

Board for Private Sector Meteorologists (BPSM) Conference Call Summary

Tuesday, June 12, 2007, 9:15-9:50 a.m. EDT

- Telecon Participants: Ken Carey, Rip Coleman, Steve Harned, Erik Noble, Kathy Strebe and John Toohey-Morales
- Opening Remarks: Board chair K. Carey welcomed everyone to the board meeting and thanked each member for their participation and support. He recognized their active help and reminded them that their participation, teamwork, and support were making a positive impact in our profession and community.
- Review of May Meeting Summary: We briefly reviewed the summary of our May meeting, and all agreed that it was comprehensive and accurate.
- Web Page Updates: Our web page has been updated with the May meeting minutes. E. Noble did receive an e-mail from a colleague from a contact through the web site. K. Carey asked board members to critically review our web site, and let him know if they thought any changes need to be considered.
- 2007 BPSM Objectives: We discussed our board objectives for this year:

(1) Raise awareness of the benefits of working in the private sector
BPSM LEAD: Each Board Member

K. Carey requested that each board member consider how we can educate and promote to our colleagues and those we interact in our spheres of influence the value of the work and of working in the private sector is, over and above what we should be able to accomplish through our other board initiatives.

(2) Support and enhance the AMS Corporate Directory as a career development resource
BPSM LEAD: J. Block

We are continuing to build on what is a very good resource for private sector

members. J. Block had previously met with C. Kazarosian, Director of AMS Information Systems, after our last call and is working collaboratively with the CCM Board Chair (J. Hasling) to expand private sector offerings in the AMS Corporate Directory. J. Block indicated that the Corporate Directory will appear on the AMS web site soon. The CCM directory will be merged with the AMS Corporate Directory by the Fall 2007. J. Block will continue to work with C, Kazarosian, J. Hasling and K. Lucas (from the Commission on the Weather and Climate Enterprise) to develop a set of clear objectives for this new merged directory.

ACTION: Advise the board of the status and progress of this effort at our next telecon (Jim)

(3) Establish the private sector mentor program and support growth of the professional network of private sector mentors and students

BPSM LEAD: K. Carey

K. Carey, J. Block and K. Strebe have completed their effort to acquire, consolidate and evaluate feedback received so far about the mentoring program. Feedback has been positive so far from all of the mentors and students involved in the program. We will be meeting on June 19 to discuss how to best recruit new mentors and students for a Fall 2007 restart

ACTION: Report on the mentoring program's next steps based on the June 19 meeting. (Ken/Jim/Kathy)

(4) Support the AMS awards process by promoting and encouraging nominations from the private sector for the Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Advance of Applied Meteorology

BPSM LEAD: R. Coleman

Since our last meeting we coordinated and executed the process to evaluate award applicants, with the AMS applied climatology committee, and drafted and submitted a board award recommendation to the Commissioner on Professional Affairs.

ACTION: Provide the board an assessment of this year's award selection process, and present lessons learned to improve the 2008 award selection process. (Rip)

(5) Encourage private sector members to complete CCM certification.

BPSM LEAD: S. Harned

Since the CCM is the “highest level of accreditation for meteorologists in our profession”, we want to promote the CCM certification. S. Harned has made contact with S. Marsh of the CCM Board on marketing options and opportunities. S. Harned has invited and S. Marsh agreed to make a presentation or staff a booth promoting CCM certification at the NWA Annual Meeting in Reno in October 2007.

ACTION: Continue to work with the CCM Board, and report progress at our next meeting. (Steve)

S. Harned is also serving as the BPSM liaison for the planning for the First Colloquium on Industrial Meteorology and Certified Consulting Meteorologists. S. Harned is working with G. Mulvey who is chairing this colloquium. G. Mulvey indicated we could most likely help him co-chair one or more session and help evaluate submitted abstracts.

ACTION: Contact G. Mulvey since he indicated that, on or about June 12, he would be in touch in us to see where we might help him and colloquium organizers. Continue to work with the colloquium organizers, and report progress at our next meeting. (Steve)

(6) Develop an implementation plan to meet the new AMS strategic goals.

BPSM LEAD: J. Dutton, E. Noble

Our board successfully created and submitted an implementation plan to meet the new AMS strategic goals.

- **Proposed collaboration with the BOGM:**

The AMS Board for Operational Government Meteorologists (BOGM) Chair Bruce Telfeyan has asked for BPSM participation in and BPSM support for a collaborative Town Hall Meeting (THM) at the 2008 AMS Annual Meeting. The preliminary topic is, “How can new technology be more effectively transitioned to operations?” R. Coleman volunteered to serve our board liaison for this initiative, and will keep us informed as to where we might best assist the BOGM effort.

K. Carey and R. Coleman participated in the June 4 conference call with BOGM and AMS staff members. We discussed THM format, topics and

proposed speakers. The next team meeting is scheduled for June 28.

- Other Business:

(1) J. Block will be rotating off the BPSM in January 2008. K. Carey requested that each board member consider nominating someone to take Jim's place. K. Carey proposed and the board agreed that Kyle Beatty (Willis Re), who is serving on the board's mentoring subcommittee. Kyle agreed to volunteer to serve on the BPSM for a three-year term beginning in January 2008. K. Carey acquired Kyle's resume and sent it to John Toohey-Morales for AMS approval for Kyle to join our board.

ACTION: Follow-up to ensure approval for Kyle to join the BPSM in January 2008 to take J. Block's place. (Ken)

(2) Our board has grown commensurate with its growing activities, influence and impact. With the addition of E. Noble, our student board member, our board is now officially over its agreed upon limit of 6 board members. K. Carey and E. Noble developed and coordinated with the committee a draft TOR. After receiving and incorporating board feedback. K. Carey submitted the TOR to John Toohey-Morales, the AMS Commissioner on Professional Affairs.

ACTION: Follow-up with the AMS to ensure TOR approval (Ken)

(3) K. Strebe is now serving as a co-chair for the 7th AMS Student Conference. E. Noble has continued to serve as our student liaison to the conference planning committee. This is a great opportunity to promote the private sector to potential future employees. In addition, by launching the BPSM mentorship program, students became more aware of the private sector. We plan to continue to raise awareness of the BPSM mentorship program at the January 2008 student conference.

ACTION: Continue to support the 7th Student Conference planning, and let the board know how we can help provide and support private sector participation. (Kathy/Erik)

- Next Meeting:
 - (1) Mentoring subcommittee conference call on Tuesday, June 19, noon EDT, to discuss next steps for a Fall 2007 restart of our mentoring program
 - (2) Board conference call on Tuesday, September 11, noon (EDT)