

AMS Committee on Environmental Stewardship Conference Call

7 January, 2015

95th Annual Meeting of the American Meteorological Society

Draft Meeting Notes

Attendees: In attendance (in person at): Rich Clark, Claudia Gorski, Rebecca Haacker-Santos, Dian Seidel (guest), Sonia Kreidenweis (for Christa Peters) . Phone attendees: Kathy Schreiber, Eugene Cordero, Ana Ordonez

Notes: Kathy Schreiber

Kathy welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda.

AMS Committee on Environmental Responsibility received approval by the Executive Committee to change name to AMS Committee on Environmental Stewardship (CES)

Review of 2014 Accomplishments: Kathy listed the CES accomplishments of 2014: Update of the AMS CES website, development of new strategies with the Executive Committee to promote CES membership, agreement by Local Chapter Affairs to encourage environmental activities in student end-of-year reports and award applications, ability of conference attendees to choose between a paper program and program app, and offering for conference members to choose formal offsets or lifestyle choices to offset conference travel-related emissions. Additionally, a lower carbon meat was served at banquet, and accompanied by organic, local produce and reusable dishware. Any leftovers were to be sent to local shelters/food banks.

Selection of Goals (and activity chairperson) for 2015 AMS CES Work Plan

- a) Townhall 2016 or other educational event (Rich)
- b) Weatherfest 2016 (Eugene)
- c) Evaluation of 2015 green meeting activities/implementation for 2016 (Kathy)
- d) Advancement of AMS CES membership (Kathy)
- e) Maintenance of AMS CER web site and recordkeeping (Kathy)
- f) Investments (Rich)
- g) Service (Rebecca)

Goal-related News and Developments

- a) Volunteer activity: The Desert Rain Garden service project for Phoenix was cancelled. The project was not approved at the state level.
- b) In the event that a CES committee member is unable to attend future Weatherfest events, the committee with work with AMS to have a representative operate the booth.
- c) There are many means to communicate AMS CES objectives and invite membership outside an annual meeting town hall, which is limited by lunch costs and other concurrent activities. These are worth investigating.
- d) Claudia will report green meeting statistics of the annual meeting at an upcoming conference call.

Near-term Work Goals

- a) Kathy will craft a draft letter communicating CES goals and plans to AMS committees and related organizations. CES members will help finalize an appropriate final letter.
- b) Committee members will consider colleagues who are AMS members and have interests related to CES goals and invite them to join.
- c) Rich will begin investigating means to communicate AMS CER objectives/plans, and invite membership as an alternative to a town hall at the 96th Annual Meeting.

The committee decided the best time for the next conference call is early March, as this allows appropriate time to complete above near-term goals and then decide on our next actions. The meeting was then adjourned.