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Incorporation: Why, How, When?

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NUFO Incorporation: Why?

- Liability issues with some of the current NUFO activities
- Strong desire to broaden funding options
- Need for independence to support both facilities AND users

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NUFO Incorporation: How?

- Formation of an Incorporation Committee including
 - *Several current and former NUFO SC members*
 - *An Executive Director of a science non-profit - 501(c)3*
 - *A former scientist, now with a NY consulting firm*
 - *An attorney serving as facilitator*
- Committee working to define purpose, mission, initial Board members, initial by-laws
- Reports to NUFO Steering Committee
- Will meet with initial Board to finalize incorporation documents

NUFO Incorporation: When?

- Committee Meeting with initial Board in early November
- Target Date for incorporation papers to be finalized: Thanksgiving
- Filing for 501(c)3 status as soon as incorporation has been granted.

NUFO Incorporation: More Details

- New Name: Society for Facilities Research (SAFR)
- Draft Purpose Statement:
To cultivate and promote the value of research at publicly funded scientific facilities
- Draft Mission Statement:
SAFR cultivates and promotes the value of research at publicly funded scientific facilities, specifically those large-scale facilities that provide tools and expertise for both external and internal scientists and engineers to use in conducting research.

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