

Board for Private Sector Meteorologists (BPSM) Mentoring Subcommittee Conference Call Summary

Tuesday, June 19, 2007, 12:00-12:45 p.m. EDT

- Telecon Participants: Kyle Beatty, Ken Carey, Kathy Strebe and Bruce Thomas
- Summary: K. Strebe coordinated the call and identified the following key points:
 - K. Beatty will meet with his PSU faculty contacts the end of this month. He talked with the OU folks, who are still very interested in being involved again with recommending student applicants. Their suggestion was for them to start targeting grad students already this summer, in preparation for our fall program...the earlier the better.
 - K. Beatty got some great feedback from a mentor and mentee that translated into a couple actions below...
 - B. Thomas reiterated how desirable it might be to a lot of mentors to have face-to-face contact with their mentees, such that if we're focusing on students from the PSU and OU pool, shouldn't we try to enlist more mentors from those specific areas? Kyle had a great idea about connecting with folks from WeatherNews Incorporated (WNI) near OU and, of course, AccuWx near PSU...action below.
 - B. Thomas also tossed out the idea that attempts should be made to have the mentor and mentee meet face-to-face at conferences such as the AMS Annual Meeting...we all agreed that should be done as much as possible.
 - Related to the interaction between mentor and mentee, we all felt we could add a question to the mentor application asking the mentor if they have a preference of face-to-face contact over phone, email, etc. That could help us in pairing them up.
 - Feedback also indicated a desire to have a place to go to find perhaps a list of resources (books, articles, etc.) that a mentor and mentee can go through together. During our last call we had tossed around that idea along with an FAQ, to have those lists, etc. placed on our website. K. Beatty has an action to start the list...
 - We're tentatively targeting October 1 as the start of our fall program.

- Action Items:
 - K. Beatty: start circulating a list of resources that all of us can add to (great business books, articles, whatever) that we feel would be of help to a mentor/mentee. This list would end up on our website that mentors/mentees can access.
 - K. Beatty: inquire about a possible “link” to WNI for mentors from his contacts at OU, and about a link to AccuWx for mentors from his contacts at PSU.
 - K. Strebe: consolidate notes and set up next call for late July.
 - K. Carey: forward the e-mail to B. Thomas
- Next Meeting: Mentoring subcommittee conference call planned for Monday, July 30 or Tuesday, July 31 our mentoring program