

## **Board for Private Sector Meteorologists (BPSM) Conference Call Summary**

Tuesday, March 13, 2007, 12:00-12:40 p.m. EDT

- Telcon Participants: Jim Block, Ken Carey, Rip Coleman, Erik Noble, Gary Rasmussen, Kathy Strebe, and John Toohey-Morales
- Welcome and Opening Remarks: Board chair K. Carey welcomed everyone to the board meeting and thanked each member for their participation and support.
- Review of February Meeting Summary: We briefly reviewed the summary of last month's meeting, and all agreed that it was comprehensive and accurate.
- Web Page Updates: Our web page has been updated with the February meeting minutes. K. Carey asked board members to 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**

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. J. Block 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)

**STATUS: G. Rasmussen commented that C. Kazarosian (AMS Director of IT Systems) is planning to publish a listing of corporate member names. This listing will then be linked to the company web sites and eventually with a contact person at each company. G. Rasmussen suggested J. Block contact C. Kazarosian to discuss, (1) ideas on where and how best to reach this listing, and (2) integrating CCM information into the AMS Corporate Directory.**

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

**BPSM LEAD: K. Carey**

After BPSM review of the draft article on the new mentor program, J. Block submitted our proposed article on our new mentor program to the AMS for publication. J. Block, K. Carey, K. Strebe, and K. Beattie will be meeting to discuss current status and ways to sustain and improve the program.

**ACTION: Complete the new documents (K. Strebe) and provide them to mentors and mentees (Jim)**

**STATUS: We have updated these documents and sent them to all of our mentor/mentee pairings. K. Carey will set up a conference call for this subcommittee to discuss next steps.**

**(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 R. Coleman has targeted and contacted several organizations to encourage applicants, and has drafted a template for board members for use to solicit and encourage applicants for this award.

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

**STATUS: All board members are asked to encourage applicants for this award.**

**(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)

**STATUS: S. Harned is working with S. March (CCM Board) to promote the CCM, and will report progress at our next meeting.**

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

**STATUS: S. Harned is working with G. Mulvey who is chairing this colloquium. K. Carey asked S. Harned to follow-up to identify opportunities where we might help.**

**(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. (Jan, Erik)

**STATUS: J. Dutton and E. Noble are jointly working this. They have created a very good draft document and are incorporating feedback. They expect to have it ready by Fri, Mar 23.**

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

**STATUS: K. Carey will submit this prior to our next BPSM meeting.**

- **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 Forum at the 2008 AMS Annual Meeting. The preliminary topic is, “How can new technology be more effectively transitioned to operations?” After discussion, R. Coleman volunteered to help act as our board contact for this initiative, and will keep us informed as to where we might best assist the BOGM effort.

- Next Meeting: Conference call on Tuesday, April 17, noon (EDT)