AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 17 November 2023
Meeting of the Council of the AMS via Zoom

Participants--- President Brad Colman, President-Elect Anjuli Bamzai, and Past-President Rich Clark; **Councilors;** Joan Alexander, Mona Behl, Kandis Boyd, DaNa Carlis, Shuyi Chen, Erin Coughlan de Perez, Rebecca DePodwin, Rong Fu, Rachel Hauser, Mike Henry, Andrea Lang, Bernadette Woods Placky, and Student Representative Holly Malinson (Note: Past-President Mike Farrar and Councilors Kristen Averyt, Mark DeMaria, Michelle Mainelli, and Student Representative Aaron Alexander were unable to attend); Executive Director Stella Kafka and Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Telfeyan; **Commissioners;** Mike Augustyniak, Tony Broccoli, Erica Cei, Heidi Centola, Kristie Franz, Sue Ellen Haupt, and Susan Jasko. **AMS Staff;** S. Armstrong, B. Farley, C. Gorski, P. Higgins, J. Ives, A. Mancinelli, B. Mardirosian, B. Papa, K. Putsavage, K. Savoie, and G. Whittaker.

Minutes Recorded by: Bruce Telfeyan
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1. Call to Order and Quorum Check

President Colman called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM EDT on 17 Nov 2023. Secretary-Treasurer Telfeyan called the roll and confirmed the presence of a quorum and informed the participants that the meeting was being recorded.

2. Approval of Minutes

S-T Telfeyan noted that the minutes for the Council meeting of 6 October had been shared through the Community website for review and comment. In the ensuing discussion, several errors were noted concerning members who were listed as having been in attendance who were actually unable to attend. Additionally, Past President Clark suggested that the heading of the minutes be expanded to highlight that the meeting was focused on financial matters of the Society. The minutes were subsequently approved with the understanding that S-T Telfeyan would make the requested corrections and add the focus on finances.

3. Motion to Approve all Electronic Votes

S-T Telfeyan reviewed the necessity of voting to approve all electronic votes. This specifically involved all such matters since 17 July to the present. A motion was introduced and seconded, then approved without dissent.

4. AMS International/domestic MOU and Agreements

This discussion involved reciprocal memberships for AMS Affiliate Societies. The annual fees for our partners were set at a time when we did not have our tiered membership dues and are currently not an attractive proposition for members of international meteorological societies. The ED requested Council's approval to introduce a flat fee of $35/year for AMS Affiliate Societies members. Several councilors requested insight on what sort of impacts an increased number of Affiliates might have on Registration fees. The consensus was that there would likely be little if any impact. A motion was brought forward to approve the flat fee and was seconded and approved after brief additional discussion.

5. Council Self-Assessment—Outcomes and Steps Forward

Councilors DaNa Carliss and Mona Behl gave a thorough report of the outcomes and steps forward of the Council self-assessment. They presented numerous recommendations to the Council for incorporation into future self-assessments that were warmly received by all members. They also gave input into several pertinent matters regarding the Constitution and Bylaws for consideration. On behalf of the entire Council, President Colman thanked them for their diligent and productive efforts.

6. Ad-hoc Committee on Awards

Councilor Mona Behl presented the report of the Committee on Awards. She thanked all those who served on the committee during the year-long effort to examine the awards process. She shared the committee's recommendation with the Council for review and further action. Past-president Clark led the Council in thanking the committee for its efforts and urged the Council to consider all the recommendations for incorporation into the Society's awards processes.

7. Community Action Partners (CAP) – Update on Strategic Plan Material

ED Stella Kafka provided an overview of our strategic plan initiative and partnership with the CAP team. She reviewed our efforts and envisioned collaboration with the CAP pro bono consulting services comprised of talented and experienced Harvard Business and Kennedy School alumni.

8. Rapid Response

AED Paul Higgins provided a review of the policy programs efforts to provide a voice for issues of concern to the AMS. Discussion followed on how and when it would be appropriate for the Society to respond quickly to major events. S-T Telfeyan noted that the Council could authorize the Executive Committee (EC) to speak on behalf of the AMS but cautioned that any such action warranted thorough study. He emphasized that the Council is the governing board of the AMS, not the EC. President-elect Bamzai recommended further deliberation before taking additional action.

9. Consent Agenda

Past-president Clark noted that the Consent Agenda needed to be reviewed. A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded and adopted on a voice-vote.

10. Fifth Councilor

Discussion ensued on the selection of a fifth councilor. S-T Telfeyan addressed questions as to why the entire membership does not vote for this position and pointed out that the Constitution (Article VII, paragraph 2) states that the Council selects the fifth councilor. President Clark reviewed the names of several individuals that the EC recommended for consideration for this position. After further discussion, the consensus emerged to have further consideration by e-mail with an eventual electronic vote to resolve the selection.

11. **Adjournment and Closing**

President Colman conveyed thanks to all attendees for their contributions to a lengthy meeting. A motion was approved to adjourn at 4:22 PM EST and the Council convened into an executive session.