



**Minutes of the AMS Board on
Enterprise Economic Development (BEED)
Telecon Meeting**

**Thursday, 13 March 2008
2:00 PM EST**

Meeting Participants

Members Present	Members Unavailable	Guests
Pam Emch, Chair	Monica Hale	Joe Friday
Bill Mahoney, Post-Chair	Richard Ohlemacher	George Frederick
Dorlisa Hommel	Jan Dutton	Gary Rasmussen
Andrea Bleistein	William Graham	
John Henz		
John Zack		
Jon Davis, <i>Ex Officio</i>		
Eva Regnier		
Robert Plante		
Holly Hartman		
Paul Pisano, <i>Ex Officio</i>		

The telecon meeting began at 2:00 PM EST and ended at approximately 3:00 PM EST.

Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes from the 21 January 2008 meeting in New Orleans.

2. Agenda Approval

The Board approved the distributed agenda.

3. 2008 Public-Private Partnership Forum Planning Status

The Board reviewed the status of each of the five planned sessions, lunch and dinner speakers. An updated agenda is attached with these minutes.

4. BEED Water Resources Committee

John Henz lead a discussion on the new Water Resources (WR) Committee. Purpose was to review the general charter and discuss recommendations for representation on the committee. We discussed the possible size and scope of the WR Committee. Membership could vary from roughly 9 to 12 people, however it was thought that for a most reasonable community representation 12 would be best. Bill Mahoney mentioned that the current Terms of Reference document for this WR Committee is a draft – this needs to be finalized and approved. The goal is to have broad representation on the committee – more of an end-to-end water resource-related representation as opposed to a focus on end users for example. Ex officio members can be added as needed, as has been done with the ITS/ST Committee.

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Mention was made of the AMS draft statement on Water Resources developed under the leadership of Pam Stephens (attached). It's possible that some of the folks/organizations on the statement committee are also suitable to be on the WR Committee. AMS will be holding an associated Water Resources Forum in DC in March (agenda: <http://www.ametsoc.org/atmospolicy/waterresourceagenda.html>). Holly Hartman described the Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Synthesis and Assessment Product 5.3 activity. This has involved stakeholders on climate change and the relationship between climate and water resources. This group is possibly another source of members for the WR Committee, particularly on the academic side. Holly agreed to provide John with names of possible committee members. The American Water Resources Association (AWRA) has expressed some interest in a joint session at the AMS Annual meeting; AWRA representation on the WR Committee could also be of benefit. John will follow up with AWRA.

We reviewed the process for inviting folks onto the WR Committee: recommendations for potential committee members should be sent to John Henz; John would then organize these into a priority set of recommendations based partially on the goal of cross-enterprise representation and send the set of recommendations to the BEED Chair. The recommendations then move up to the CWCE Chair for approval. We thought it a reasonable goal to have a functional WR Committee formed by mid-May.

We discussed the Users Forum at the January 2009 Annual Meeting. Water Resources is such an extensive topic that it could easily provide the focus for the entire forum. Pam mentioned that she had been contacted by Wendy Thomas of the AMS Policy Program wrt concepts for health-related topics at the 2009 Users Forum. George Frederick requested that this be brought up at the 17 March CEC telecon.

5. Future Chairs of ITS/ST and Energy Committees

Both Paul Pisano and Jon Davis have terms ending in January 2009; the purpose of this topic was to discuss possible candidates for incoming chairs. Paul Pisano has asked members of the ITS/ST Committee to indicate their interest in becoming chair. He has extended this deadline to 21 March. There is a goal to have increased representation of the private sector on the committee. Wrt the Energy Committee Jon Davis expressed his interest in extending his term as chair for one year. This is an excellent suggestion and Jon agreed to write up a request/recommendation. This should then be sent to the BEED Chair and then on up to the CWCE Chair for approval.

Open Discussion

John Zack asked how the BEED website is going. Pam indicated that good content exists that can be accessed via either the BEED website or the CWCE website – but that the “route” to information was not always obvious (thus the links could be improved). Gary Rasmussen mentioned that Brian Mardirosian is the AMS webmaster. John agreed to explore the website and come up with recommendations. BEED minutes/membership can be accessed here via the CWCE website: <http://www.ametsoc.org/boardpges/cwce/beed.html>
The actual BEED website is here: <http://www.ametsoc.org/boardpges/beed/about.html>
This has more extensive BEED info and has a link back to the CWCE website.