

AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 17-18 September 2015
Meeting of the Council
Boston, MA

Participants—President Alexander MacDonald, President-Elect Fred Carr, Past-Presidents William Gail and Marshall Shepherd (Shepherd attended via telecon), Secretary-Treasurer Richard Rosen, and Executive Director Keith Seitter. *Councilors*: Carol Anne Clayson, Stephen Corfidi, William Easterling, Laura Furgione, Susan Jasko, Sonia Kreidenweis, Dennis Lettenmaier, Frank Marks, Michael Morgan, Kevin Petty, Yvette Richardson, Elizabeth Ritchie, Alan Sealls, and Wendy Schreiber-Abshire. [Councilor Heidi Cullen was absent.] *Commissioners*: Brad Colman (Planning), Mary Glackin (Enterprise), Raj Pandya (Education and Human Resources), Bob Rauber (Publications), David Stensrud (STAC), and Jay Trobec (Professional Affairs). *AMS Staff*: Joyce Annese, Stephanie Armstrong, Mike Batsimm, James Brey, Tom Champoux, Beth Farley, Claudia Gorski, Ken Heideman, Paul Higgins, William Hooke, Anne McDonough, Jeff Rosenfeld, and Melissa Weston. (Not all staff was present for the entire meeting.) Annese and Seitter served as recorders.

[The numbering of the following sections follows that in the agenda, but the sections are listed in the order they were addressed at the meeting.]

0.0 Agenda

President MacDonald called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on 17 September 2015 and welcomed all. Secretary-Treasurer Rosen called the roll and announced a quorum of voting members was present. President MacDonald then asked participants to introduce themselves by describing their favorite event during summer vacation.

1.3 Minutes of Council Meeting

Council reaffirmed its e-mail approval of the minutes of its 4 January 2015 meeting in Phoenix, AZ.

1.5 Consent Items on Council Mail Ballots

All Council e-mail ballots not previously approved unanimously were formally approved, and ballots that were “provisionally approved” were formally approved.

A new Student Chapter request from George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, was presented, and the Council approved the formation of the George Mason University Student Chapter.

2.1 STAC Commissioner’s Report

Commissioner Stensrud presented his preliminary report and reviewed the membership statistics compiled by Future Commissioner Telfeyan. Council approved a revision to STAC’s terms of reference, and Commissioner Stensrud will draft new language for the Organizational Procedures for Council to consider at its January meeting.

2.1.1 Named Symposia

Council approved named symposia for Lance Bosart and Robert Houze for the 2017 Annual Meeting.

2.2 Publications Commission Report

Commissioner Rauber reported on a great many activities of the Commission, including plans for article-based workflow and actions to reduce the time to initial editorial decisions. Council approved Commissioner Rauber’s request for three-year appointments as Chief Editor of *Journal of Atmospheric and Oceanographic Technology-O*; *Journal of Atmospheric and Oceanographic Technology-A*; *Journal of Physical Oceanography*; as well as two-year extensions of individuals as Chief Editor of *Weather, Climate, and Society*, and *Glossary of Meteorology*; and three at-large members of the Commission. Council approved the creation of Editor’s Awards for *Earth Interactions* and *Glossary of Meteorology*, noting the award for the *Glossary* should recognize a significant level of contribution. In addition,

Council approved the request to allow *Earth Interactions* and *Glossary of Meteorology* to participate with other journals in a second award nomination. After discussion, Council approved eliminating page charges for *Weather, Climate, and Society*. Council discussed the request for changes in the terms of reference for *Journal of Climate*; *Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology*; *Weather, Climate, and Society*; and *Earth Interactions*. Council approved the changes for *Weather, Climate, and Society* and *Earth Interactions*. Council suggested further edits be considered for the terms of reference for *Journal of Climate* and *Journal of Applied Meteorology*, and Commissioner Rauber will have the Commission review and present revised terms for Council approval in January. President MacDonald expressed his appreciation to the Publications staff and Commission for their outstanding job.

2.3 Professional Affairs Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Trobec reported on the activities of his Commission, and Council approved increasing the size of the Board for Private Sector Meteorologists from eight to nine members. Council approved, ex post facto, the appointments to the Commission's Boards and Committees. Council also approved the procedures and guidelines for Best Practices, along with edits to the procedures for the CBM Program to deal with occasions when the CBM chair or the Commissioner has a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Trobec asked for Council facilitators to work with the Board on Best Practices on three best practices. Councilor Sealls will assist with the one on Digital Services; Councilor Furgione will assist with Emergency Communication Services; and Councilor Jasko will assist with Communicating Uncertainty for Severe Winter Weather.

[Council briefly recessed from 10:08– 10:30 a.m.]

2.4 Education and Human Resources Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Pandya reviewed the activities of the Commission, and Council approved ex post facto, new members for its Boards. Council considered two versions of a new Diversity Statement and selected one by majority vote. Council discussed a white paper on "Ensuring the Full Participation of People with Disabilities at AMS Meetings", and it was pleased to learn staff has been working to implement the paper's recommendations.

2.5 Planning Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Colman presented his report and reviewed the activities of the Commission. Council appointed Ken Carey to a four-year term ending January 2020.

2.5.1 Planning Commissioner

With Commissioner Colman's term ending in January, Council approved Wendy Schreiber-Abshire as the next Planning Commissioner for a three-year term ending January 2019. Councilor Schreiber-Abshire recused herself from the meeting during this discussion, and Council congratulated her upon her return.

2.6 Weather, Water, and Climate Enterprise Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Glackin reviewed the reports from the various Boards and Committees in the Commission. No actions were requested at this time.

2.6.1 Future CWWCE Commissioner

Council appointed Pamela Emch as Future Commissioner.

3.2 Climate Services Statement

President MacDonald reviewed the Climate Services Statement, which Council approved, with minor edits, to be in force through September 2020.

3.3 Atmospheric Ozone Statement

President MacDonald reviewed the précis for a revision of the Atmospheric Ozone Statement. Council approved moving forward with revising the Statement.

3.4 Water Resources in the 21st Century Statement

Commissioner Glackin reviewed the request from the Water Resources Committee to update and revise the Water Resources Statement. Council approved the request and appointed Councilor Lettenmaier as Council facilitator. He will work with the Committee and others on preparing a précis and drafting team recommendation.

3.5 Weather, Water, and Climate Priorities Statement

Commissioner Glackin reported on efforts to create a new Weather, Water, and Climate Priorities Statement to provide input to presidential campaigns and eventual transition teams. After discussion, Council approved the proposed drafting team and proposed changes to the précis.

3.1 Status of Statements in Process

President MacDonald reviewed the list of Statements at various stages of development. The Statement on Tornado Preparedness and Safety has had several extensions, and Council facilitator Corfidi agreed to continue urging it be completed.

[Council recessed for lunch from 12:01-1:00 p.m.]

4.1 Status of 2015 Budget

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the status of the 2015 budget, noting our net operating income for the year will likely match that projected in the revised budget approved by the Executive Committee in April.

4.2 2016 Proposed Budget

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the Society's financial performance for 2014 and 2015 as a prelude to discussing the 2016 proposed budget. President MacDonald reported it is supported by the Executive Committee, and after discussion, the Council voted to approve the 2016 budget as proposed.

4.3 UNA Report

Council was provided a history of the Society's financial reserves, including its unrestricted net assets, for the past eighteen years.

4.5 Legal Issues Involving Headquarters Property

Executive Director Seitter briefed Council about the status of a legal dispute involving the Society and neighbors about changes the latter made to the alley behind the Carriage House.

7.0 Honorary Members

Council selected Robert Ryan, Donald Johnson, and Jagadish Shukla as 2016 Honorary Members.

5.1 Awards Oversight Committee Report

Past-President Gail explained changes proposed by the AOC to the Society's award guidelines, and Council approved these changes and a revised "Guidelines for Society and Commission Awards."

[Past-President Shepherd rejoined the meeting via telecon at 1:55 p.m.]

6.0 Proposed AMS Fellows

Past-President Shepherd reviewed the report of the Fellows Committee and thanked Council for agreeing to increase the size of the Committee. Council approved the following candidates to become 2016 Fellows:

Jeffrey L. Anderson
Linnea M. Avallone
David C. Bader
Lidia Cucurull
Christopher A. Davis
Rong Fu
Henry Fuelberg
Rolando R. Garcia
John R. Gyakum
Harry H. Hendon
Albert A. M. Holtslag
Anthony J. Illingworth
George Kiladis

Sukyoung Lee
Xu Liang
Norman G. Loeb
James A. Moore
Vernon Morris
Barry L. Myers
Bette L. Otto-Bliesner
Andrew J. Pitman
Roger M. Samelson
Chris Snyder
Kathryn Dwyer Sullivan
Jothiram Vivekanandan
Minghua Zhang

*President MacDonald reminded Council that Steven Platnick and Robert Pickart were elevated to Fellow by virtue of their receiving major AMS Awards.

[Council briefly recessed from 2:30-2:48 p.m.]

11.0 Centennial Visioning Workshop

President MacDonald introduced this item by expressing his pleasure with the conduct of the workshop. Past-President Gail and Associate Executive Director William Hooke then reviewed the outcomes of the workshop and led an extended discussion with Council.

[Council adjourned for the day at 5:02 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:30 a.m. on 18 September 2015 with the same members present.]

5.1 Awards Oversight Committee Report (Cont.)

Past-President Gail presented a proposed revision to the terms of reference for the Distinguished Scientific Journalism Award, which Council accepted subject to minor edits. President MacDonald then reviewed the full list of award nominations and citations submitted from the various award committees and approved by the Executive Committee. Council approved all nominations and edited citations (with Councilor Lettenmaier recusing himself from the decision about the Hydrologic Research Award).

5.2 Awards Nominations Committee Report

President MacDonald reviewed the Committee's report, and a discussion ensued about the need for more diverse nominations, especially those for women and minorities. Council asked it be provided demographic information about award nominees, similar to that provided for Fellows, in the future.

8.0 Fellows, Awards, and Nominating Committees for 2016

Council appointed Wayne Higgins, Gerald Dittberner, and Ana Barros to the Fellows Committee with terms ending January 2019. Council noted the operational sector is not strongly represented on the Fellows Committee and agreed to select an appropriate individual through a follow-up email ballot. In doing so, Council also agreed to increase the size of this Committee to ten members.

[The Council briefly recessed from 10:05-10:25 a.m.]

8.0 Fellows, Awards, and Nominating Committees for 2016 (Cont.)

Council appointed Jay Fein, Kerry Cook, Marilyn Wolfson, Ron Smith, Antonio Busalacchi, Sue Grimmond, Anne Thompson, Lee-Leung Fu, and Jay Trobec to the Awards Nominations Committee for terms expiring January 2019; and it reappointed Maura Hagan to serve as chair for 2016.

8.1 Transparency in Process for Nominating Candidates for Office

Secretary-Treasurer Rosen reviewed shortcomings in the current call to members for nominations for the Society's elected offices. Council approved revised text to better explain the process to submit names of potential candidates to the Nominating Committee.

9.0 Reappointment of Secretary-Treasurer

President MacDonald and Executive Director Seitter led this discussion while Secretary-Treasurer Rosen recused himself from the meeting. The Council reappointed Rosen to an additional two-year term ending January 2018.

10.0 Selection of Fifth Councilor

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the process for selecting a fifth Councilor. Council agreed to focus on early career candidates from the atmospheric chemistry community, and it developed a list of potential candidates who will be contacted to provide statements and CVs. These materials will be submitted to Council with the expectation Council will vote in early November.

12.0 Major Partnership Initiative

Past-President Gail and Executive Director Seitter reported they plan to execute the MOU with the Chinese Meteorological Society during their visit to China this fall in conjunction with the CMS annual meeting.

13.1 Annual Meeting Oversight Committee

President MacDonald informed Council of Executive Committee appointments to the Committee.

[Past-President Shepherd left the meeting at 11:30 a.m. and returned at 1:30 p.m. Council recessed for lunch from 11:55 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Councilor Clayson left the meeting at 12:30 p.m. and returned at 1:11 p.m.]

13.2 Environmental Stewardship Committee

President MacDonald informed Council of Executive Committee appointments to the Committee.

13.3 History Committee

President MacDonald informed Council of Executive Committee appointments to the Committee.

13.4 Investments Committee

President MacDonald informed Council of an Executive Committee appointment to the Committee, and Controller Batsimm reported on the performance of the Society's investment portfolio thus far this year.

13.5 Local Chapters

President MacDonald informed Council of Executive Committee appointments to the Committee.

13.6 Membership Committee

President MacDonald and Committee Chair Schreiber-Abshire reviewed the Committee's report.

13.7 Centennial Vision Committee

Council reviewed the initial committee members approved by EC and noted that Past-President Gail will bring the EC additional recommendations as the Committee becomes more active and needs more members.

14.1 Committee on Researcher Involvement in the AMS

President MacDonald reviewed the report from Committee chair Zeng.

14.2 International Affairs Committee

President MacDonald informed Council the International Forum of Meteorological Societies will be meeting in conjunction with our annual meeting in New Orleans.

15.2 Fellowship and Scholarship Program

Council was informed about 21st Century Campaign activities, as well as scholarships, fellowships, and other student programs made possible by donor support.

16.1 2015 Specialty Meetings

President MacDonald reviewed the list of upcoming meetings.

16.2 2016 Annual Meeting

President MacDonald reviewed the status of the meeting and its many conferences and symposia that will be held 10-14 January in New Orleans.

16.3 2016 Specialty Meetings

President MacDonald reviewed the list of meetings planned for next year.

16.4 2017 Annual Meeting

President-Elect Carr reminded the Council this meeting will be held 22-26 January in Seattle, WA.

16.5 2018 and Beyond Annual Meetings

President MacDonald reviewed the list, noting the locations of our Annual Meetings have now been set through 2032.

17.1 Publications

Executive Director Seitter highlighted advances in the Society's publication processes.

17.2 IT

Executive Director Seitter reported a new association management system is in the process of being implemented at Headquarters and is on target to roll out in early 2016.

17.3 K-13 Education

Education Program Director Brey described the activities of the Program including support from NOAA for DataStreme Earth's Climate System.

17.4 Membership

President MacDonald reviewed the status of the Society's membership.

17.5 Policy Program

The activities of the Policy Program were reviewed.

17.6 Communications

Communications Director Champoux updated Council on communications efforts, including the annual meeting video, the new website, and plans for the 23|5 talks at the annual meeting.

17.7 Science, Service, and Society

Executive Director Seitter reported on efforts carried out under the Society's Framework for Government Interactions.

17.8 AMS/Sigma Xi Lecturer

Executive Director Seitter reported that Lance Bosart will serve as the AMS Sigma Xi Lecturer for 2016/2017. Mark Serezze has begun his term as Lecturer for 2015/2016.

18.0 AMS Affiliations with Other Organizations

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the list of AMS affiliations with other organizations. Council suggested adding this list to our website.

The Council meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.