AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 4 March 2022
Videoconference Meeting of the Council

Participants--- President Rich Clark, President-Elect Brad Colman, Past-Presidents Mike Farrar and Mary Glackin, Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Telfeyan, and Executive Director Stella Kafka. *Councilors*: Joan Alexander, Deke Arndt, Kristen Averyt, Mona Behl, Kandis Boyd, Shuyi Chen, Mark DeMaria, Rachel Hauser, Mike Henry, Andrea Lang, Vernon Morris, Bernadette Woods Placky, and Julie Pullen. *Commissioners (including Incoming and Past)*: Tony Broccoli (Publications), Kevin Goebbert (E&E), Mike Augustyniak, Erica Grow (Professional Affairs), Susan Jasko and Kim Klockow-McClain (Planning). *Staff:* Wendy Abshire, Stephanie Armstrong, Joe Boyd, Beth Farley, Paul Higgins, Jen Ives, Brian Mardirosian, Brian Papa, Katy Putsavage, Kelly Savoie, Keith Seitter, and Gwendolyn Whittaker. (Not all participants attended the entire meeting.)

[A quorum of voting members being present, President Clark called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. EST on 4 March 2022.]

[The numbering of the following sections corresponds to the Council agenda. The sections are listed in the order they were addressed at the meeting.]

0.0 Welcome, Roll Call, and Agenda Review

President Clark welcomed those attending, especially the new Council members. Bruce Telfeyan noted that we achieved a quorum and that the session is being recorded.

1.0 Discussion on Possible Council Retreat in the Spring

Numerous ideas for topics for the retreat breakout session were discussed. The timing and the location of the meeting were discussed at some length. There was broad agreement that having the retreat in concert with the July Council Meeting would be the most prudent approach for this event. There were multiple ideas advanced on subjects for the retreat, many of them related to strategic planning.

2.0 Ad-Hoc Committee on Council Organization and Function

The Ad-Hoc group on Council Organization and Function was the focus of the discussion with valuable input from Mary Glackin and Executive Director Kafka. The Ad Hoc team would review Council's responsibilities as identified in the AMS Constitution, By Laws and Organizational Procedures. It will examine the appropriateness of duties allocated between the Executive Committee of Council (EC) and the Council and between Council and its subordinate bodies. It will also seek input from current and former Councilors, volunteers and staff. The Council voted to approve the formation of the committee with Mary Glackin as the Chair.

2.1 Ad-Hoc Committee on Constitution and By-Laws

There was discussion on the need for modernizing the Constitution and By-Laws. The Planning Commission is already working on these matters. The Council voted

unanimously to approve this ad-hoc committee. Also, the Planning Commission will be involved with this effort.

3.0 Discussion on Forming a Student Activities Board (SAB)

Past-President Farrar reviewed his discussions with students in Houston and later (virtually) on forming an SAB. Secretary-Treasurer Telfeyan is working with the student leaders to develop a draft ToR for the board. Discussion involved in which Commission the new board should reside with Education and Engagement and Professional Affairs under consideration. The Council gave formal approval for the formation of the new Board.

4.0 Review of AMS Statements

Consideration to renew the AMS statement of the "Freedom of Scientific Expression" was discussed with input from Paul Higgins. This five-year extension was unanimously approved.

Council discussed a revised version of the Climate Information statement produced by subgroup of Council led by Past-President Glackin and including Councilors Alexander, Arndt, Averyt, Behl, and Hauser, and Commissioner Jasko. This version expanded the drafting committee's work to include Council's comments expressed at the January Council meeting. A motion was adopted to approve the statement with provision for a thorough copy edit by the drafting committee subject to Council approval.

5.0 Discussions Regarding Annual Meetings

Mike Farrar thanked all who made the 2022 virtual annual meeting a success. Rich Clark reviewed activities ongoing in preparing for the 2023 annual meeting. Brad Colman introduced his theme for the 2024 annual meeting, Living in a Changing Environment. ED Stella Kafka asked for confirmation that future Annual Meetings and Conferences would be hybrid in nature. Rich Clark indicated that this is an accurate statement of our intention.

Closing Remarks

President Clark thanked everyone for the lively discussion. The meeting concluded with a review that in accordance with the AMS Organizational Procedures, Commissioners may attend all Council meetings, in addition to the ED, the Secretary-Treasurer, and relevant senior AMS staff members.

Council adjourned at 4:45 p.m. EST.