NOTES ON EARLY HISTORY OF CHAPTER

The national AMS was founded in 1919. Among active chapters the oldest is the Greater Boston Chapter, founded in 1929. The oldest chapter in the western states is the Puget Sound Chapter, founded in 1935.

On May 13, 1947, following effort by Fred Decker, the national Council recognized the organization of a "meteorological seminar group at Oregon State College as a local branch of the AMS." Branches later were labeled as chapters. Decker served as "Chairman" for 10 years.

In February 1955 Decker advised Boston of plans to reorganize the OSU group as a state-wide branch, with meetings to be held at various locations in Oregon. At that time in Oregon there were 45 members of the national AMS. In 1956 the AMS had 5770 members. The latest report on membership is 9720 in 1984, down from 10,054 in 1982.

The first meeting of the redesignated Oregon Branch was held January 13, 1956 in Portland with 36 present. Other meetings in 1956 : April 6 in Salem, 24 present ; June 22 in Portland, 21 present ; August 31 in Salem, 15 present.

Members were eager to promote the fledgling field of meteorology. Salaries were low. Individuals were ambitious, but professional ideals were paramount. To help bind our small group, quarterly meetings were planned as dinner meetings, with invitation for spouses and guests. A strong democratic attitude prevailed.

OFFICERS OF THE OREGON CHAPTER AMS

YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRES.	SECRETARY	TREASURER	COUNCILOR	COUNCILOR
1956	Fred Decker		Russell Lincoln		John Day	William Lowry
1957	Bob Lynott	Jack Capell	Owen Cramer	Carleton Jenks	Bob Kirkpatrick	Ed Nelson
1958	Jack Capell	Ed Nelson	Cliff Watkins	Isabelle Allison	Harold Ayer	Bob Kirkpatrick
1959	Ed Nelson	Cliff Watkins	Harold Ayer	Gil Sternes	Frank Beers	Owen Cramer
1960	Cliff Watkins	Herb Kershaw	Russell Lincoln	Bob Kirkpatrick	Fred Decker	Frank Beers
1961	Bob Kirkpatrick	Harold Ayer	Howard Graham	Win Centen	Byron Harper	Don Kuehl
1962	Harold Ayer	Win Centen	Byron Harper	Ivan Ellis	Bob Lynott	Vail Schermerhorn
1963	Win Centen	Frank Beers	John Coparanis	Ivan Ellis	Bob Black	Ben Mellin
1964	Frank Beers	Bob Black	George Miller	Dave Bauman	Maj. Clyde Routt	Cecil Kellum
1965	Bob Black	Owen Cramer	Earl Bates	Charles Patterson	Dave Bauman	John Coparanis
1966	Owen Cramer	Dave Bauman	Wendell Cook	Cecil Kellum	John Coparanis	Leo Sanstegret
1967	Dave Bauman	Gil Sternes	Cecil Kellum	Leo Sanstegret	Isabelle Allison	Wendell Cook
1968	Gil Sternes	John Coparanis	Frank Nishimoto	Morris Larson	Howard Graham	James Wakefield
1969	John Coparanis	Howard Graham	James Wakefield	Charles Orwig	Wendell Cook	Dick Ruth
1970	Howard Graham	James Wakefield	Harold Ayer	Phillip Peck	Vail Schermerhorn	Ruth + Coparanis
1971	James Wakefield	Wendell Cook	Phillip Peck	Charlie Ferris	Stan Holbrook	(?) Olsson
1972	Wendell Cook	Phillip Peck	Stan Holbrook	Bob Lee	Charlie Ferris	Charles Patterson
1973	Phillip Peck	Stan Holbrook	Wendell Hewson	K. Bob Reed	Earl Bates	William Wantz
1974	Stan Holbrook	Wendell Hewson	Earl Bates	Charlie Ferris	Morris Larson	Leo Sanstegret
1975	Wendell Hewson	John Walls	Bob Lee	Bob Lamb	Frank Nishimoto	Charles Orwig
1976	John Walls	Bob Lee	Bob Lamb	Charles Orwig	Earl Bates	Dave Barber
1977	Bob Lamb	Frank Nishimoto	Charles Orwig	Bruce Snyder	Dave Barber	Howard Graham
1978	Frank Nishimoto	Charles Orwig	Len Jones	Fred Decker	Dick Ruth	Charles Ferris
1979	Charles Orwig	Len Jones	Fred Decker	Joe Fulks	Roger Ross	Phillip Volker
1980	Len Jones	Fred Decker	Joe Fulks	Roger Ross	Donna Lamb	John Jannuzzi
1981	Fred Decker	Roger Ross	Donna Lamb	John Jannuzzi	Paul Katen	Jim Little
1982	Roger Ross	Donna Lamb	Jim Little	John Jannuzzi	Paul Katen	Earl Bates
1983	Donna Lamb	Jim Little	John Jannuzzi	Paul Katen	Phillip Pasteris	William Lowry
1984	Jim Little	Paul Katen	William Lowry	Phillip Pasteris	John Walls	Mercer + Kuehl
1985	George Miller	Phillip Pasteris	Charles Ferris	Dave Apple	Nancy Stephan	JimStanley + Ken Avery