AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 29 September 2025 Meeting of the Council
Via Zoom

Minutes recorded by AMS Secretary Todd Glickman.

Participants

Voting Members:
- President David Stensrud
- President-elect Alan Sealls
- Past-president Anjuli Bamzai
- Second Past-president Brad Colman
- Stephen Bennett
- Danielle Breezy (until 3pm)
- Rebecca DePodwin
- DaNa Carlis
- Gina Eosco
- Jenny Frankel-Reed
- Rong Fu
- Stephanie Herring
- Andrew Humphrey
- John Lanicci
- Michelle Mainelli
- Cliff Mass
- Erin Coughlan de Perez
- Russ Schumacher

Non-voting Members:
- Secretary Todd Glickman
- Treasurer Rich Spaulding
- Acting Executive Director Brian Papa
- Student Member Edward Wolff

Commissioners/CIC:
- Mona Behl
- Clark Evans
- Kim Klockow
- Jen Henderson
- Erica Grow Cei
- Justin Pullin
- Walter Robinson

AMS Staff:
- Associate Executive Director Stephanie Armstrong
- Associate Executive Director Paul Higgins
- CFO Andrea Mancinelli
- Directors Beth Farley, Claudia Gorski, Jen Ives, Brian Mardirosian, Rebecca Perriello, Katy Putsavage, Kelly Savoie, Gwendolyn Whittaker, Stephanie Wurtz

1. **Call to Order and Quorum Check**
   President Stensrud called the meeting to order at 1:06pm EDT. Secretary Glickman noted that initially 16 voting members of the Council were present, representing a quorum. President Stensrud thanked the Council members for their participation and service to the Society, especially during the challenges introduced during 2025.
2. **Executive Session**
   President Stensrud asked for a motion to enter executive session for the first two hours of the meeting for the purpose of discussing Council engagement and the executive director search. The motion, made by A. Sealls and seconded by G. Eosco, carried unanimously. At this time, there were 17 members of the Council present; an 18th arrived at 1:30pm EDT. The meeting entered executive session at 1:10pm EDT. At 3:02 pm EDT, a motion made by G. Eosco and seconded by C. Mass to resume general session was carried unanimously.
3. **Roll Call and Quorum Check**
   Back in general session, Secretary Glickman confirmed 16 voting members of the Council were present, representing a quorum. He also reminded Council members to identify themselves by name when making a motion or second, and to refrain from using the Zoom chat for substantive discussion.
4. **Approval of Minutes of the 12 August 2025 Council Meeting**
   Secretary Glickman asked for a motion to approve the referenced meeting minutes, which was made by G. Eosco and seconded by C. Mass. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Consent Agenda**
   Secretary Glickman asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was made by A. Sealls and seconded by C. Mass. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Second Vote Confirming e-Votes**
   Secretary Glickman asked for a motion to reaffirm the five e-votes taken by Council since the last meeting, which was made by D. Stensrud and seconded by R. Schumacher. The motion carried unanimously.
7. **Climate Certificate/Certification Updates**
   (This agenda item, originally scheduled for 30 September, was swapped with the Driveway Easement item.) B. Colman gave an update on the climate certificate project, saying that there was good progress. AMS will organize training courses, including an initial COMET module. An AIP grant application for $60K has been submitted, and we should hear soon. Consensus was this program, aimed at adjacent communities, will be very popular. K. Savoie then briefed the Council on progress of the climate certification project, which is well along, including

development of the open book written exam. Similar to the CCM program, it is designed for the AMS membership. It is hoped to roll out the program in January 2026.

8. **Governance Recommendations**

8.1 *Change of Name of Official Communications Organ from BAMS to AMS Headlines* – As discussed at the 12 August 2025 Council meeting, this change requires an amendment to the Bylaws. A. Sealls moved and A. Humpreys seconded a motion that Article II of the Bylaws be amended to: "AMS Headlines shall be the official organ of the Society." The motion carried with a greater-than two-thirds vote, 16 yes and one abstention. The Bylaws are hereby amended.

8.2 *Discussion on a Change to the 30-day Notice Requirement to Hold Council Meetings* – Today's discussion begins the 30-day notice period required to amend the Bylaws. There was general agreement that in the modern communications age, a much shorter notification period is appropriate. AMS counsel agreed this is in line with Massachusetts law and best practice. General consensus was that Article I, Item 2 would be amended to, "At least two business days' written notice…". This item will be on the November Council meeting agenda for final discussion and vote.

8.3 *Clarify Timing of the Mandatory Annual Council Meeting and Process to Select Councilors on the Executive Committee* – Today's discussion begins the 30-day notice period required to amend the Bylaws. There was general agreement that Article I, item 2 would be amended to, "The Council shall meet in conjunction with the Annual Meeting." This item will be on the November Council meeting agenda for final discussion and vote.

8.4 *Recommend Amendment to the Constitution with New Wording to Change the Threshold for Petition Candidates from a Static Number to a Percentage of Members Eligible to Vote* – There was good discussion on this general topic, which included thoughts on whether it should be a whole number or percentage, and whether the thresholds for offices of president-elect and councilors should be the same or different. There are three related procedures to be considered: petition nominations for ballot, quorum for transaction of business at the Annual Meeting, and petition for amendment of the Constitution. In the end, it was agreed to have time for additional consideration and return to this subject at the November Council meeting.

8.5 *Recommend Amendment to the Constitution with New Wording to Codify Election Process of Selecting Candidates for President by Sector* – Under consideration was an amendment to the Constitution with new wording to reflect long-time best practice. After considerable discussion (including whether it should apply to the Council as well, and if it should be in the Constitution or Bylaws), it was agreed to return to this subject at the November Council meeting for further consideration.

9. **Adjournment**

At 4:45pm EDT, G. Eosco moved and R. Fu seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting until 1:00pm EDT on 30 September 2025. The motion carried unanimously.