

Board for Private Sector Meteorologists (BPSM) Meeting Summary

Wednesday, January 23, 2008, 10:30-11:30 a.m. EST
Steering Room, Hilton New Orleans Riverside

- Participants:
 - (1) BPSM Members: Kyle Beatty, Ken Carey, John Toohey-Morales, Gary Rasmussen, Kathy Strebe and Bruce Thomas
 - (2) Corinne Kazarosian (AMS), several pairs of mentors and mentees, and several members of the Puerto Rico Student Local Chapter
 - (3) Richard (Dick) Westergard, CCM and Ryan Gesser, CCM,(mentors)
 - (4) Richard Lam and Aimee Treutlein (students)

- Welcome: Board chair K. Carey welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanks each for their contributions, participation and support, and affirmed their positive impact on our constituents in the private sector, AMS, and for students interested in the private sector. He also acknowledged the handouts provided to each attendee (agenda, Terms of Reference, and the BPSM's strategic goal implementation plan. K. Carey asked each board member and guest to introduce themselves.

- Board Member Transitions:
 - (1) Unfortunately, both Jim Block and Jan Dutton, departing members of the BPSM, were not able to attend. Ken acknowledged their outstanding service on and support for BPSM activities, and, instead of presenting them with a certificate on behalf of the AMS in person, he mailed the certificates to Jim and Jan after the meeting.
 - (2) Ken formally welcomed B. Rose and K. Beatty to our board. A last-minute conflict prevented B. Rose from attending but K. Beatty was able to participate. K. Carey acknowledged the instrumental role Kyle has played in creating and developing our mentoring program, and looked forward to his continuing involvement and leadership.

- Summary of 2007 Accomplishments: Based on board input, Ken led a brief discussion on our board's activities in 2007:
 - (1) Development of the Mentoring Program
 - (2) Updates to and approval of the Terms of Reference
 - (3) Development of the BPSM Implementation Plan to the AMS Strategic Goals
 - (4) Development of and work towards the merging of the AMS Corporate Directory with the CCM Directory members on the AMS web site
 - (5) Collaboration with the Board for Operational Government Meteorologists on a Town Hall Meeting on "Joining Researchers, Forecasters, and Users to Tackle Challenges in Tropical Cyclone Prediction" at the 2008 AMS Annual Meeting, support for the First Colloquium on Industrial Meteorology and Certified Consulting Meteorologists, and

- support for the 7th Student Conference planning
- (6) Successful efforts to raise awareness and promote nominations for the Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Advance of Meteorology

- Goals and Objectives for 2008: We discussed our board objectives for next year.

(1) Raise awareness of the benefits of working in the private sector by publishing periodic articles on our web site highlighting private sector individuals

BPSM LEAD: B. Rose

K. Carey requested that each board member continue to 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.

ACTION: Develop e-mails inviting pictures and articles from private sector members (B. Rose and K. Carey)

(2) Support the professional development of private sector members, to include working with the AMS to enhance the AMS Corporate and CCM Directories as career development resources, using survey to identify other means of support for private sector individuals, and reaching out to AMS local chapters to raise their awareness of resources available to members of the private sector

BPSM LEAD: S. Harned

Corinne Kazarosian reported that work will begin again on the project to merge the CCM and Corporate directories in the near future. S. Harned will contact Corinne to renew our collaboration in this endeavor.

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

(3) Expand the private sector mentor program and support growth of the professional network of private sector mentors and students, to include program promotion such as publication of testimonials and marketing information

BPSM LEAD: K. Beatty

K. Beatty, K. Carey, J. Block, B. Thomas and K. Strebe met monthly to restart the mentoring program. K. Beatty reported that we have received 35 mentee applications. Mentors and mentees have been assigned, balancing the areas of interest along with an eye to a regional closeness. K. Beatty invited several pairs of mentors and students to our board meeting, and K Carey's student mentee also was able to attend.

ACTION: Closely monitor mentor and mentee interactions and report to board on activities and needed actions at our February conference call . (Kyle)

(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

J. Paul Dallavalle was confirmed as the 2008 award winner, per our board recommendation. K. Carey has updated the board web site listing of award winners, and posted a new section with Paul's photo and a short article.

ACTION: Provide the board a written assessment of this year's award selection process, present recommendations to improve the 2008 award process, and begin efforts to help lead efforts to solicit applicants for the 2009 award.. (Rip)

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

BPSM LEAD: S. Harned

S. Harned has agreed to continue to lead board efforts board efforts to support and promote the CCM certification.

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

(6) Follow-through on the proposed implementation plan to meet the AMS strategic goals.

BPSM LEAD: E. Noble

Our board successfully created and submitted an implementation plan to meet the new AMS strategic goals. We now need to actively work to implement the goals we established.

ACTION: Review our submission on our BPSM implementation of the AMS strategic goals, propose how we will implement our proposals, and track progress towards meeting these actions. (Erik)

- **BPSM Web Pages:** Pictures, testimonies, meeting summaries and the TOR were added to our board web site. K. Carey asked board members to continue to critically review our web site, and let him know if they thought any changes need to be considered.

ACTION: Provide comments and feedback to K. Carey to improve and enhance the BPSM web site. (All)

- **Upcoming Board Meetings:** Our next board meeting will be a conference call on Tue, Feb 12, 11:30 a.m. (EST).