AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 2 February 2014
Meeting of the Council
Atlanta, GA

Participants — President Marshall Shepherd, President-Elect Bill 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, Pat Phoebus, Bill Read, Yvette Richardson, Wassila Thiaw, Joe Witte, and Chidong Zhang. [Councilor Ritchie was 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). *Incoming President-elect, Councilors, and Commissioners*: Sandy MacDonald, Wendy Schreiber-Abshire, Heidi Cullen, Steve Hanna, Susan Jasko, Dennis Lettenmeier, Mike Morgan, Mary Glackin, Raj Pandya, and David Stensrud. *AMS Staff*: Joyce Annese, Stephanie Armstrong, Mike Batsimm, Tom Champoux, Lee Gordon, Claudia Gorski, Paul Higgins, Bill Hooke, Ellen Klicka, Barry Mohan, Shali Mohleji, Gary Rasmussen, and Melissa Weston. 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 8:05 a.m. on Sunday, 2 February 2014, and welcomed all. The roll was called, and Secretary-Treasurer Rosen announced a quorum of voting members was present. President Shepherd welcomed the new President-elect and Councilors and reviewed the agenda.

1.3 Minutes

The Council reviewed and approved the minutes from its meeting on 19–20 September 2013.

1.4 Council Mail Ballots

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

2.0 New President-elect and Councilors

President Shepherd took this opportunity to thank those Council members rotating off following this meeting for their service. He introduced and welcomed the new president-elect and councilors, and he also acknowledged the new commissioners in attendance.

2.1 Ballot Structure and Guidance to Nominating Committee

President Shepherd reviewed the format used for the most recent ballot, which was designed to improve sector representation on the Council. The Council encouraged the Nominating Committee to limit government sector candidates on the ballot to truly government employees. The Council voted to continue using the same ballot structure again this year, with the ballot having separate sections for private, academic, and government sectors with three candidates in each based on current affiliation. The candidate with the most votes in each section would be elected, and the fourth elected would be the candidate with the next highest votes regardless of section. Instructions to voters will be to vote for up to four candidates with no more than two in any category.

3.1 Scientific and Technological Activities Commission

Commissioner Seguin reviewed his report and previewed a potential future proposal to standardize the STAC award procedures to make the process more uniform. The Council affirmed the committee and board membership lists provided by Commissioner Seguin. Ideas for new statement

guidelines, prepared by Commissioners Stensrud, Cairns, and Seguin, were presented, and the Council was generally supportive. The Council suggested letters routinely be written to those on drafting committees conveying its appreciation for their efforts.

3.2 Publications Commission

Commissioner Rauber reported on a year of growth in published pages and manuscript submissions. The Council expressed its pleasure at the very positive results for the Society's publications.

[The Council briefly recessed from 9:50-10:00 a.m.]

3.3 Professional Affairs Commission

Commissioner Trobec summarized the Commission's activities and presented lists of incoming Board members for Council review. The Council affirmed the lists.

3.4 Education and Human Resources Commission

Commissioner Smith reviewed the activities of the Commission noting especially events taking place at the Annual Meeting. Commissioner Smith introduced Raj Pandya, who will become the commissioner as Smith completes his term. The Council expressed its appreciation to Smith with a round of applause.

3.5 Planning Commission

Commissioner Colman presented his report.

3.6 Weather and Climate Enterprise Commission

Commissioner Parker reviewed his report which included a reorganization of the Commission and new terms of reference for boards and committees. The Council approved the new structure and thanked Commissioner Parker for his hard work in overseeing the reorganization. Incoming Commissioner Glackin reported on discussions at the steering committee meeting held the previous day, and she noted areas for the future growth of the Commission.

3.6.1 Name Change for the Weather and Climate Enterprise Commission

The Council discussed a proposal to add water to the title of this commission but decided not to change the name at this time.

3.6.2 Study Series Initiative

President-Elect Gail presented a proposal to formalize the process for conducting studies in the Weather and Climate Enterprise Commission. After considerable discussion, the Council recommended moving forward with draft guidelines that could be considered at the Fall Council meeting.

10.1 International Affairs Committee

The Council approved the terms of reference and the appointments of the Committee's chair and initial membership as recommended by the Executive Committee.

4.0 Organizational Procedures Update

Secretary-Treasurer Rosen briefed the Council about technical changes needed to bring the Organizational Procedures up to date. All amendments were approved.

5.0 AMS Congressional Fellow

Due to budgetary restraints, UCAR cannot participate in funding the Fellowship this year but hopes to resume its portion of the funding in the future. The Council approved fully funding the Fellowship for 2014/15.

6.0 "What AMS Thinks" (formerly "AMS Briefs")

President-Elect Gail briefed the Council on his proposal for COMPUP to produce "What AMS Thinks." The Council approved the concept for these brief commentaries but left pending the title of the series.

7.0 AMS "Best Practices"

President-Elect Gail reviewed his proposal to create a Board on Best Practices. The Council approved the creation of this Board under the Professional Affairs Commission. Commissioner Trobec will work with the other Commissioners and the Executive Committee to appoint members of the Board and refine its terms of reference for the Fall Council meeting.

8.1 AMS Benefits as a Member Society of AIP

President Shepherd thanked Executive Director Seitter for working with the American Institute of Physics to enable the Society to become an AIP member society. The Council affirmed the appointment of Dian Seidel as the Society's representative to the AIP Executive Committee. The Council approved Executive Director Seitter, Past President Malay, and Councilor Witte to serve with Seidel as the Society's representatives to the AIP Board.

8.2 AAG

President Shepherd briefed the Council on his continuing interactions with the Association of American Geographers.

8.3 Weather Coalition

Commissioner Glackin briefed the Council about the Weather Coalition, which is being reformed as a formal advocacy organization.

8.4 AGU's Thriving Earth Exchange

Commissioner Pandya presented this item and distributed a booklet describing the goals of the project. The Council agreed the Society should collaborate with AGU in this effort and recommended a Front Page Blog be written about this synergy.

[President Shepherd left the meeting at 11:30 a.m. to open WeatherFest, at which time the Council applauded him for his leadership over the past year. President-Elect Gail assumed the chair].

8.5 Major Partnership Initiative

President-Elect Gail reviewed his proposal for this initiative and will work with the Planning Commission to obtain its advice prior to the March meeting of the Executive Committee.

[Executive Director Seitter introduced Dr. Catherine O'Riordan, AIP vice president. She reviewed the history of AIP, gave an overview of its programs, and explained the benefits of the Society being an AIP member society.]

[The Council briefly recessed for lunch from 12:00-12:15 p.m.]

14.0 Development Activities at this Annual Meeting

Executive Director Seitter introduced development consultants Carol Kolmerten and Bruce Bigelow who then spoke about activities during the week intended to help prepare for the 100th anniversary.

9.1 Membership Committee

President-Elect Gail briefly reviewed the report from Committee chair Carey.

10.2 Committee on Researcher Involvement

Councilor Johnson reviewed the recommendations from the Committee. The Council discussed the merits of expanding the named Lecture Series to recognize mid-career individuals. The Committee will develop its terms of reference and offer more explicit guidance on how best to proceed with its recommendations.

10.3 Committee of AMS Fellows

The Executive Committee suggested this item be tabled, and the Council agreed.

11.1 Statement on Social Sciences in the Atmospheric Sciences

Executive Director Seitter briefed the Council on suggested changes to the Statement that had been received from the Council. The Council approved the Statement with those changes.

12.0 2013 Budget Update

Controller Batsimm reviewed the outcome of the Society's budget for 2013, noting the books on the year were not yet closed.

[President Shepherd returned at 12:55 p.m.]

15.0 AMS 100th Anniversary

Executive Director Seitter briefed the Council on initial ideas to celebrate the Society's 100th anniversary. The Council supported the recommendation from the Executive Committee to form an ad hoc committee to begin preparing for the event.

16.2 2015 Annual Meeting

President-Elect Gail briefed the Council on the planning for the 2015 Annual Meeting in Phoenix.

16.4 2016 and Beyond Annual Meetings

President-Elect MacDonald briefed the Council on plans for the 2016 Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

The Council adjourned at 1:10 p.m.