AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 12 August 2025 Meeting of the Council
Via Zoom

Minutes recorded by AMS Secretary Todd Glickman.

Participants

Voting Members:
- President David Stensrud
- President-elect Alan Sealls
- Past-president Anjuli Bamzai
- Second Past-president Brad Colman
- Stephen Bennett
- Danielle Breezy
- Rebecca DePodwin
- DaNa Carlis
- Gina Eosco
- Jenny Frankel-Reed
- Rong Fu
- John Lanicci
- Cliff Mass
- Erin Coughlan de Perez
- Russ Schumacher

Non-voting Members:
- Secretary Todd Glickman
- Treasurer Rich Spaulding
- Acting Executive Director Brian Papa
- Student Member Edward Wolff

Commissioners/CIC:
- Melissa Burt
- Mona Behl
- Kim Klockow
- Jen Henderson
- Mike Augustyniak
- Erica Grow Cei
- Justin Pullin
- Clark Evans

AMS Staff:
- Associate Executive Director Stephanie Armstrong
- Associate Executive Director Paul Higgins
- CFO Andrea Mancinelli
- Directors Beth Farley, Claudia Gorski, Jen Ives, Brian Mardirosian, Rebecca Perriello, Aaron Price, Katy Putsavage, Kelly Savoie, Gwendolyn Whittaker, Stephanie Wurtz

1. **Call to Order and Quorum Check**
   President Stensrud called the meeting to order at 1:02pm EDT. Secretary Glickman noted that 15 voting members of the Council were present, representing a quorum. For an affirmative vote, he stated that eight "aye"s will be required. He also reminded Council members to identify themselves by name when making a motion or second, and to refrain from using the Zoom chat for substantive discussion. Acting Executive Director Papa introduced and welcomed AMS's new Director of Marketing and Communications Stephanie Wurtz.
2. **Approval of Minutes of the 27 May 2025 Council Meeting**
   Secretary Glickman asked for a motion to approve the referenced meeting minutes, which was made by C. Mass and seconded by A. Sealls. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Consent Agenda**
   Secretary Glickman asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was made by D. Carlis and seconded by A. Bamzai. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Second Vote Confirming e-Votes**
   Secretary Glickman asked for a motion to reaffirm the e-votes taken by Council since the last meeting, which was made by B. Colman and seconded by G. Eosco. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Executive Director Search Update**
   G. Eosco and S. Bennett updated the Council on the executive director search. They explained that executive search firm Isaccson, Miller has held listening sessions with AMS staff, and that an initial announcement has been posted on the IM website. This will be augmented with a job description shortly, that will also be sent via email to the AMS membership. It's hoped that the Search Committee will have a first review of applicants in September.
6. **44 Beacon Street Sale and Driveway Update**
   AED Armstrong reported the sale of 44 Beacon Street closed on July 17. CFO Mancinelli added that net proceeds were approximately $7.3M after the loan payoff, commission, and settlement costs; there will be tax due of about $500K. AMS staff is discussing investment strategies with the Finance and Investment Committees. AED Armstrong then noted that there is a September 16-17 hearing date for a for the driveway easement case, that includes binding arbitration.
7. **2027 Annual Meeting Theme**
   President-elect Sealls announced that his theme for the 2027 Annual Meeting in Denver is "PEOPLE: People Educated On Planet Live Easier." The contrived acronym may have some tweaks; a few suggestions were offered by Councilors.
8. **Governance Recommendations**

Acting Executive Director Papa and CIC Chair M. Burt led a discussion of the proposed changes:

"Move the Atmospheric, Oceanographic, and Hydrologic Research Awards Committees under the Awards Oversight Committee and have the Awards Oversight Committee report to Council." (This updates the Organizational Procedures to reflect current practice.) C. Mass moved, and D. Carlis seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

"Council to recommend approval of a Constitutional amendment to move the chair of the Culture and Inclusion Cabinet as an *ex-officio*, non-voting member of the Executive Committee." A. Sealls moved, and E. Coughlan de Perez seconded the motion, and it was carried with 14 in favor and one abstention. This recommendation will be presented to AMS membership for approval.

9. **Climate Certification/Certificate**

K. Savoie and B. Colman led a discussion on the two initiatives. The climate certification program (inward-facing for AMS membership) development is in progress, with a goal to have the exam questions completed by the end of August, and a launch in January 2026. Development of the AMS Certificate program (outward-facing for non-AMS members) is making good progress. A proposal has been submitted to AIP for funding of the initial work, and discussions are in progress with COMET to develop learning modules.

10. **BAMS Magazine – Bylaws Change**

Acting Executive Director Papa explained the rationale for developing a new content site, *AMS Headlines*, to fully replace the non-peer-reviewed *Digital BAMS* and provide a lower-cost, streamlined, flexible model for sharing non-peer-reviewed content. Simultaneously, peer-reviewed *BAMS* content will remain unchanged and will continue to be published on the AMS Journals Online site. These changes will require an amendment to the Bylaws, which can only occur after a 30-day waiting period and two-thirds vote of the Council. Accordingly, an e-vote will be sent to the Council in September (alternatively it can occur at the September Council meeting). There were some comments from Councilors:

- Consider a current events section.
- Decide if the formal title should be *American Meteorological Society Headlines* or *AMS Headlines.*
- We need to think through what should be archived.
- Consider establishing a volunteer editorial board.

11. **2024 Audit**

Mike Sullivan and John Harradon of Plante Moran (AMS auditors) joined the meeting. They presented the results of the audit, which were quite favorable and completed earlier than in prior years. The Council provided appreciation to CFO Mancinelli and her staff for the hard work they put in to make this possible. A motion

was offered by G. Eosco and seconded by R. Schumacher to approve the draft audit as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

12. **2025 Programs Update**

    Acting Executive Director Papa presented an update on 2025 programs, including community engagement, career development, membership, policy, DEI, marketing and communications, and DTaP. Further detail was provided by J. Ives (meetings) and P. Higgins (policy). B. Papa thanked Rebecca Perriello for her efforts leading marketing and communications while the search was underway for a permanent director – that position now filled by S. Wurtz.

13. **2025 Budget Status**

    CFO Mancinelli led a discussion on the current year budget and financial position. Further information and the 2026 budget will be presented to the Council at the September meeting.

14. **Executive Session**

    At the request of President Stensrud, the Council went into executive session to discuss the 2026 budget at 4:04pm EDT. A motion by A. Bamzai and a second by G. Eosco was carried unanimously. The Council exited executive session at 5:06pm EDT on a motion by D. Stensrud and a second by B. Colman that was carried unanimously.

15. **Adjournment**

    At 5:07pm EDT, C. Mass moved and G. Eosco seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.