AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 20 and 21 September 2012
Meeting of the Council
Boston, MA

Participants—President Louis Uccellini, President-elect Marshall Shepherd, Past-Presidents Peggy LeMone and Jon Malay, Secretary-Treasurer Richard Rosen, and Executive Director Keith Seitter. *Councilors:* Tom Bogdan, Ken Carey, Jose Fuentes, Richard Johnson, Peter Lamb, Christa Peters-Lidard, Pat Phoebus, Bill Read, John Schaake, Richard Spinrad, Wassila Thiaw, Joe Witte, Xubin Zeng, and Chidong Zhang. *Commissioners:* Mary Cairns (STAC), David Jorgensen (Publications), Matt Parker (Weather and Climate Enterprise), Ward Seguin (incoming STAC), David Smith (Education and Human Resources), Jay Trobec (Professional Affairs), and Julie Winkler (Planning). [Councilor Ahsha Tribble was absent.] *AMS Staff*: Joyce Annese, Stephanie Armstrong, James Brey, Beth Farley, Melissa Fernau, Claudia Gorski, Ken Heideman, Paul Higgins, William Hooke, Barry Mohan, Anne McDonough, Gary Rasmussen, and Melissa Weston. Not all staff was present for 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 Uccellini called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on 20 September 2012, and welcomed all. The roll was called, and Secretary-Treasurer Rosen announced a quorum of voting members was present. President Uccellini then reviewed the agenda.

1.3 Council Minutes

The Council reviewed and approved the minutes from its meeting in New Orleans, LA, on 22 January 2012, and it voted and approved the minutes of its conference calls on 20 July and 10 and 20 August 2012.

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 Scientific and Technological Activities Commission

Commissioner Cairns presented her report. The Council approved the new STAC Commission structure and the STAC Commission Awards terms of reference with minor changes. The Council did not approve a proposal to increase the stipend for the student award for best paper/poster. The Council approved going forward with a request for the 2014 Boundary Layer and Turbulence Committee meeting in the United Kingdom and expressed appreciation for the information provided about previous meetings. The Council requested a strategic approach be prepared and presented to the Council to help with decisions necessary for international travel including co-hosts. Commissioner Cairns reviewed the Statements requiring action and the status of Statements in revision. Executive Director Seitter reported the staff will have a plan to address ongoing Statement revisions for the January Council meeting. Commissioner Cairns mentioned the updates to the STAC pages on the AMS website and thanked staff. She presented Guidelines and Processes for Board and Committee membership, STAC Chair position description, and Member and Student Member position descriptions, which are intended to more clearly establish ground rules for the Commission.

2.1.1 Future Named Symposia

Commissioner Cairns requested and received Council approval for named symposia to honor Stan Changnon, Ed Epstein, and Don Johnson at the 2014 Annual Meeting. She also requested and received approval for a named symposium in honor or Eugenia Kalnay for the 2015 Annual Meeting.

2.2 Publications Commission

Commissioner Jorgensen reviewed his report. The Council approved the reappointment to two-year terms ending in 2015 for: K. K. Tung, Chief Editor, *Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences*; Tony Broccoli, Chief Editor, *Journal of Climate*; Dave Schultz, Chief Editor, *Monthly Weather Review*; and Rezaul Mahmood, Chief Editor, *Earth Interactions*. Council also approved the one-year reappointment of Roberta Balstad as Chief Editor for *Weather, Climate, and Society*.

[President Uccellini left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.; President-elect Shepherd assumed the chair.]

Council approved changes in the Editor Expectation List and a policy that waives regular page charges for all "Replies" to Comments, and it declared *Earth Interactions* an open access journal (pending similar declaration by copublisher AGU). The Council also endorsed a proposal to convert the *Glossary of Meteorology* to be a continuously updated, open access, peer reviewed, online resource, with the Publications Commission having oversight responsibility but working with the STAC Commissioner, and it created the new position of Chief Editor of the *Glossary of Meteorology*.

[President Uccellini resumed the chair at 10:40 a.m., and the Council briefly recessed from 10:50– 11:00 a.m.]

5.1 Awards Oversight Committee Report

President Uccellini requested a separate review and vote for the Simpson Mentorship Award with Past-President LeMone absent from the room. AOC Chair and Past-President Malay reviewed the process followed and the unanimous approval of the AOC for the selection of Margaret LeMone as the recipient for this award. The Council voted to approve this recommendation. Past-President LeMone was invited back into the meeting and was welcomed with applause from the Council.

2.2.1 Publications Commissioner

Commissioner Jorgensen completes his second three-year term in January, and the Council thanked Jorgensen for his outstanding service. The EC recommended three candidates for consideration. The Council discussed the candidates and agreed to vote by secret ballot. The ballots were counted by Secretary-Treasurer Rosen, who announced that a second ballot was necessary to choose between the top two candidates. Because this second, secret ballot also resulted in a tie, Secretary-Treasurer Rosen recommended another vote be taken the following morning.

2.3 Professional Affairs Commission

Commissioner Trobec summarized activities of the Commission over the past year and provided a brief review of the Boards under his Commission along with appointments of new members. Possible certification for Early Career Professionals was discussed but no additional action was taken.

2.3.1 Professional Affairs Commissioner

Commissioner Trobec completes his first three-year term in January. The EC recommended he be asked to serve a second term, and the Council approved.

2.4 Education and Human Resources Commission

Commissioner Smith reviewed the activities of the Commission and provided reports from the Boards within his Commission. His proposal to stagger appointments to the Boards was approved by the Council.

[The Council recessed for lunch from 11:55 a.m.– 1:10 p.m.]

Lunch was preceded by the dedication of the Simpson Room and the unveiling of Joanne Simpson's portrait in the room. Council, staff, Joanne's daughter Karen Malkus, family friend Barbara Schoeberl, and artist Laurie Kaplowitz were present. Bob Simpson and Joanne's son David participated in the event through a videoconference connection.

[President Uccellini left the meeting at 1:10 p.m. President-elect Shepherd assumed the chair until President Uccellini resumed the chair at 1:25 p.m.]]

2.5 Planning Commission

Commissioner Winkler reported on the Commission's review of recommendations from both the 2006 External Review Report and the 2007 AMS Strategic Goals document and associated implementation plans. The Council approved John Toohey-Morales to a four-year term on the Commission ending January 2017.

2.5.1 Planning Commissioner

Due to other commitments, Commissioner Winkler is stepping down after completing her second year as Commissioner in January. The EC presented two candidates to replace Commissioner Winkler, and after discussion, the Council approved Brad Colman as the new Planning Commissioner for a three-year term ending January 2016. The Council agreed to fill the position left vacant due to Colman's appointment as Commissioner by appointing Jack Hayes to a four-year term as member ending 2017. The Council commended Commissioner Winkler for her service.

2.6 Weather and Climate Enterprise Commission

Commissioner Parker presented his report which included a review of the reports from the various Boards under his Commission. The efforts of this Commission were applauded, and a recommendation was made to write an article in BAMS reviewing the Commission's roles and activities.

3.0 Statements

The Council discussed increasing the time for Statements to remain active. The Council approved changing the time in force for Policy Statements from 3 to 4 years and Information Statements from 5 to 6 years. .

3.1 Professional and Respectful Conduct at AMS Meetings

Council suggested minor edits to this Statement and then voted to approve it as a Society policy that will remain in force indefinitely. The Council recommended publishing the new policy in BAMS, including a copy in all conference programs and Student Conference materials, and otherwise broadly promoting the policy.

3.2 Professional Guideline on the Use of the Term "Meteorologist"

After discussion and with some minor edits to the proposed draft, the Council voted to approve a Statement on the use of the term "meteorologist" that will remain in force indefinitely.

[The Council briefly recessed from 3:15-3:35 p.m.]

3.3 Statement on Energy Sector and Earth Observations, Science, and Service

Paul Higgins led the discussion and reviewed the suggested edits and member comments for this Statement. A few additional edits were suggested, and the Council voted to approve this Statement.

3.4 Statement on Free and Open Exchange of Environmental Data

The Council approved the précis, the proposed drafting committee with one additional member suggested, and Councilor Thiaw as the Council liaison.

3.5 Status of Statements in Process

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the status of other Statements in progress. The proposal for a Statement on Social Sciences in the Atmospheric Sciences submitted by the Board on Societal Impacts as a Professional Guidance Statement was reviewed and approved along with the drafting team. Councilor Read volunteered to serve as the Council liaison.

4.1 Status of 2012 Budget

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the status of the 2012 Budget and projections for the remainder of the year.

4.2 2013 Proposed Budget

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the Society's performance against budget for 2011 and the 2012 Revised Budget. He then proposed a budget for 2013, which was recommended for approval by the EC. After discussing various aspects of the budget, the Council voted to accept the 2013 budget as proposed. Council requested a contingency plan be developed for the Education and Policy Programs and submitted to it via email within a month in case of a budget sequestration by the federal government.

4.3 UNA Report

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

4.5 Page Charge Waiver Update

Executive Director Seitter reported on the success of the page charge waiver system. Councilors Schaake and Zeng complete their terms on the Waiver Committee in January, and the Council thanked them for their service. Councilors Zhang and Fuentes volunteered to serve on this Committee, and Councilor Read agreed to continue his service.

[The Council adjourned for the day at 5:25 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:30 a.m. on 21 September 2012 with the same voting and ex officio members present.]

5.1 Awards Oversight Committee Report

Past-President Malay and Chair of the AOC reviewed the process followed by the Committee. The Council considered the list of proposed awardees and citations, and after Councilor Johnson left the room, it voted to approve all those proposed. Chair Malay provided input from the Committee about the need for clear guidance to transfer an award nomination not best suited for its proposed award to another more suitable one. Chair Malay will work with Joyce Annese to establish concrete guidelines for the future. The Council was informed about the EC's discussion of a proposal to name the Teaching Excellence Award, and it discussed possible names with one emerging as the consensus choice; Councilor Lamb will coordinate with Secretary-Treasurer Rosen to prepare materials to provide Commissioner Smith, with the aim of a vote by Council at its January meeting.

5.2 Awards Nominations Committee Report

The report forwarded by Committee Chair Pam Stephens was reviewed, and the Council expressed its appreciation for the efforts of the Committee. The need for additional nominations in certain areas continues to be a problem, and Commissioners should encourage nominations within their boards and committees. The on-line submission for awards will open in November versus January to provide additional time for nomination submissions.

2.2.1 Publications Commissioner (Cont.)

Further discussion was held about the two remaining candidates for Publications Commissioner, and Secretary-Treasurer Rosen recommended a revote via secret ballot. He announced the result of this vote that Bob Rauber was selected as Commissioner.

6.0 Proposed AMS Fellows

Past-President LeMone and Chair of the Fellows Committee presented the list of proposed new Fellows along with the procedures followed by her Committee. The Committee prepared "Helpful Hints for Fellow Nominations" which will be posted on-line. Council discussed and approved the following candidates for 2013 Fellows:

Craig H. Bishop
Thomas Andrew Black
Fei Chen
Shuyi Chen
Nancy Dean
Michael D. Eilts
Robert Fovell
John F. Henz, CCM, Radio Seal
Gale F. Hoffnagle, CCM
Dave Jones, TV Seal
Thomas R. Knutson
Zev Levin
Michael E. Mann
Dominique Marbouty
James D. McFadden
John McLaughlin, CBM, TV Seal
Ada Monzon, CBM, TV Seal
Berrien Moore III
Melinda S. Peng
Patricia A. Phoebus
Vincent R. Scheetz, CCM
Russell S. Schneider
Siegfried Schubert
Brian J. Soden
Ka-Kit Tung
Ping Yang

*President Uccellini reminded the Council that Cleveland Abbe Award winner, Wanda R. Ferrell, and Stommel Award winner, Laurence Armi, were elevated to Fellow by virtue of their receiving these AMS Awards. Councilors Phoebus and Zhang excused themselves from the discussion and vote.

[The Council briefly recessed from 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.]

7.0 Honorary Members

The Council discussed and voted to approve William Bonner, Ronald McPherson, and Susan Solomon as 2013 Honorary Members.

8.0 Fellows and Awards Nominations Committees for 2013

The Council approved Tony Busalacchi and Sue Grimmond as members of the Fellows Committee for three-year terms ending January 2016. The Council approved the appointment of Joel Myers, Rana Fine, Sonia Kreidenweis, Veronica Johnson Weems, and Maura Hagan as members of the Awards Nominations Committee (ANC) for three-year terms ending 2016; Otis Brown was approved as chair of the ANC for 2013, and a one-year extension was approved for Jack Kaye who will serve as chair-elect in 2013 and chair in 2014.

11.0 Fifth Councilor

The Council agreed to consider candidates from the atmospheric chemistry or social sciences communities and after reviewing suggestions from the EC, it approved Sonia Kreidenweis as the 5th Councilor.

10.6 Membership Committee Report

Councilor Carey, chair of the Membership Committee, reviewed ongoing activities of the Committee. A subcommittee on faculty and researchers has been formed to develop recommendations for retaining the interest and participation of this community in AMS.

Councilor Thiaw proposed a discounted membership fee of $20 for professionals who reside in Least Developed Countries as defined by the United Nations. The Council agreed to add a new dues rate category of $20 for international members from the Least Developed Countries. These members would get an electronic version of BAMS rather than print. The Council asked this issue be discussed again at its January meeting when more information on membership numbers and the appropriateness of the fee could be discussed further.

16.0 Other Matters

A Local Chapter petition requesting the formation of a Fort Collins, Colorado, chapter was distributed, and the Council requested the petition be dated and voted to approve.

10.2 Environmental Responsibility Committee

Executive Director Seitter presented the report of this Committee.

10.3 History Committee

Executive Director Seitter presented the report of this Committee.

10.4 Investments Committee

Executive Director Seitter and Controller Mohan provided information on the Society's investment portfolio.

10.5 Local Chapter Affairs Committee

President Uccellini reviewed the Local Chapter Affairs report and applauded all the efforts by the Local Chapters for the Society.

10.1 Annual Meeting Oversight Committee

President-elect Shepherd reviewed the report of this Committee, focusing on the planning for the Annual Meeting in 2014, and he expressed his appreciation for the work the Committee has done.

13.4 2014 Annual Meeting

President-elect Shepherd provided additional details about the theme and sessions planned for the Annual Meeting in Atlanta in January 2014.

13.3 2013 Annual Meeting

President Uccellini outlined the planning for the Annual Meeting in Austin in January 2013. He reviewed Sunday night's schedule, including the event during which Bill Hooke will interview T. Boone Pickens. The Council expressed its pleasure with the plans for both meetings.

13.1 2012 Specialty Meetings

Director of Meetings Gorski reported on specialty meetings of the current year.

13.3 2013 Specialty Meetings

Director of Meetings Gorski reported on specialty meetings currently planned for 2013.

13.5 2015 and Beyond Annual Meetings

Director of Meetings Gorski reported on locations for future annual meetings beyond 2015 and recent contract negotiations for the East Coast location of Baltimore, MD.

13.6 White House Memo on Travel

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the memo and the constraints it places on travel for those from government agencies.

16.0 Other Matters

Executive Director presented a message submitted by Councilor Zhang regarding comparison between AMS and AGU fees.

[President-elect Shepherd and Councilor Spinrad left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.]

12.1 21st Century Campaign

Executive Director Seitter briefly reviewed plans being discussed in preparation for the 100th Anniversary of the Society.

12.2 Fellowship and Scholarship Program

Informational reports were provided to the Council on 21st Century Campaign activities, as well as scholarships, fellowships, and other student programs made possible by external support.

[The Council recessed for lunch from 12:45 – 1:10 p.m.]

9.0 Constitution, Bylaws, and Organizational Procedures

Executive Director Seitter briefly reviewed the Constitutional changes approved by the membership and reported the amended version is now posted on our website.

14.2 K-13 Educational Initiatives

Director of Education Program Brey described the activities of the Program, including new grant support and the release of the fifth edition of the AMS Weather Studies book.

14.4 Policy Program

Policy Program Director Hooke and Assistant Director and Senior Policy Fellow Higgins reviewed the activities of the Policy Program.

14.5 Science, Service, and Society

Executive Director Seitter reported on efforts to disseminate Statements of the Society, as well as activities carried out under the Framework for Government Interactions.

14.6 AMS/Sigma Xi Lecturer

Executive Director Seitter reported that Jim Fleming will serve as AMS/Sigma Xi Lecturer for 2013/2014 and that Rick Anthes is enjoying his term as Lecturer for 2012/2013.

[Past-Presidents LeMone and Malay and Councilor Carey left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.]

15.0 AMS Affiliations with Other Organizations

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the list of AMS affiliations with other organizations. He also informed the Council about changes in the distribution of WMO publications. AMS was the exclusive North American distributor for WMO materials. That arrangement has dissolved, however, and AMS will no longer sell WMO publications. A note of appreciation should be sent to those companies who subscribed to those publications.

Commissioner Cairns led the Council in expressing appreciation to the AMS staff for the logistics and meals during these meetings.

The Council adjourned at 2:25 p.m.