AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 19-20 September 2013
Meeting of the Council
Boston, MA

Participants—President Marshall Shepherd, President-Elect William Gail, Past-President Jon Malay, Secretary-Treasurer Richard Rosen, and Executive Director Keith Seitter. *Councilors:* Tom Bogdan, Stephen Corfidi, Jose Fuentes, Richard Johnson, Sonia Kreidenweis, Peter Lamb, Christa Peters-Lidard, Frank Marks, Yvette Richardson, Elizabeth Ritchie, Joe Witte, and Chidong Zhang. [Councilors Phoebus, Read, and Thiaw were absent.] *Commissioners:* Ward Seguin (STAC), Bob Rauber (Publications), Matt Parker (Weather and Climate Enterprise), David Smith (Education and Human Resources), Jay Trobec (Professional Affairs), and Brad Colman (Planning). *AMS Staff*: Joyce Annese, Stephanie Armstrong, Mike Batsimm, James Brey, Beth Farley, Claudia Gorski, Ken Heideman, Paul Higgins, William Hooke, Barry Mohan, Anne McDonough, Gary Rasmussen, and Melissa Weston. Not all staff was present for the entire meeting. Annese and Seitter served as recorders.

[The numbering of the following sections follows that in the agenda, but the sections are listed in the order they were addressed at the meeting.]

0.0 Agenda

President Shepherd called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on 19 September 2013, and welcomed all. Secretary-Treasurer Rosen called the roll and announced a quorum of voting members was present. President Shepherd then reviewed the agenda.

[Executive Director Seitter described the layout of the building for those Councilors attending their first Council meeting.]

1.3 Council Minutes

The Council reaffirmed its e-mail approval of the minutes of its 6 January 2013 meeting in Austin, TX, and it approved the minutes of its conference call on 9 July 2013.

1.5 Council Mail Ballots

All Council e-mail ballots not previously approved unanimously were formally approved, and ballots that were "provisionally approved" were formally approved.

2.1 STAC Commissioner's Report

In presenting his report, Commissioner Seguin highlighted the new Commission structure which will now mirror that of the Enterprise Commission by having a Commissioner, Past Commissioner, and Future Commissioner.

2.1.1 Future Commissioner

The Council approved the appointment of Dave Stensrud as Future STAC Commissioner.

2.1.2 Future Named Symposia

Commissioner Seguin received Council approval for named symposia to honor Harry R. (Bob) Glahn at the 2015 Annual Meeting and Mario J. Molina at the 2016 Annual Meeting.

2.2 Publications Commissioner's Report

The Council approved Commissioner Rauber's request that the following individuals be reappointed to two-year terms ending in 2016: Peter Chu and V. Chandrasekar as Chief Editors, *Journal of Atmospheric and Oceanic Technology*; Mike Spall, Chief Editor, *Journal of Physical Oceanography*; Peter Lamb and James Fleming, Editors, *Monograph*; and Joseph Klemp and Robert Livezey as At-Large Members. Commissioner Rauber reported the Commission has discussed a proposed new journal of atmospheric chemistry, and it recommends the initial step be to add atmospheric chemistry expertise to the editorial board of JAS. The Council endorsed this measured approach, while some support was also

expressed for the immediate creation of a new journal, and it recommends the initial step be to add high-profile atmospheric chemistry expertise to the editorial board of the *Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences*.

2.2.1 Open Access Issues

Executive Director Seitter reviewed this item. No action was required, but the Council suggested earlier open access for AMS members to be considered.

2.3 Professional Affairs Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Trobec briefly reviewed the activities of the Boards under his Commission, including the appointment of new members. A proposal to establish Commission awards was presented, and the terms of reference were approved subject to technical corrections and clarification of the definition used for early career professional.

2.3.1 Certification of Digital Weather Content

President Shepherd and Commissioner Trobec reviewed discussions that have occurred about certifying online content. The sense of the Council is this process might be a candidate for a "best practices" statement if the AMS were to implement that approach (see item 3.7).

[The Council briefly recessed from 9:55– 10:10 a.m.]

2.4 Education and Human Resources Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Smith reviewed the activities of the Commission and its Boards. The Council discussed a letter received from a member urging travel support for teachers attending the Annual Meeting, and it agreed with the importance of this matter. Commissioner Smith reported monies are now available to support teacher attendance at the 2014 Annual Meeting, and he offered to help find a longer-term solution even after he completes his term as Commissioner.

2.4.1 Education and Human Resources Commissioner

Commissioner Smith expressed his regret about resigning as Commissioner at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting, and he was applauded by the Council for his long-term service to the Society. The Council approved Raj Pandya as the next Commissioner for a three-year term ending 2017.

2.4.2 Child Care at Meetings

President Shepherd reviewed this item, and the Council agreed that current plans are an important step toward making it easier for young professionals to attend the Annual Meeting.

2.5 Planning Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Colman reported on the Commission's review of the 2007 AMS Strategic Goals document and associated implementation plans. The Council agreed the Commission should continue to review the Strategic Goals and suggest potential updates and modes of continued strategic planning. The Planning Commission will refine its report for publication in *BAMS* and consider a series of short articles for the Front Page blog. It will also create a template for implementation plans to present to the Council at the February Council meeting. The Council approved Rebecca Morss, Xubin Zeng, and Rick Spinrad to four-year terms on the Commission ending January 2018.

2.6 Weather and Climate Enterprise Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Parker reviewed the reports from the various Boards under his Commission, along with his plan to re-organize the Commission. The Council broadly supported the reorganization and will welcome receiving final terms of reference to approve at its February meeting. The Council applauded the efforts of the Commission, and it recommended an article in BAMS be written to highlight the Commission's activities.

[Councilor Bogdan introduced David Kenny, chief executive officer of The Weather Company, who briefly discussed new climate change initiatives.]

2.6.1 Future Commissioner

President Shepherd reviewed the rotation for the Weather and Climate Enterprise Commission and presented the names of two individuals willing to serve as Future Commissioner. After discussion, the Council voted to approve Bill Mahoney as the Future Commissioner.

[The Council recessed for lunch from 12:20 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.]

4.1 Status of 2013 Budget

Controller Batsimm reviewed the current status of the 2013 budget and projected the budget for the remainder of the year.

4.2 2014 Proposed Budget

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the Society's financial performance in 2012 and 2013 as a prelude to discussing the 2014 proposed budget. The budget he proposed for 2014 was supported by the EC, and after discussion, the Council voted to accept the 2014 budget as proposed. The Council was informed of plans to create a director of communications position at Headquarters, and there was strong support for this addition to the staff. Funding for this new position will be incorporated into the revised budget presented to the Executive Committee in the spring.

4.3 UNA Report

The Council was provided a history of the Society's financial reserves, including its unrestricted net assets, for the past seventeen years.

[The Council briefly recessed from 2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.]

5.1 Awards Oversight Committee Report

AOC Chair and Past-President LeMone joined the meeting via conference call and reviewed the process followed by her Committee and those other committees responsible for awards. The Council considered the list of proposed awardees and citations, and it voted to approve all those proposed. The Council also approved revised language for the Lorenz and Simpson Awards to make clearer the distinction between the two. The Council expressed its gratitude to Past-President LeMone for her efforts and for volunteering to chair the AOC this year.

5.2 Awards Nominations Committee Report

The report submitted by Committee Chair Brown was reviewed, and the Council expressed its appreciation for the Committee's efforts. Continued outreach to members is needed to keep the nomination process healthy, and Commissioners should encourage nominations from their Boards and Committees. The on-line submission for awards will continue to open in November versus January to provide additional time for nomination submissions.

5.3 Suggested New Award

Executive Director Seitter reviewed a request from Past-President Lyons to consider the possibility of establishing a new award for "citizen science." The Council felt this area is currently covered by the Special Awards category.

5.4 Hydrology Award

Councilor Peters-Lidard expressed concern the Society does not have a major hydrology award, with only the Horton Lectureship generally available to honor hydrologists. The Council supported the notion of a new award in hydrometeorology. A proposal and terms of reference will be prepared by Councilor Peters-Lidard and others from the hydrology community.

3.1 Status of Statements in Process

Commissioner Seguin reviewed the progress of Statements moving through the approval process, and he distributed an updated grid capturing this status. The Council approved extending the deadline to

complete the Policy Statement on the Free and Open Exchange of Environmental Data to 4 December 2013.

3.2 Improving the Statement Process

Commissioner Seguin discussed the challenges of managing Statements, and he presented a plan developed with Past Commissioner Cairns to establish a drafting committee to revise the Statement on Statements. The Council approved this approach with the committee chaired by Future STAC Commissioner Stensrud and to include the WCE Commissioner, Paul Higgins, Bill Gail, Yvette Richardson, and Steven Corfidi. The Council recommended the committee also consider approaches to reduce the backlog in Statements.

3.3 Using the COMPUP Process

Secretary-Treasurer Rosen reviewed the COMPUP process as described in the Organizational Procedures and its recent use. No action was required.

3.4 Drought Statement

The Council approved the Drought Statement.

3.5 Weather Analysis and Forecasting Drafting Team

The Council approved the revised membership of the drafting team.

3.6 "AMS Briefs" Proposal

President-Elect Gail presented his proposal for a new statement type. After discussion, the Council approved moving forward with a trial period through January 2014, and the Council will review the trial at its February meeting to determine whether or not it is to continue.

3.7 AMS "Best Practices" Proposal

President-Elect Gail presented his proposal for "Best Practices" statements. The Council favored the concept but felt more work is needed on the proposal.

6.0 Proposed AMS Fellows

Past-President and Chair of the Fellows Committee Malay described the process followed by the Committee and presented the Committee's proposed list of new Fellows. Council approved the following candidates for 2014 Fellows:

Steven A. Ackerman
Edgar Andreas
Alan F. Blumberg
Paul A. Dirmeyer
Gregory B. Fishel, CBM
Douglas E. Forsyth
William B. Gail
Gerald L. Geernaert
Vanda Grubišić
Donald E. Harrison
Arthur Hou
Michael Jamilkowski
Gregory Jenkins
Edward R. Johnson
Yochanan Kushnir
Robert P. McCoy
Paul Christopher D. Milly
Rachel T. Pinker
Karen Hapler Rosenlof
Richard Seager
Joseph P. Sobel, TV
Michael Steinberg
LuAnne Thompson
Jay Trobec, CBM, CCM
Duane E. Waliser
Donald A. Wilhite
George S. Young
Chidong Zhang

*President Shepherd reminded the Council that Sydney Levitus, John Marshall, and, James Moum, were elevated to Fellow by virtue of their receiving major AMS Awards. President-Elect Gail, Councilor Zhang, and Commissioner Trobec excused themselves from the vote. The three received applause from the Council.

6.1 Automatic Elevation of President-Elect to Fellow

After discussion, the Council declined a proposal to automatically elevate to Fellow any President-Elect who was not already a Fellow.

[The Council adjourned for the day at 5:40 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:30 a.m. on 20 September 2013 with the same members present.]

8.0 Fellows, Awards, and Nominating Committees for 2014

Council approved Past-President Malay as chair of the 2014 Fellows Committee and thanked him for volunteering to once again take on this role.

7.0 Honorary Members

President Shepherd and Councilor Lamb reviewed the materials describing the three nominees for Honorary Membership. The Council voted to approve Robert Dickinson, Brian Hoskins, and Qingcun Zeng as 2014 Honorary Members.

8.0 Fellows, Awards, and Nominating Committees for 2014 (cont.)

The Council approved Bob Baron and Lynne Talley as members of the Fellows Committee for three-year terms ending January 2017. The Council approved the appointment of Mike Smith, Anne Douglass, Bill Lau, Amy Bower, Jenni Evans, Jamison Hawkins, Fiona Horsfall, John Toohey-Morales as members of the Awards Nominations Committee (ANC) for three-year terms ending 2017; Otis Brown was approved for two additional years with his term ending 2016; Dennis Lettenmaier was approved for three additional years with his term ending 2017; and Rana Fine was approved to serve as chair in 2014 and 2015.

9.0 Reappointment of Secretary-Treasurer

While excused from the meeting, Secretary-Treasurer Rosen was approved for an additional two-year term. He was called back to receive congratulations from the Council.

10.1 International Affairs Committee

The Council approved the formation of this Committee as a committee of the Council. Executive Director Seitter will forward proposed terms of reference and committee members to the Council to solicit its input prior to final approval at the Council's February meeting.

10.2 Participation of AMS in Golden Goose Awards

Councilor Bogdan volunteered to lead the process to get nominations for these awards.

10.3 Update on Dallas Declaration and Weather Coalition

President Shepherd, President-Elect Gail, and Councilor Bogdan provided updates to the Council. The Council discussed the possibility of a series of articles in *BAMS* on this topic to inform the membership.

10.4 Thriving Earth Exchange

President-Elect Gail led a discussion of AMS' possible involvement in AGU's Thriving Earth Exchange program. Based on the discussion, President-Elect Gail will get back to AGU with ways AMS may want to be involved.

11.0 Committee on Researcher Involvement in the AMS

Council approved the Committee's name as proposed. Councilor Johnson reviewed the three recommendations the Committee included in its report, and each was discussed by the Council, along with a fourth proposal that ideas for potential sessions at AMS conferences be actively solicited from the membership. With respect to the Committee's recommendation for a new journal in atmospheric chemistry, the Council formally voted to endorse the approach being taken by the Publications

Commission (see item 2.2 above) and to request a business analysis be completed on the feasibility of a new journal.

[The Council briefly recessed from 10:40 – 10:45 a.m.]

Commissioner Smith informed the Council that funding has been secured to support K-12 teachers to attend the 2014 Annual Meeting.

11.0 Committee on Researcher Involvement in the AMS (cont.)

Discussing the report's recommendations further, the Council suggested that a committee of AMS Fellows might be formed to review possible Lectureships for the Society, noting scheduling constraints that limit the number of Lectures at an Annual Meeting. Ideas to better recognize Fellows were also discussed. The Council expressed its thanks to the Committee.

12.1 Annual Meeting Oversight Committee

President Shepherd reviewed the report of this Committee.

12.2 Environmental Responsibility Committee

President Shepherd reviewed the report of this Committee.

12.3 History Committee

President Shepherd reviewed the report of this Committee.

12.4 Investments Committee

Controller Batsimm reported on the performance of the Society's investment portfolio thus far this year.

12.5 Local Chapter Affairs Committee

President Shepherd reviewed the Local Chapter Affairs report and applauded the efforts of our Local Chapters for the Society.

12.6 Membership Committee

President Shepherd reviewed the report of this Committee.

13.0 Fifth Councilor

The Council agreed to consider candidates from the social sciences and stakeholder communities. A lengthy list of names was suggested and then shortened to four possible candidates who will be contacted to provide statements and CVs. These materials will be submitted to the Council with the expectation the Council will vote shortly after the membership ballot closes in early December.

18.0 Membership Approval

The Council voted to approve the lists as of 28 August 2013 for full membership and full member with student privileges.

19.0 Chapter Name Change Approval

A request to change the FORt Collins Atmospheric ScientisTs (FORCAST) local chapter name to FORT Collins Atmospheric ScientisTs (FORTCAST) was approved.

[The Council briefly recessed to get lunch and resumed working from 11:55 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.]

14.1 21st Century Campaign

Executive Director Seitter briefly reviewed plans being discussed to prepare for the 100th Anniversary of the Society. The February Council meeting will include a block of time for Council discussion of these plans.

14.2 Fellowship and Scholarship Program

Information was provided to the Council about 21st Century Campaign activities, as well as scholarships, fellowships, and other student programs made possible by external support.

15.1 2013 Specialty Meetings

President Shepherd reviewed this list of upcoming meetings.

15.2 2014 Annual Meeting

President Shepherd reviewed the status of this meeting, which will be held in Atlanta from 3-7 February.

15.3 2014 Specialty Meetings

President Shepherd reviewed the list of meetings planned for next year.

15.4 2015 Annual Meeting

President Shepherd reminded the Council this meeting will be held 4-8 January in Phoenix.

15.5 2016 and Beyond Annual Meetings

President Shepherd reviewed the list, noting the locations of our Annual Meetings have now been set through 2032.

16.1 Publications

Executive Director Seitter provided an update on advances in the Society's publication processes, highlighting the milestone elimination of color charges to authors.

16.2 IT Update

Executive Director Seitter reported an association management system has been implemented at Headquarters and a content management system is on target.

16.3 K-13 Educational Initiatives

Director of Education Program Brey described the activities of the Program including its work with NOAA to support NOAA's Weather Ready Nation initiative.

16.4 Report on Membership

Director of Membership Farley reviewed the status of the Society's membership.

16.5 Policy Program

Policy Program Director Higgins reviewed the activities of the Policy Program.

16.6 Science, Service, and Society

Executive Director Seitter reported on efforts carried out under the Society's Framework for Government Interactions.

16.7 AMS/Sigma Xi Lecturer

Executive Director Seitter reported that Ana Barros will serve as the AMS/Sigma Xi Lecturer for 2014/2015. Jim Fleming has begun his term as Lecturer for 2013/2014.

17.0 AMS Affiliations with Other Organizations

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the list of AMS affiliations with other organizations.

The Council adjourned at 12:55 p.m.