



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

Thursday, 26 October 2006

Meeting Participants

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

The teleconference began at 2:00 PM EDT and ended at approximately 2:40 PM EDT.

Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes from the 14 September 2006 teleconference meeting. The Minutes were posted to the Commission website at:

(<http://www.ametsoc.org/boardpages/cwce/beed.html>).

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved without changes or additions.

3. Users Forum Planning Committee

The Board was updated on the planning activities for the Users Forum. The Users Forum will be held on Monday, 15 January 2007 from 1:30 to 5:00 PM. Michael Steinberg reported on progress made toward identifying topics and speakers for the Users Forum. Speakers representing the following sectors are being recruited:

- Railroad (Union Pacific and/or Norfolk Southern) – *Steinberg recruiting*
- Southwest Airlines (Rick Curtis – confirmed) – *Lucas recruited*
- Trucking Industry - *Steinberg recruiting*

- Insurance (USAA) – declined – *Mahoney attempted*
- Energy – *Mahoney and Davis recruiting (pending other confirmations)*

There are 5-6 speaking slots. Members of the planning committee have been asked to complete the current recruiting process by **3 November**. At that time, we will see what we have and then identify other candidates.

4. Corporate Forum Planning Committee

The dates for the 2007 Corporate Forum have been identified. The Corporate Forum will be held from 22 March (full day) to 23 March (half day). The AMS finished negotiating the contract with the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) Conference Center, which is located at 1575 I Street in Washington, D.C. (near the McPherson Square Metro stop). Bill Bergen reported on progress made on planning the March 2007 Corporate Forum. Good progress has been made on the topics and speakers for the anchor sessions (agency and legislative sessions). An updated agenda will be routed to Board for review. Information was sought to determine if the Board could advertise the Corporate Forum in upcoming BAMS. The AMS will accommodate this request. Ad copy needs to get to the AMS by **27 November 2006** to make the January 2007 BAMS.

5. Energy Committee

Jon Davis reported that the first Energy Committee face-to-face meeting will take place on Tuesday, 16 January 2007 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM in San Antonio. The committee has been working on preparing a list of energy related conferences, workshops, and symposia that may be of interest to the weather and climate enterprise. The idea of having the Energy Committee assist with the organization of the 2008 Users Forum in New Orleans was raised and the committee agreed to support this activity.

6. Surface Transportation and ITS Committee

Paul Pisano reported that the ST/ITS Committee will meet on Wednesday, 17 January 2007 from 8:30 to 10:30 AM in San Antonio. The committee meeting will be a joint meeting with the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITSA) Weather Information and Applications Special Interest Group (WIA_SIG). The chair is also in the process of recruiting new members and will provide a list of candidate to Mahoney in the next couple weeks.

7. Commission (CWCE) Activities

George Frederick was unavailable to report.

8. Recruitment for New BEED Members

The Chair thanks members of the Board for providing names of candidates for the Board and indicated that there is still time to provide names. A list of candidates will be forwarded to the Commissioner for review and eventually submitted to the AMS Council.

9. Board Face-to-Face Meeting

The Board will meet on Tuesday, 16 January 2007 from 8:30 to 10:30 AM in San Antonio. The meeting room number will be provided later. Coffee and juice will be provided.

New Business

1. Next Telecon Date

The next BEED telecon was scheduled for 7 December at 2:00 PM EST.