AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the Council of the AMS via Zoom
November 8, 2024

Participants--- President Anjuli Bamzai, President-Elect Dave Stensrud Past-Presidents Brad Colman and Rich Clark, **Councilors**: Mona Behl, Kandis Boyd, Dana Carlis, Rebecca DePodwin, Gina Eosco, Rong Fu, Andrew Humphrey, Rachel Hauser, Bill Kuo, Cliff Mass, and Erin Coughlan de Perez. **Council Members Absent:** Bernadette Woods Placky. **Executive Director** Stella Kafka and **Secretary/Treasurer** Bruce Telfeyan. **Commissioners**: Tony Broccoli, Kristie Franz, Clark Evans, Heidi Centola, Kim Klockow, Jennifer Henderson, Justin Pullin. **Student Observer**: Dillon Blount. **AMS Staff**: A. Price, S. Armstrong, B. Farley, C. Gorski, P. Higgins, J. Ives, A. Mancinelli, B. Papa, K. Putsavage, K. Savoie, and G. Whittaker

Minutes Recorded by: Bruce Telfeyan
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 Anjuli Bamzai called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM EDT on 8 November 2024. Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Telfeyan called the roll, confirmed the presence of a quorum with fourteen voting members in attendance. He noted that the meeting was being recorded.

2. Confirmation of E-Votes, Consideration of Consent Agenda, October Minutes

A motion was put forward, seconded, and adopted to formally approve the minutes of the Council meeting on Sept 25, 2024.

3. Amendments to Society's Bylaws

a. S/T Telfeyan brought forward and reviewed the updated Bylaws of the Society. He reviewed each of the modifications all of which were brought about by the separation of the Secretary-Treasurer position into two distinct offices. The updates reflected the amendments to the Constitution which had been approved by the membership several months ago.

b. Additionally, he noted that sufficient time (more than 30 days) had passed since the proposed amendments to the Bylaws had been shared with members of the Council. As such, the EC agreed that S/T Telfeyan should present the amendments to the Council for discussion and envisioned approval. The Council unanimously voted to adopt the amended Bylaws and S/T Telfeyan noted that he would publish the updated version on the AMS website immediately.

4. Selection of Secretary and Treasurer

President Bamzai reviewed the EC recommendations for the new Secretary (Todd Glickman) and Treasurer (Rich Spaulding). The Council voted in favor of both recommendations without dissent. Todd Glickman was selected for an initial four-year term and Rich Spaulding was chosen for an initial three-year term. They will assume their new roles at the end of the Annual Business Meeting on January 12th.

5. Financial Policy Updates and Efforts to Sell 44 Beacon Street Property

a. CFO Andrea Mancinelli reviewed the purpose of the discussion to review current policies that need updating to include greater clarity and to formalize policies that are generally followed but not stated in writing. She also noted the need to provide formal authority limits for staff approving and signing contracts and initiating purchases. A motion was made and seconded to approve financial policies for purchasing authorization. Following discussion, the motion was approved.

b. AED Stephanie Armstrong provided an update on the envisioned sale of our property at 44 Beacon Street. She noted that we have selected a realtor, and we hope to list the property for sale in February 2025. A motion was made and seconded to approve moving forward with the sale of 44 Beacon Street.

c. AED Armstrong provided an update on the driveway easement issue for 46 Beacon Street. AED Armstrong noted that while the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission is fully supporting the easement, the President of Historic New England (HNE) is still objecting to the settlement with the property owners. Our legal counsel is pursuing the matter with HNE and believes our argument is strong and will hopefully prevail.

6. Publications Update

AED Papa provided an update on our publications and addressed questions about unfortunate delays for which authors are forced to navigate. Several Council members highlighted the negative impacts this is creating for their graduate students. AED Papa also reviewed significant savings that will be realized in 2025 and beyond via a new contract for publishing services. The decision has been made to not pursue a commercial publishing partnership.

7. Future of Meetings Report and Recommendations

Director of Meetings Jen Ives gave a complete report of the Future of Meetings Task Force. Jen and Incoming STAC Commissioner/Future of Meetings Task Force co-chair Clark Evans sought volunteers to further the recommendations made in the report of the Future of Meetings Task Force.

- One question addressed was whether the AMS can organize the Annual Meeting in a way to encourage more collaboration and less stove-piping?
    - Recommendation: AMS leadership, Meetings staff, and Council lead a review of the Overall Planning Committee's role in organizing and overseeing the Annual Meeting with the goal of streamlining the Annual Meeting's organizational structure.
    - Action: Identify volunteer members of Council and AMS leadership to work with AMS Director of Meetings to lead this review
    - Outcome: Gina Eosco, Cliff Mass, and Brad Colman volunteered to serve on this review.

President Bamzai thanked Jen and all task force members for their thorough efforts.

8. Updated Report on the Board on Student Affairs

Dillon Blount, the student representative to the Council provided a thorough update on the activities of the Board on Student Affairs. The Council thanked him for his informative overview and for the efforts of the BoSA and the Student Conference.

9. Award Oversight Committee Recommendations

Past-president Brad Colman reviewed the recommendations of the AOC and confirmed that the nomination period for awards had been adjusted. Nominations for 2025 are now being accepted and will continue to be accepted through May 1, 2025. He noted that it is essential that any changes in the nominating period must be coordinated with the Awards Nomination Committee.

10. Other Business and Adjournment

S/T Telfeyan requested an update on the selection of the fifth councilor and President Bamzai provided a thorough update on the process. There were no additional items for discussion in an open period for consideration of potential matters of concern. President Bamzai expressed thanks to all participants and guests for their hard work. A motion to adjourn

the meeting was made and seconded. The Council voted to adjourn the meeting into an executive session without dissent at 5:44 PM EST.