AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 28 January 2024
Council of the AMS, Baltimore, MD

Participants--- President Brad Colman, President-Elect Anjuli Bamzai, and Past-Presidents Rich Clark and Mike Farrar. **Councilors;** Joan Alexander, Kristen Averyt, Mona Behl, Kandis Boyd, DaNa Carlis, Erin Coughlan de Perez, Mark DeMaria, Rebecca DePodwin, Rong Fu, Rachel Hauser, Mike Henry, Andrea Lang, Michelle Mainelli, and Bernadette Woods Placky (Note: Councilor Shuyi Chen was unable to attend.) **Executive Director** Stella Kafka and **Secretary-Treasurer** Bruce Telfeyan. **Commissioners** (Including Incoming and Past): Tony Broccoli, Ankur Desai, Kristie Franz, Clark Evans, Lis Cohen, Kevin Kloesel, Sue Ellen Haupt, Mike Augustyniak, Erica Cei, Justin Pullin, Kim Klockow, Jen Henderson, and Melissa Burt **Student Observers;** Holly Malinson and Margaret Orr **AMS Staff;** S. Armstrong, B. Farley, C. Gorski, P. Higgins, J. Ives, A. Mancinelli, B. Mardirosian, B. Papa, A. Price, K. Putsavage, K. Savoie, and G. Whittacker. **Incoming President-elect** Dave Stensrud; **Incoming Councilors**: Gina Eosco, Andrew Humphrey, and Bill Kuo. **Visitors:** Rick Rosen, Mary Glackin, and Fred Carr (Past Presidents), Kris Clerkin (CAP), Matt Marsh (CAP), Marilyn Averill (CAP), Mark Kadar (CAP), Michael Moloney (AIP), Liz Caron (AIP), and Liz Bentley (Royal Met Society)

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

President Colman called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM EST on 28 January 2024. Secretary-Treasurer Telfeyan confirmed the presence of a quorum and noted that the meeting was being recorded. President Colman welcomed the incoming Council members and expressed sincere thanks to the departing members.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was put forward, seconded, and adopted to approve the minutes of the 17 Nov 2023 session of the Council meeting.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

ED Kafka brough forward the Consent Agenda for review and consideration by the Council. The matters of note included the following items:

- the updated Organizational Procedures of the AMS
- the annual report from STAC
- the annual report from the Professional Affairs Commission
- the annual report from CWWCE with applicable amendments and approval of members for the 2024 Steering Committee

A motion was brought forward and seconded for adoption of the Consent Agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Second Vote on Council e-votes

Numerous items required a second vote to affirm e-votes over the past two months. Some of the noteworthy items included these noted here:

- New members and second terms for the Finance Committee

- Mary Glackin as chair of the Committee of Ethics, Robert Goldhammer as chair of the International Affairs Committee, and Amber Emory as the incoming chair of the Awards Nomination Committee
- Approval of the new award for “Outstanding Contributions to Boundary-Layer Meteorology”
- Approval of the AMS Statement “The Future of Ecological Forecasting”

A motion was to confirm the Council e-votes was put forward, seconded, and adopted without dissent.

5. State of the American Meteorological Society

ED Stella Kafka provided a report on the state of the AMS. The items she addressed included the following:

- Onboarding for new Council members and commissioners
- AMS history
- Principals on non-profit governance and Council responsibilities
- Importance of and distinctions between transparency and confidentiality
- Overview of AMS Leadership
- Boards and committees within the EC and the Council
- Overview of the Commissions and CIC
- Updates on efforts in progress (the strategic plan and enhancing governance)

6. CAP Team Presentation of Workstreams to Council

Phil Rueppel provided an overview of the CAP team’s efforts to work with staff members, Councilors, Commissioners, and key volunteers. He introduced the members of his team and outlined to goals to interview a broad section of AMS leaders with the goal of improving governance and effectiveness. He invited all members to reach out to his team to provide varying perspectives.

7. American Institute of Physics (AIP) Assembly Framework

The Council welcomed AIP CEO Michael Moloney and he provided a presentation on the partnership that AIP has with AMS and nine other allied societies. He described the AIP mission to “advance, promote, and serve the physical sciences for the benefit of humanity.” He outlined the AIP efforts to support the work of the Member Societies and the Federation at large to advance Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging, and Accessibility (DEIBA) in the physical sciences community. He thanked AMS for the vibrant and expanding nature of our relationship with AIP.

8. **Royal Meteorological Society and European Meteorological Society**

The Council was honored to welcome Prof Liz Bentley, CEO of the Royal Meteorological Society (RMS). Prof Bentley provided a broad overview of the history, activities, and programs of the RMS including their eight most prominent recurring publications. She encouraged expanded collaboration with the AMS through staff interactions and conferences. Prof Bentley also provided an overview of the European Meteorological Society (EMS). She described that the EMS is the association of Meteorological Societies in Europe. The network consists of 38 Member Societies and 30 Associate Members. The EMS is a non-profit organization and its annual meetings attract some 600 people each year from all sectors of the field.

9. Updates on Governance

Councilors DaNa Carlis, Michelle Mainelli, and Mona Behl provided a report on their efforts with respect to the review and action plan they have developed for Council governance. Their efforts focused on three primary areas:

- Increasing transparency and clarity
- Enhancing leadership efficiency and effectiveness
- Examining the current governance structure with a view to increasing responsiveness and agility

As their efforts progress, they will reach out to and interact with all Council members and AMS staff for suggestions and assistance. Council members were asked to voluntarily join the WGs associated with these three topics.

10. Code of Ethics Review

Past President and Committee on Ethics (CoE) Chair Fred Carr gave an update on the status of the draft Code of Conduct. He reviewed that the CoE has spent a lot of time reviewing and revising the Code of Conduct and the Procedures for Implementation. He noted that the documents have gone through one copy edit and one legal review so far. He appreciates Council members taking the time to review both documents as we will shortly be entering a 30-day period for member comment. In closing, he thanked Mary Glackin for succeeding him as CoE chair and he noted that two new members will be needed for the committee due to expiring terms

11. Open Mic Session - Education and Engagement Commission

A motion was made and seconded for Kevin Kloesel to become acting commissioner for E&E and for Lis Cohen to step aside for a year. After brief discussion, the Council voted to approve the motion.

12. Adjournment

President Colman reiterated his thanks to the departing Council members and shared his appreciation to all member for their hard work. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The Council voted to adjourn the meeting without dissent at 12:08 PM.