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

Minutes recorded by AMS Secretary Todd Glickman.

Participants

Voting Members:
- President David Stensrud
- President-elect Alan Sealls
- Second Past-president Brad Colman
- Danielle Breezy
- DaNa Carlis
- Rebecca DePodwin
- Gina Eosco
- Jenny Frankel-Reed
- Rong Fu
- Bill Kuo
- 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 Edward Wolff

Commissioners/CIC:
- Stepen Bieda
- Erica Grow Cei
- Heidi Centola
- Tanja Fransen
- Kevin Kloesel
- Kim Klockow
- Justin Pullin
- Walter Robinson

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, Kelly Savoie, Gwendolyn Whittaker, Stephanie Wurtz

1. **Call to Order and Quorum Check**
   President Stensrud called the meeting to order at 1:02pm 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 29-30 September 2025 Council Minutes**
   M. Mainelli offered a motion to approve the minutes of the 29-30 September 2025 meeting of the Council. It was seconded by R. Schumacher and passed unanimously.
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda**
   The two items on the consent agenda, *Update on the Committee on Ethics ToR and Related Organizational Procedures*, and *Changes to the CCM Board Practices* were approved unanimously on a motion by R. Fu and second by M. Mainelli.
4. **Second Vote Confirming e-Votes**
   The four e-Votes taken between 17 September 2025 and 22 October 2025 were reaffirmed unanimously on a motion by A. Sealls and second by G. Eosco.
5. **Driveway Easement Update**
   Associate Executive Director Armstrong reported that the binding arbitration decision has not yet been released by the judge; it must be made public by the end of November, so we'll have that information within a few weeks.
6. **2025 Financials Report and 2026 Program Performance Update**
   Acting Executive Director Papa and CFO Mancinelli provided an update on AMS' statements of financial position, including 2025 YTD and 2026 budget. AMS staff is cautiously optimistic we will be close to break-even or slightly above in 2025 based on YTD trends. This is a result of both expected income performance and proactive expense reductions taken. The Council thanked AMS staff for its diligence in managing AMS' finances. More data will be available at next month's Council meeting as membership renewals and Annual Meeting registrations ramp up.
7. **Investment Plan and Business Insurance**
   AMS' insurance broker Bob Mansfield joined the meeting to update the Council on the Society's insurance coverage and premiums. Improvements in coverage have been made with little change in cost. The Council thanked Mr. Mansfield for his diligence and excellent work. Following that, CFO Mancinelli reviewed AMS' investment plan, including how cash has been allocated among interest-bearing accounts. Hiring an investment advisory firm is still pending.
8. **Governance Recommendations**
   1. <u>30-Day Notice for Meetings</u> – A motion was offered by R. Schumacher and seconded by C. Mass to amend the Bylaws Article I, Section 2 to now state: *Notices of all special meetings shall state the purpose or purposes for which*

such meetings are called. At least two business days' written notice of the place and date of any special meeting shall be given by the Secretary to each member of the Council. The motion passed with at least two-thirds of those eligible to vote, so the Bylaws are hereby amended.

2. Mandatory Annual Council Meeting – A motion was offered by R. Schumacher and seconded by B. Colman to amend Bylaws Article I, Section 2 to now state: *The Council shall meet in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.* The motion passed with at least two-thirds of those eligible to vote, so the Bylaws are hereby amended.
3. Codify Election Process for Candidates by Sector – Consensus was reached to approve an amendment of the Bylaws Article I, Section 8 to state: *The office of the president-elect shall follow a regular rotation between candidates from the academic, government, and private sectors of the Society. Determination of which sector a particular candidate represents shall be made by the Nominations Committee.* This begins the start of the 30-day notification period, so that a vote may be taken at the December Council meeting.
4. Appeals Committee – Consensus was reached to approve an amendment of the Bylaws Article V, Section 5, Item l to state: *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.* This begins the start of the 30-day notification period, so that a vote may be taken at the December Council meeting.
5. Petition Candidate Threshold – The Council had a good discussion (continued from the September 2025 Council meeting) about changing the petition threshold from a static number (50) to a percentage of members eligible to vote. An initial motion to recommend the number to be 0.5% for both Council and president-elect did not pass. A subsequent motion was offered by R. DePodwin and seconded by G. Eosco to recommend an amendment to the Constitution Article VI.1 to state: *The Council shall arrange for the nomination of candidates for each elected office and Council position to be filled. Nominations also may be made by petition for Council and president-elect. For Council nominations, the petition must be signed by 0.5% of the total number of members eligible to vote the previous membership year. For president-elect nominations, the petition must be signed by 1.0% of the total number of members eligible to vote the previous membership year. All signatories must be active members who were eligible to vote the preceding 1 May, provided the petition is received by the secretary together with the written consent of the nominee not later than 1 June.* Further,

Article X Section 3 shall be amended to: *A quorum for the transaction of business at an Annual Meeting shall consist of active members meeting a threshold of 0.5% of the total number of members eligible to vote the previous membership year.* Finally, Article XIII Section 1 shall be amended in part to state: *No part of the Constitution shall be amended or annulled except by ballot in the following manner: A proposed amendment shall be approved by the Council or submitted to the secretary in a petition signed by members who were eligible to vote on the preceding 1 May, and meet a threshold of 0.5% of the total number of members eligible to vote the previous membership year.* These proposed amendments to the AMS Constitution shall be presented to the membership for consideration; two-thirds of those members voting will be required for passage.

9. **AMS Board on Best Practices**

   E. Grow Cei led a discussion on the AMS Board of Best Practices, and how it relates to the AMS Committee on Positions and Statement. With additional input from Associate Executive Director Paul Higgins and Council members, it was resolved that Erica and Paul will come to consensus on a path forward for the Council's consideration.

10. **Executive Director Search Update**

    At 3:30pm EST, a motion was offered by D. Stensrud and seconded by G. Eosco to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the search for executive director. The motion carried unanimously. At 4:36pm EST, M. Mainelli moved and G. Eosco seconded a motion to return to general session. The motion carried unanimously.

11. **Adjournment**

    There being no further business, B. Colman moved and C. Mass seconded a motion to adjourn at 4:38pm EST. The motion was approved unanimously.