



# Climate and Weather Enterprise Commission Report

## Activities of the Board on Enterprise Communication (BEC) in 2009

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The BEC enjoyed another busy year . The following summary highlights BEC activities in 2009. An update of these activities will be provided to the Steering Committee of the Climate and Weather Enterprise Commission (Joe Friday, Commissioner) at the AMS Summer Meeting Annual Meeting (Aug 10-13) in Norman, OK.

### **BEC Membership Summary**

The BEC is just months away from 5 members rotating off in 2010. We are currently looking to recruit candidates that will fill 2 private positions, 2 government positions, and one academic position. The table below summarizes the BEC membership in 2009.

The table below summarizes the BEC membership for 2009 as three slots rotate into either new members or an extension. One slot for a private sector candidate remains open at the writing of this document.

<b>AMS Board on Enterprise Communication</b>						
Anticipated for January 2009						Nov-08
Member	Affiliation and location	Term Ends	Academic	Government	Private	
1 Veronica Johnson, Chair	NBC4 in Washington, DC	2013				X
2 Matt Parker, CCM & Past-Chair	SRNL, Aiken, SC	2010				X
3 Gina Eosco (grad student)	Cornell University, Ithaca, NY	2010	X			
4 Todd Anderson	Dominion Energy Clearinghouse, Richmond, VA	2010				X
5 Tom Bellinger, CCM	BWXT Y-12, Oak Ridge, TN	2010				X
6 John Gaynor*	NOAA, Washington, DC	2010		X		
7 Ed O'Lenic**	NOAA, Washington, DC	2011		X		
8 Paul Hirschberg***	NOAA, Silver Spring, MD	2011		X		
9 Elliot Abrams, CCM***	AccuWeather, State College, PA	2011				X
10 Julie Demuth	NCAR Boulder, CO	2012	X			
11 Chirs Vaccaro	NOAA, Washington, DC	2012		X		
12 open		2012				X
*Co-Chair, Ad Hoc Planning Committee for the AMS Annual Community Meeting						
**Chair, Committee on Climate Services						
***Co-Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Uncertainty in Forecasts						

## January 2009AMS Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ

Past Chair, Matt Parker provided the 2008 BEC overview at the CWEC Steering Committee meeting. Additionally, meetings of the BEC, the Climate Services Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee on Uncertainty in Forecasts were held during the week.

In addition to these activities at the Annual Meeting, Chair Johnson acted as moderator on a session dealing with climate services at the 2009 Public-Private Partnership Forum sponsored by the AMS Board on Enterprise Economic Development. That meeting was held in Washington, DC in April 2009.

## Climate Services Committee (CCS)

Chair Ed O'Lenic of NOAA has been busy setting the agenda for future webinar sessions. In addition, CCS has begun working on a Town Hall for the AMS Annual meeting in Jan 2010.

The CCS has been in touch with the CCM board to come up with a collaborative concept and theme for 2009 webinars. The CCS approached the CCM because they are likely to offer opportunities to inform the community about successful efforts to deliver climate services.

The Current Proposition is for 6 Webinars (1 every 2 months)

These webinars will offer a forum to engage the community and collect feedback about the status and possible future of climate services.

A title of these webinars will find focus and follow.

Topic suggestions have included- extreme weather events, renewable energy and water. Water stands out as being one resource which everybody understands to be essential to our lives and economies.

The session format idea, would be to have 2 to 3 speakers and give them 10 minutes to speak during each webinar. A 30 minute discussion would follow. Using the notes for each webinar an article would be written and published in BAMS.

CCS is currently shooting for the first webinar in September.

### **Ad Hoc Committee on Uncertainty in Forecasts**

The Ad Hoc Committee on Uncertainty in Forecasts (ACUF) continues to be managed very effectively by co-chairs Paul Hirschberg of NOAA Elliot Abrams, CCM, of AccuWeather, and their designated NOAA assistant, Andrea Bleistein.

#### Summary of committee activities:

ACUF held their Town Hall at the AMS Annual Meeting in Phoenix on Jan 13, 2009.

ACUF held their committee meeting at the AMS Annual Meeting Jan 14, 2009

***Integration Workgroups (5 working subgroups of ACUF with co-chairs Paul Hirschberg and Elliott Abrams include group leaders- John Gaynor, Better Morrow, Douglas Hilerbrand, Tom Hamill, Ross Hoffman, Bill Bua, John Sokich, Brenda Philips, and Neil Stuar)***

#### Integration Workgroups held conference calls on the following dates:

Feb 27, 2009 - Discussion of roles and responsibilities for continued drafting and editing of ACUF Strategic Implementation Plan

March 10, 2009 – Status of ACUF draft Strategic Implementation Plan

March 18, 2009 - Request for ACUF scenarios to incorporate into ACUF Strategic Implementation Plan. Scenarios are currently being reviewed and edited.

Next Telecon is scheduled for June and will involve planning for the CWCW AMS Summer Community Meeting

#### Future Prospects/New Initiatives

ACUF would like to report out on draft report to CWCE at AMS Summer Community meeting in August 2009

ACUF report review in Fall 2009

ACUF final report out at the AMS 2010 meeting in Atlanta

Membership: has not increased in 2009

<b>Subgroup 1:</b> Needs, opportunities, and benefits of providing hydrometeorological forecast uncertainty products and services to the Nation.	<b>Subgroup 2:</b> Enterprise goals for forecast uncertainty information, products, and services.	<b>Subgroup 3:</b> A description of what is needed to meet the goals and reach the vision.	<b>Subgroup 4:</b> Suggested roles and responsibilities of Enterprise partners, including coordination and governance mechanisms.	<b>Subgroup 5:</b> Enterprise-wide roadmap.
Bickford, Dan	Abelman, Steve	Abshire, Wendy	Biddle, Matthew	Ahlquist, Jon
Cetola, Jeff	Brown, Barbara	Alpert, Jordan	Bright, David	Browning, Peter
Demuth, Julie	Devaris, Aimee	<b>Bua, Bill</b>	Brooks, Gordon	Collins, Dan C
Deo, Jayant	Fishel, Greg	Carver, Mark	Eosco, Gina	Doswell, Chuck
Du, Jun	Hayes, Pat	Dulong, Tom	Ferree, John	Erickson, Mary
Dumais, Bob	<b>Hilderbrand, Doug</b>	<b>Hamill, Tom</b>	Hansen, Jim	Morss, Rebecca
<b>Gaynor, John</b>	Johnson, Mike	Heppner, Paul O. G.	Nutter, Paul	Smith, Leonard
Glahn, Bob	Lawson, Carlie	<b>Hoffman, Ross</b>	O'Hair, Dan	<b>Stuart, Neil</b>
Martin, Jenifer	Maier, Chris	Holmes, Eddie	<b>Philips, Brenda</b>	Tracton, Steve
<b>Morrow, Betty</b>	Manousos, Pete	Kuchera, Evan	<b>Sokich, John</b>	Woods, Bernadette
Satterfield, Dan	Meisner, Bernard	Myrick, Dave		
Sauter, Barbara	Novak, Dave	Nietfeld, Daniel		
Westergard, Dick	Stewart, Alan	Payne, Steven		
Woll, Steve		Schultz, Paul		
		Schaake, John		
		Stillman, Dan		
		Toth, Zoltan		
Members not in Subgroups		Yun, Jimmy		Co-leads are in <b>BOLD</b>
<i>Hannan, John</i>				
<i>Kiley, Christopher</i>				
<i>Farrell, Robert</i>				

### The AMS Summer Planning Committee

Ad Hoc Planning Committee Co-Chairs John Gaynor of NOAA and Linda Miller of Unidata have continued to lead the effort in planning the Annual AMS Summer Community Meeting scheduled for August 10-13 in Norman, OK. The theme of the meeting is

Information on the meeting can be found at:  
<http://www.ametsoc.org/meet/fainst/2008summercommunity.html>.

The future looks very bright for AMS Summer Community Meetings.

Membership of the Ad Hoc Planning Committee for the AMS Summer Community Meeting is shown below.

### **Board On Enterprise Communication**

#### **Ad Hoc Planning Committee for the AMS Annual Community Meeting**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Academic</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b>Private</b>
1. John Gaynor**	NOAA, Washington, DC	2010		X	
2. Linda Miller*	UCAR	2010	X		

\*\*Co-Chair and BEC Member

\*Co-Chair

### **????AMS Statement on National Weather and Climate Priorities**

#### **Proposal for an Ad Hoc Committee on Climate Change- "Improving Communication" (CCIC)**

It has become increasingly clear that there is a lack of any forum for people within the AMS to exchange their views on climate change. We, of the AMS Board on Enterprise Communication, see the need to form a committee that will allow our society the ability to discuss "technical questions," and it is our hope of showing that the AMS is open and inclusive to all its members. It is our ultimate wish that communication with all of the Weather and Climate Enterprise be improved.

This will be a committee focused on "activity" and the committee-centric-goals rather than representation and self promotion of any of its members. The AMS Ad Hoc Committee on Climate Change "Improving Communication" (CCIC) will be comprised of 6 members. Like other AMS committees, this group will be a diverse representation of all our community sectors with strong consideration given to women and minority members. Discussions and input will include but not be limited to webinars, blogs and articles and will be presented in a nonpolitical environment.

Path Forward:

1. Submit proposal to CWEC EC for review.
2. Solicit names of potential members.

3. Recruit membership (6 total members).

4. First task for membership will be to develop Terms of Reference (TOR) and an agenda. The initial CCIC members may decide to increase membership, as appropriate.

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