



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

**Teleconference Meeting
Monday, 29 August 2005
1 PM (MDT)**

Meeting Participants

Members Present	Members Absent	Guests
William Mahoney, Chair	Heidi Cullen	Gary Rasmussen
John Lasley	Richard Wagoner	
Michael Steinberg	Kathy Lucas	
William Bergen	Jean Vieux	
Josh Foster	Greg Wilson	

Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the 20 June 2005 meeting were approved by the Board. The Minutes were provided to Gary Rasmussen for posting on the AMS Commission on the Weather and Climate Enterprise (CWCE) website.

2. User Forum

The Board discussed the energy and retail industry themes selected for the 2006 User Forum. Candidate speakers from several key energy and retail organizations are being sought for the meeting. The Board was asked to continue identifying candidate speakers and forward the information to the Chair. For the energy component of the Forum, we hope to have representatives from several sectors including natural gas, hydroelectric, electrical power, and perhaps oil and gas. The User Forum will be held during the annual meeting on **Monday, 30 January 2006** from 1:30 to 4:30 PM.

3. Corporate Forum

The Board discussed the schedule for the upcoming Corporate Forum and the need to begin identifying and sharing information on candidate topics. The Board indicated that the format used in the past and general mix of topics and speakers is appropriate and that large changes are unnecessary. The Congressional sessions are of particular interest to the corporate members. A draft agenda will be prepared by late October and distributed to the BEED for feedback. The Corporate Forum will be held at the Washington Terrace Hotel from **March 6-7, 2006**.

4. Annual Meeting Symposium on the Public/Private Partnership

Neil Stuart (NOAA) is organizing this event. The CWCE is providing feedback and will help organize and staff the event. The Symposium will include 4 sessions. Three sessions will address perspectives of the 3 sectors (public, private, and academic) and the last session will provide an opportunity for discussion and debate. The Symposium will take place on Tuesday, 31 January 2006.

5. The Future of the Weather Prediction Enterprise Community Meeting

A brief summary on the Future of the Weather Prediction Enterprise Community Meeting, which was successfully held in Boulder from the 27th to the 29th of July, was provided by BEED attendees (Bill Mahoney, Gary Rasmussen, and Josh Foster). A summary of the meeting will be prepared by the CWCE and eventually published in BAMS.

6. CWCE Steering Committee

The first CWCE Steering Committee meeting was held on 25 July in Boulder prior to the Future of the Weather Prediction Enterprise Community Meeting. Bill Mahoney provided a brief summary of the meeting. George Frederick plans to distribute meeting notes to the CWCE and its Boards.

New Business

1. Establishment of new BEED Committees

The BEED has the authority to establish user sector committees to facilitate communication between end users of weather and climate information and members of the weather and climate enterprise. The AMS Surface Transportation and ITS Committee is currently the only committee under the Board. The BEED discussed whether it was time to explore other committees including those related to energy, human health, agriculture, and others. There was consensus that it was a good time to stand up another committee and that an energy committee may be the best candidate. Members indicated that an energy committee should be broad and represent multiple components of the energy sector including hydroelectric, wind, electrical power generation, natural gas, oil, and alternative energies. Members were encouraged to begin identifying candidate committee members.

2. Next Meeting

The next BEED meeting is scheduled for 13 October at 12:00 PM MDT (2 PM EDT).