AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 20 July 2023
Boston, MA

Participants--- President Brad Colman, Past- Presidents Rich Clark and Mike Farrar, President-Elect Anjuli Bamzai; **Councilors Present**: Joan Alexander, Kristen Averyt, Mona Behl, Kandis Boyd, DaNa Carlis, Shuyi Chen, Mark DeMaria, Becky DePodwin, Rachel Hauser, Mike Henry, Michelle Mainelli, Erin Coughlan de Perez, Bernadette Woods Placky; Councilors Absent: Rong Fu and Andrea Lang; Executive Director Stella Kafka (Absent - Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Telfeyan): **Commissioners**: Mike Augustyniak, Tony Broccoli, Kristie Franz, Sue Ellen Haupt, Melissa Burt, Kim Klockow, Erica Cei; **Staff**: Stephanie Armstrong, Beth Farley, Claudia Gorski, Paul Higgins, Jen Ives Andrea Mancinelli, Brian Mardirosian, Brian Papa, Katy Putsavage, and Gwendolyn Whittaker.

Minutes Recorded by: Erin Coughlan de Perez and Michelle Mainelli

Note: If anyone sees their name in the minutes and prefers that this not be shown, please advise the Secretary-Treasurer so that corrective action can be taken.

1. **Call to Order and Quorum Check.** President Colman called the meeting to order at 08:30 EDT on 20 July 2023. ED Kafka called the roll and confirmed the presence of a quorum and informed the participants that the meeting was being recorded. President Colman reviewed the meeting agenda (and the most recent updates) and highlighted key areas of note for the meeting.

2. **Voting to formally approve e-votes.** The Council voted to approve the following:
    a. Council approval of the petition to establish a New Mexico Local Chapter in NM.
    b. Council approval for a named symposium in honor of Dr. Heather Lazrus to be held at the 2025 Annual Meeting.
    c. Council approval for a named symposium in honor of Dr. Gerald Meehl to be held at the 2025 Annual Meeting.
    d. Council approval for proposal of new “Perspectives” article type, recommended by the Publications Commission, for the journals AIES (AI for the Earth Sciences) and EI (Earth Interactions).
    e. Council approval of a new proposal from the Board on Data Stewardship to change its name to “Board on Open Science, Data, and Software,” as well as a change in their mission statement.

3. **Consent agenda**: Approved; one abstention.

4. **Minutes of previous meeting**: Approved, with one correction.

5. **Finances:**
    a. CFO Andrea Mancinelli provided detailed financial information and outlooks for CY 2024 in each of the departments and budget categories.
    b. Overall, the preliminary outlook is that the CY 2024 budget forecast is a net negative. Additionally, it was noted that AMS staff support to the volunteer commissions/committees is not a trivial cost factor and a highly valued reality in moving the Society forward to achieve goals.

6. **Development board:**

This board has existed as a committee that reports to the Executive Committee. A motion was brought forwarded, seconded and passed to restructure it as a board that reports to the Council. The motion empowered the Council to work with S-T Telfeyan to develop the Terms of Reference for the Board.

7. Secretary-Treasurer separation proposal:

A motion was brought forward to advance a constitutional revision that would eliminate the position of Secretary-Treasurer and in its place create two separate positions of Secretary and Treasurer of the AMS. These would be non-voting members of Council and Executive Committee. The ad hoc committee on the Constitution and By-Laws was directed to refine the wording for the proposed amendments so that they can be made available for the entire membership to consider and vote upon. The new positions would not come into being until the end of S-T Telfeyan's current term. ED Kafka will work with our legal counsel to refine the description that will go into Constitution and Bylaws.

8. Publications – Open Access impact and finances:

AED Papa and ED Kafka will continue exploring business models that will be sustainable in the future and discuss recommendations in early 2024.

9. Open Discussion:

Some of the key items discussed included the following:

a. Question was raised about having a publications pricing strategy – appropriate staff members will investigate as needed.
b. Question about user experience and timeliness in publications - we need to be cognizant of this as we move forward. Comparison was made to AGU but AMS definitely has fewer resources
c. Should we investigate having external sponsorship of open access fees?
d. Also need to be mindful of our current budget environment - the next two FYs will be very tight for agencies and research efforts could be reduced

10. BAMS - OA fees structure

a. Current charges were developed when the full peer-reviewed articles were printed in the BAMS magazine. In Jan 2020, we only print the shortened articles. The charges increase significantly as the number of pages increase per article.

10. Commission and CIC updates

a. Commission on Professional Affairs:
    i. Making progress on Certified Digital Meteorologist (especially the review of diverse work samples).
    ii. CDM site will go live in September including eligibility requirements.
    iii. Also reaching out to Spanish CBM to make sure we are able to review digital and broadcast submissions.
    iv. Selecting inaugural chair of the CDM Board.
    v. Looking to increase membership in 2024
b. Commission on the Weather, Water, and Climate Enterprise:
    i. 20 years and running - Inclusive of sectors and facilitates conversations
    ii. Created an Enterprise Study Advisory Committee chaired by Mary Glackin — Will be short term ad hoc committee
    iii. Created an Enterprise-specific Committee on the Future of Meetings

iv. Washington Forum went well in April, planning upcoming events e.g., collaboration with August Radar conference, conference of the Climate Weather and Water Enterprise, Environmental Security Symposium
v. Board on Decision Support working toward a special symposium for Indigenous People
vi. Actively planning a summit for next summer about leveraging uncrewed vehicles for observations. Writing a committee document of best practices.
vii. Recommended a future commissioner; this is posted on AMS Community and will come for an e-vote soon.

c. Publications Commission:
   i. Working efforts to make our JA more appealing with more forward-looking themes to increase author interest
   ii. Looking to provide editors with a greater "toolset" to help in their review process
   iii. ChatGPT discussion - what is the possibility of authors submitting papers that use ChatGPT but we will emphasize that authors are responsible for all content.
d. Planning Commission:
   i. Efforts are in progress to develop a report on how we run our meetings. More detailed information on this initiative will be forthcoming.
e. Scientific and Technological Activities Commission:
   i. Not too many new initiatives. Change of the name for Data Stewardship was approved.
   ii. A proposal for a new award focused on Boundary Layer Meteorology will be coming to the AOC in a month or two.

11. Updates on equity assessment

a. Culture survey will be available soon!
b. July / August - Clarify the assessment focus (Phase 3) - Survey in September / October (Phase 4), Data Analysis (Phase 5), Town Hall Session in January at Annual Meeting (Phase 6).. which will fold into an Equity Roadmap!
c. Article submitted to BAMS will be released in August - it will complement our talking points
d. EA Task Force helped fine-tune the survey in May and June. It was emphasized that the team will test the survey instrument as well
e. Comms Plan - Survey in September with lots of outreach / broadcast videos / social media - particular with the early career members
f. Thanks to the Council and we are part of the success for this effort!
g. Action to all: Review the talking points - complete the survey and encourage others to take it!

12. Update on Annual meeting 2024

a. Great progress being made with the Annual Meeting in Baltimore - 46 conferences and symposia. Over 500 session topics! (expecting 4,400 attendees in person)
b. Bringing the award ceremony from Sunday to Wednesday - we are elevating the session to a true award ceremony
c. Congressional Field Hearing on site - Council recommends to reach out to a member of Congress who is a former AMS member (broadcast meteorologist)
d. Would like an activist panel and bring it into the Presidential Session. Council recommends creating a plan for scenarios of disruption at the annual meeting.

e. There will be scarves with stripes for sale!
f. Need to finalize the presidential sessions!

13. **Theme for Annual Meeting 2025 (11-15 January 2025)**
    a. Towards a Thriving Planet: Charting the Course Across Scales
    b. Local, regional, and global scales!
    c. Across time scales, improved usability of short-term deterministic forecasts as well as insights of the Earth System on longer time scales that enable decision-making within a risk assessment framework.

14. **Future of meetings report**
    a. Collected information via town hall 2023 meeting, membership survey (500 respondents), STAC Chair meeting feedback, and working groups
    b. Action: Finalize review and provide any feedback as soon as possible. Also - please raise any outstanding issues with the language in the document. Once recommendations are addressed, we will have a final version to present to Council at the Fall meeting.

15. Constitution updates:
    a. Reasons for updating Constitution:
        i. Two previous council decisions required Constitutional changes: (1) update Code of Conduct, (2) update membership to allow graduate students to have full membership with full voting rights and ability to serve on Council
        ii. The Planning Commission had been charged with a governance review. This resulted in a number of recommendations for changes to Constitutions (e.g., clarity, gender language, duplication between Constitution and bylaws).
    b. Motion passed: Charged the Ad Hoc committee on the Revision of the Constitution and Bylaws to move forward with their proposed comprehensive revisions including incorporating the revision of secretary treasurer, send to legal counsel for review, and come back to Council with a final language proposal.

16. Adjournment: President Colman thanked all members for their positive attitudes and productive efforts. The Council meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm