



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

Thursday, 8 June 2006

Meeting Participants

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

The meeting began at noon and ended at 1:00 PM EDT.

Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes from the 12 April 2006 meeting. The AMS will be asked to post them to the Commission website.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved without changes or additions.

3. Energy Committee

Progress was made toward establishing the Energy Committee. A slate of candidates was forwarded to the AMS Council on 25 May 2006. Early comments from the Council indicated disappointment that the committee membership slate did not include underrepresented members. The issue was discussed during the 30 May Commission Steering Committee telecon meeting where it was decided that the slate would be pulled from consideration and revised. A new candidate slate containing 18 names was forwarded to the AMS on 6 June. In addition, it was decided to expand the Energy Committee from nine to twelve members to be more consistent with the ITS/ST Committee (Surface Transportation) and to provide new slots to accommodate additional members. There is a goal to establish the Energy Committee by mid-July.

4. BEED Subcommittees: The Board discussed the status and next steps toward establishing BEED subcommittees that will focus on planning and organizing the Users and Corporate Forums. Committee co-chairs have been identified and confirmed. The committee makeup is as follows:

<p>Users Forum Co-chairs: Michael Steinberg & Greg Wilson - John Zack - Bill Graham - Kathy Lucas - Jan Dutton</p>	<p>Corporate Forum Co-chairs: Bill Bergen & Pam Emch - Josh Foster - Brenda Philips - Jim O'Sullivan - Jean Vieux</p>
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The committees will focus on identifying topics and speakers for each event, as well as recruiting speakers, where appropriate. Forum logistics and organization will continue to be a joint responsibility of the Board and AMS.

5. 2007 Users Forum

The Users Forum is currently scheduled for Monday, 15 January 2007, which is also the Martin Luther King holiday. The Board felt it would be better to have the Forum on another day that week since the Forum speakers are all invited and typically attend for one day. There is concern that it will be hard to recruit industry speakers if they have to travel and speak on a holiday. The Chair will take an action to work with the AMS (Claudia Gorski) to identify another day for the Users Forum. The Users Forum Planning Committee has an action to brainstorm topics and speakers/organizations before the next telecon.

6. 2007 Corporate Forum

The next Corporate Forum will be held during the weeks of March 13th or 19th 2007. The AMS is still working to identify a venue. Given the small size of the event and the fact that many attendees are local to Washington, D.C., the AMS is exploring whether a conference center may be a better alternative to a hotel.

7. ITS/ST Committee Report

Paul Pisano, Chair of the ITS/ST Committee provided a report on activities of the Committee. Recent activities include a joint meeting in Philadelphia with the ITS Weather Information and Applications – Special Interest Group (WIA-SIG); an AMS/ITSA joint presentation of a life achievement award to Doug Jonas for his work in surface transportation weather; coordination with the OFCM on the a series of webcasts with transportation stakeholders seeking input on research directions as part of the OFCM Weather Information for Surface Transportation (WIST) initiative; preparation of a series of BAMS articles related to road weather; organization of a national symposium on surface transportation weather to be held early in 2007.

8. Climate & Weather Commission Activities:

The following Commission activities are planned:

- 2nd Annual Summer Community Meeting: 26-29 June, Boulder, CO
 - Mesoscale Modeling, 25-27 June
 - Partnership Topic – Multi-partner/Multi-functional Observation Network 28-29 June
 - Commission Steering Committee Meeting (open), 29 June

New Business

3. Next Telecon Date

The next BEED telecon was scheduled for 20 July at 2:00 PM EDT.