lyman	Brownell	Martin
Kjellberg	Lyman	Thomas
.....	Martin	Livdahl
	Koehler	Kjellberg
	Thomas	Cole
	Schrieber	Gottschalk
	Gough
	

4. Discussion of plans for further action:

Steering committee to write charges for the three working groups in about 3 weeks.
 Reports by the working groups within 6 months
 24-25 October working meeting in O'Hare
 General meeting at Fermilab in January

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