AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 17 March 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
- Danielle Breezy
- DaNa Carlis
- Jenny Frankel-Reed
- Rong Fu
- Stephanie Herring
- Andrew Humphrey
- Rebecca DePodwin
- William Kuo
- John Lanicci
- Cliff Mass
- Erin Coughlan de Perez

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

Commissioners/CIC:
- Walter Robinson
- Clark Evans
- Kevin Kloesel
- Heidi Centola
- Erica Cei
- Mike Augustyniak
- Mona Behl

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

1. **Call to Order and Quorum Check**
   President Stensrud called the meeting to order at 1:08pm EDT. Secretary Glickman noted that 15 members of the Council were present, representing a quorum. For an affirmative vote, he stated that eight “aye”s will be required (more than half of those Councilors present and voting), except for the Bylaws amendment which will require 13 (2/3 of 19 Councilors eligible to vote).
2. **Approval of Minutes of the 12 January 2025 Council Meeting**
   Secretary Glickman asked for a motion to approve the referenced meeting minutes, which was made by A. Humprey and seconded by C. Mass. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **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 D. Stensrud and seconded by A. Bamzai. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Executive Director Search Update**
   President Stensrud updated the Council on the Executive Director search. He stated that he and President-elect Sealls have met with the search committee as they kick-off their activity – and that they are enthusiastic, engaged and understand the goal to recruit the best person for the position. The process is underway, and he will provide regular reports to the Council on progress.
5. **Updated Bylaws for Executive Director Role and Responsibilities**
   President Stensrud asked the Council to approve the proposed amendment to the Bylaws outlining the Executive Director role and responsibilities. The Council had the proposed amendment for the necessary 30-day waiting period. D. Stensrud made the motion, and it was seconded by C. Mass. A roll call vote was taken, and Secretary Glickman declared that 15 affirmative votes were cast, approving the amendment.
6. **44 Beacon Street Sale and Tax Implications**
   President Stensrud and CFO Mancinelli updated the Council on progress; the property went on the market 10 March. There has been good interest so far. They also reviewed the Finance Committee’s discussion of input from the auditors, concluding that the least risk option is to not pay down the debt prior to sale (see attachment to meeting call). After some discussion, the Council informally agreed this is the best course of action.
7. **Statements**
   There was a brief discussion on the process being used to develop and approve rapid-response statements, centered around how the current process is working. It was suggested that the Council should have a voice in approving these statements if possible. It was concluded that in general, the process is working well.
8. **Review of Updated Potential Impacts from Administration Changes, Resulting Contingency Plans, and Potential use of AMS Reserves**

Acting Executive Director Papa briefed the Council on staff thinking and plans. At a high level:

- Changes are unprecedented
- Significant unknowns remain and result in a difficult decision-making process
- There is potential extraordinary impact on AMS
- Even a fractional impact will require changes by AMS
- AMS needs to be prepared to take rapid action and quickly implement necessary changes across the Society
- Overall priorities for 2025 remain unchanged
    - Work toward a break-even budget
    - Focus on communication, transparency, and collaboration
    - Hand-off a financially and operationally stable organization to the new Executive Director
    - Address any challenges or opportunities associated with the change in (governmental) administration in 2025

Following a detailed briefing and discussion among the Council and staff, A. Bamzai moved that the meeting move to Executive Session at 2:35pm EDT for the purpose of further discussions on this topic. R. Fu seconded, and it was passed unanimously. The Council exited Executive Session at 3:02pm EDT by a motion from B. Colman, seconded by D. Stensrud, and agreed upon unanimously.
Back in open session, the Council expressed appreciation for Acting Executive Director Papa's excellent work on this issue. C. Mass offered a motion, "Approve the use of AMS reserves up to $1 million through 31 December 2025 to account for budget shortfalls." The motion was seconded by A. Bamzai and passed unanimously. C. Mass commented that the AMS should form a tiger team to think about additional strategies to bring in more funding.

9. **Adjournment**

At 3:15pm EDT, A. Bamzai moved, and B. Colman seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.