

Board for Private Sector Meteorologists (BPSM) Conference Call Summary

Tuesday, February 13, 2007, 12:00-12:45 p.m. EST

- Telcon Participants: Jim Block, Ken Carey, Steve Harned, Gary Rasmussen, Kathy Strebe, and John Toohey-Morales
- Welcome and Opening Remarks: Board chair Ken Carey welcomed everyone to the board meeting and thanked each member for their participation and support. Together we can meet and accomplish our ambitious but worthwhile objectives in 2007.
- Web Page Updates: Ken has worked closely with Brian Mardirosian at AMS to update and revamp our BPSM web site. Ken passed his heartfelt thanks for Brian's help to Gary. Ken asked for everyone to periodically review our site and provide feedback.
- Confirmation of Board Member Contact Information: Ken has worked with the AMS to update the board member information. Ken announced that Erik Noble has been approved by John to join our board. Erik's name and contact information have been added to our board web site.
- Recap of our San Antonio meeting: Ken briefly summarized our board meeting in San Antonio, highlighted three significant accomplishments in 2006 (see below), and was especially proud that several of our mentors and mentees (otherwise called students) were able to be a part of our board meeting.
 - (1) Development and planned posting of the AMS Corporate members on the AMS web site. The next step is to combine the efforts of the CCM board to create a CCM directory with the corporate directory.
 - (2) Creation of the private sector mentor program through PSU and OU to start. We have begun advertising this program and have hopes that this program will help connect and interest students with the private sector and the AMS.
 - (3) Successful efforts to raise awareness and promote nominations for the Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Advance of Meteorology. We were thrilled that our board award recommendation for John

Toohy-Morales was approved.

- Discussion on our 2007 Objectives: We discussed our board objectives:

(1) Raise awareness of the benefits of working in the private sector

BPSM LEAD: Each Board Member

After a lengthy discussion on several issues, to include whether we should define who the private sector is, we agreed that this objective is a board (=Team) effort and that we should be able to accomplish through our individual and collective board initiatives

(2) Support and enhance the AMS Corporate Directory as a career development resource

BPSM LEAD: J. Block

We will continue to build on what is a very good resource for private sector members. Jim will be “combining forces” with J. Hasling and the CCM board to continue to expand the private sector offerings.

ACTION: Advise the board of the status and progress of this effort by our next telcon (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

Jim, Kathy, Kyle Beattie and Ken, with help from Rebecca Haacker-Santos (SOARS Program) have been meeting to develop resources to assist mentors and students, and to provide our board feedback on their progress. In addition, Jim has drafted a proposed BAMS article to raise awareness and attract mentors to our program.

ACTION: Complete the new documents (Kathy) and provide them to mentors and mentees (Jim)

ACTION: Send final version of the BAMS article to Gary for dissemination via the AMS list serves and to the BAMS Chief Editor for publication (Jim)

(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 meeting in San Antonio, Ken provided to Rip all materials he had created over the last two years as the board point person on this ongoing effort to promote and encourage nominations for this award.

ACTION: Provide the board status of efforts to raise awareness and solicit award applicants. (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.

ACTION: Provide the board status of efforts to encourage private sector member CCM certification. (Steve)

ACTION: Provide the board the status of the planning for the First Colloquium on Industrial Meteorology and Certified Consulting Meteorologists (Steve)

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

BPSM LEAD: TBD

John provided the board a soft copy of the AMS Strategic Goals document. Our board charge is to identify ways that we can contribute to and support its implementation.

ACTION: Draft a matrix that identifies and prioritizes several objectives within the framework of the Strategic Goals, and describes our board activities associated to each one. (TBD)

ACTION: Submit our implementation plan to John by Mar 31. (Ken)

- **Proposed collaboration with the CCM Board and the BOGM:**

(1) We’ve approached the CCM board to assist with the planning for the First Colloquium on Industrial Meteorology and Certified Consulting Meteorologists at the 2008 AMS Annual Meeting. This supports 2007 objectives 5 and 6.

(2) AMS Board for Operational Government Meteorologists (BOGM) Chair Bruce Telfeyan requested BPSM support for a possible collaborative Town Hall Forum at the 2008 AMS Annual Meeting. The preliminary topic is, “How can new technology be more effectively transitioned to operations?” Ken has requested and Bruce will be sending to us his proposal and how we might participate/contribute to this event.

- **Next Meeting:** Conference call on Tuesday, March 13, noon (EST)