

**AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**Minutes of the 12 December 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 (joined later in the meeting)  
DaNa Carlis  
Rebecca DePodwin  
Gina Eosco  
Jenny Frankel-Reed  
Rong Fu  
Stephanie Herring  
Bill Kuo  
John Lanicci  
Michelle Mainelli  
Cliff Mass  
Erin Coughlan de Perez  
Russ Schumacher

Non-voting Members:

Secretary Todd Glickman  
Treasurer Rich Spaulding  
Acting Executive Director Brian Papa  
Student Observer Dillon Blount  
Student Observer Edward Wolff

Commissioners/CIC:

Melissa Burt  
Mona Behl  
Kevin Kloesel  
Kim Klockow  
Jen Henderson  
Erica Grow Cei  
Justin Pullin  
Walter Robinson  
Clark Evans  
Heidi Centola  
Wendy Abshire

AMS Staff:

Associate Executive Director Stephanie Armstrong

Associate Executive Director Paul Higgins  
CFO Andrea Mancinelli  
Directors Claudia Gorski, Jen Ives, Brian Mardirosian,  
Kelly Savoie, Gwendolyn Whittaker, Stephanie Wurtz

Others:

Isaacson, Miller: Kira Hamilton, Pam Pezzoli

**1. Call to Order and Quorum Check**

President Stensrud called the meeting to order at 12:33pm EST. Secretary Glickman noted that a quorum was present for the meeting, and that 13 affirmative votes would be required to pass any amendment to the Bylaws.

**2. Approval of 12 November 2025 Council Minutes**

C. Mass offered a motion to approve the minutes of the 12 November 2025 meeting of the Council. It was seconded by B. Colman and passed unanimously.

**3. Second Vote Confirming e-Votes**

The four e-Votes taken between 4 November 2025 and 26 November 2025 were reaffirmed unanimously on a motion by C. Mass and second by R. Fu.

**4. Approval of Consent Agenda**

The item on the consent agenda, *Update to Obligations of Editors and Reviewers in the AMS Scientific Publication Process in Light of the Wide Availability of AI Tools* was approved unanimously on a motion by C. Mass and second by A. Bamzai.

**5. Driveway Easement Update**

Associate Executive Director Armstrong gave the good news that AMS won the arbitration on a two-to-one judgement. The panel was very supportive of the AMS' arguments. While HNE wanted AMS to pay its legal fees, the arbitration panel denied this as there was no breach of the preservation deed. The EC congratulated AMS staff leadership on its hard work over a long period of time to bring this to a successful conclusion. However, the owners of 46 Beacon Street had simultaneously sought a permit to provide access through the alley, and it was communicated to AMS recently they would likely take that option rather than use the AMS driveway. At this point, it appears we will not get the \$2M. While we had a verbal "breakage" agreement of \$750K, there's nothing in writing so that is being discussed with AMS counsel.

**6. Vote on Bylaws Changes**

**6.1** – A motion was made by M. Mainelli and seconded by G. Eosco to adopt an amendment of the Bylaws (addition to Article I, section 8, item n): *The office of President-elect shall follow a regular annual rotation between candidates from the academic, private, and government sectors of the Society. Determination of which sector a particular candidate represents shall be made by the Nominations Committee. Petitions for president-elect shall only be accepted from individuals*

*whose primary career aligns with the current sector rotation.* As the required 30-day waiting period has been satisfied, the Council voted to adopt the amendment, with 17 of the 19 members eligible to vote voting in the affirmative (two absent).

**6.2** – A motion was made by A. Sealls and seconded by B. Colman to adopt an amendment to the Bylaws (modification of Article V, section 5, item I): *Establishing from time-to-time, an Appeals Committee, which shall comprise three members to be appointed by the president with the concurrence of the relevant commissioner and the executive director. Its purpose shall be to hear appeals on denial of certifications, membership status, and other matters as determined by the Executive Committee; and other matters may be specifically delegated by the Council to the Executive Committee from time-to-time.* As the required 30-day waiting period has been satisfied, the Council voted to adopt the amendment, with 17 of the 19 members eligible to vote voting in the affirmative (two absent).

**7. Statement: The Indispensable Role of People in the Weather and Climate Forecast Value Chain**

Associate Executive Director Paul Higgins led a discussion of the statement that has been generated through the AMS Committee on Positions and Statements. The Council provided favorable feedback, and a motion was offered by D. Stensrud and seconded by A. Bamzai to approve the statement. A friendly amendment was offered to include including a citation to the Joplin event. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**8. Executive Director Search Update**

At 1:06pm EST, a motion was offered by D. Stensrud and seconded by C. Mass to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the search for executive director. The motion carried unanimously. At 3:02pm EST, D. Stensrud moved and A. Sealls seconded a motion to return to general session. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business, C. Mass moved and G. Eosco seconded a motion to adjourn at 3:03pm EST. The motion was approved unanimously.