

Notes from CCS meeting #1, 4:00 PM, Friday, February 15, 2008.

In attendance are: Olenic, Dutton, Llanso, Hakkarinen, Doornbos, Hubbard, Simpson, Shea, Friday.

Ed: Welcome to the first meeting of the CCS. We have three new members: Chuck Hakkarinen, Paul Llanso, and Eileen Shea.

The theme of this meeting is: Where do we want to go as a committee?

A May Webinar would provide input to the CWG on NCS. Koblinski wants input from the broader community.

Caitlin: Not involved with the NCS planning. Chet K might be good to have on the panel.

Eileen: Folks on the team could probably serve as a speaker.

Paul: Would the panelists address what the AMS wants to advise, Or what the community wants to advise NOAA about?

Chuck: Attending today the 1st users workshop for NARCCAP ("North American Regional Climate Change Assessment Program" - <http://www.narccap.ucar.edu>) – an intercomparison of regional climate models sponsored by NOAA, NSF, and DOE.

Users at the meeting present a strong interest in learning what info from models will be available to their community in the future – and with what degree of certainty at various time and space scales of resolution. I see value in having a member of this community on the panel to provide information on the current state of regional climate modeling and assessment..

Paul: Look at roles of govt and private sector and the needs of the beneficiaries.

Eileen: Maybe two webinars. One on roles and one on the user partnership. New paradigm on partnership with user community.

Ed: Users need to be a part of the partnership.

JAD: How can clients be partners?

Eileen: It works in disaster management.

Chuck: Eric Salathe (Univ of Wash) and Angie Seth (Univ. of Conn.), are two of the academics at the Workshop doing regional climate impact assessment that involve partnerships with users.

JAD: Need to serve user's needs.

Eileen: Users can help in assessment activities.

Chuck: Users have datasets they can share for use in model evaluation.

JAD: Are you describing publicly funded entities working together?

Eileen: Yes.

Chuck: People here at the users workshop have been talking about both publicly and privately funded activities.

Eileen: I don't think we can avoid bringing users in anymore.

JAD: Is your vision document going to define this inclusion?

Eileen: Vision, mission, objectives document will come first. Will implicitly include users.

Ed: It would be nice to bring in the users early.

Eileen: We have talked with users discussing their experiences. There is a lot of input on this idea. It was the first focus of the team.

Caitlin: There has been an effort to interview outside and inside

stakeholders. 1st plan is supposed to be preliminary, and is intended to garner feedback.

Eileen: A May conference would be well-timed to contribute to the process.

Caitlin: Do a separate webinar to get private sector, user sector, university input.

Ken: Separate webinars might be better.

Eileen: Good idea. This is a series of dialogues.

Joe F.: This is an exploration of several approaches. Panelists may be best to deal with the questions that come from the audience.

Eileen: If there is a document on the table, it will be a document  
From NOAA

JAD: Webinar is a chance to explain what is proposed and get feedback from the community.

Eileen: It's good to get ideas, no matter whose legacy is involved. We can make it clear that the first webinar is a chance to get a broad spectrum of comments and then have other webinars later.

Joe F: I thought the NOAA document is not to be released to the public.

Eileen: The document will be available for the June 23-25 CWG meeting.

Joe F: Format suggestion: Whether or not the document is available, we should have 4 panelists, for an 1-2 hours. 1st 30 mins presentations from each sector. NOAA - academic - private sectors. 4th representative maybe Chuck, who represents the committee's understanding of the

community's desires.

Feedback from the audience could be emails.

Eileen: AMS provided the structure for the climate normals webinar last year. They have some experience. We could also allow qs ahead of time, and afterward.

Chuck: At least 20 from this users workshop would likely attend the webinar.

Eileen: Our

Chuck: The California Energy Commission and Air Resources Board both do lots of webcasting. They do both audio and video effectively.

JAD: Do we have some idea of what the temporal dividing point between climate and weather?

Eileen: We presume that the same people will continue to run the models.

User community says they need info on all time scales. You have to build on existing institutions.

Chuck: There are models from lots of sources – six are currently being used in NARCCAP.

Paul: How do those models fit into a business plan.

Ed: Some of those models Chuck mentioned are good and some are lousy. There needs to be a more planned process. There is no national strategy.

JAD: What is the dividing line between climate and weather?

Ed: I would say that a 7-day mean forecast over days 8-14 is a climate forecast. What do you think John?

JAD: I wouldn't disagree with you.

Eileen: I am assuming that the definition of seasonal-to-interannual is the same one the ACCS used in their earlier deliberations.

JAD: An NCS is disturbing because the spectrum covers all time scales. Many have spent an entire career working as if weather and climate were part of one system. I don't see how breaking things into parts improves anything.

Ed: I think there is consensus within the group that we at least should do a webinar.

GROUP EXPRESSES AGREEMENT.

JAD: We should all make a list of our own issues/concerns.

Ed: We can meet in a couple of weeks and discuss our ideas.

Chuck: NOAA-SAB CWG meeting is in the last week of June at Vail, Colorado. I will attend the NCAR-CCSM annual workshop the week before at Breckenridge, Colorado and so I would be willing to also attend the CWG meeting as an observer, since I own a condo halfway between the two resorts and I would be staying at my condo during that time period anyway..

Caitlin: Next call should include discussion of how many people we want to get on the call

and who.

The meeting ended at 4:54 PM Eastern Standard Time.