



Minutes of the AMS Board on Enterprise Economic Development (BEED) Meeting

**Monday, 30 January 2006
7:00 to 8:30 PM**

Meeting Participants

Members Present	Members Unavailable	Guests
William Mahoney, Chair	Heidi Cullen	George Frederick
William Bergen	Greg Wilson	Bill Hooke
Jan Dutton	Pam Emch	Gary Rasmussen
Josh Foster	Jim O'Sullivan	
William Graham		
Kathy Lucas		
Brenda Philips		
Michael Steinberg		
Jean Vieux		
John Zack		
Paul Pisano, <i>Ex Officio</i>		

Welcome to New Board Members

The Board welcomed the following new members: Brenda Philips, Jim O'Sullivan, Bill Graham, Jan Dutton, John Zack, and Pam Emch. We also thanked John Lasley and Michael Steinberg for their outstanding service to the Board.

Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes from the 15 December 2005 meeting. The AMS will be asked to post them to the Commission website.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Board approved the agenda.

3. ITS and Surface Transportation (ITS/ST) Committee

Paul Pisano (FHWA), the new Chair of the ITS/ST Committee, provided a status report on Committee activities. The Committee has strong ties to the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITSA) through its liaison activities with the Weather Information

and Applications Special Interest Group (WIA-SIG) and the new Transportation Research Board (TRB) Surface Transportation Weather Task Force. The ITS/ST Committee held its meeting on 1 February 2006.

4. Commission of the Weather and Climate Enterprise

George Frederick, Chair of the CWCE, updated the BEED on Commission activities. George described the Commission structure, mission, and relationships between the Commission Boards to the new BEED members and summarized the outcome of the Commission Steering Committee, which met on Saturday, 28 January 2006.

5. Fourth Users Forum

The Board reviewed the outcome of the Fourth Users Forum, which was held during the afternoon prior to the Board meeting. A rough count indicated that up to 120 persons attended the Users Forum which was higher than previous fora. Attendees included representatives of all sectors, particularly the private sector. The topics and speakers were appropriate and well received. The Board agreed that the program format should be retained for future events. There was a suggestion that a summary of the Forum discussion should be turned into a BAMS article. The Board also discussed candidate topics for the 2007 Forum, which will be held with the Annual Meeting in San Antonio. Candidate topics included water resources and surface transportation.

6. Energy Committee

The Board discussed the next steps toward establishing the Energy Committee, which was approved by the AMS Council in early January 2006. The first step is the selection and recruitment of the committee chair. Board members were asked to provide their thoughts to the BEED Chair at their earliest convenience. There is a goal to have the Energy Committee Chair selected in 90 days and the Committee established by mid 2006.

7. Corporate Forum

The draft agenda for the 2006 Corporate Forum was reviewed and issues related to confirming speakers were discussed. Given that the Forum was only about 6 weeks away, there was concern that it needed to be advertised soon after the Annual Meeting. There was also concern that members may be less interested in the Forum since it was so close to the Annual Meeting. This issue will be considered in the planning of future forums. Several Board members volunteered to moderate and chair sessions at the Corporate Forum.

New Business

1. Subcommittees/Task Forces

The Board briefly discussed a proposal to establish subcommittees that could be used to organize the Users Forums and Corporate Forums. There was general agreement that this would help distribute the workload and that further discussion was warranted.

2. AMS Commission Web Site

Gary Rasmussen described the new AMS Commission web site and discussion forum capabilities. The Board discussed options that could be used to advertise this capability. There was agreement that this was a worthwhile capability, but it will take time for broad adoption.

3. Next Telecom Date

The next BEED telecom was tentatively scheduled for 16 February 2006 at 2PM EST. The focus of the telecon would be on the status of the Corporate Forum planning process. [Note: the February telecon was not held and the next telecon was held on April 12th.]