

AMS Committee on Environmental Responsibility Meeting

1:00 – 2:00pm EDT, 21 November 2014

Meeting Notes

On the phone: Richard Clark, Eugene Cordero, Caroline Normile, Claudia Gorski, Kathleen Schreiber

Notetaker: Kathy Schreiber

1. Town Hall

The CER town hall planned for the 2015AMS Annual Meeting in Phoenix was cancelled. Before we provide the town hall, we should seek funding for lunches to attract attendees. This will be a focus early on in the 2015 CER agenda so we are well prepared for the town hall at the 2016 annual meeting.

2. CER business meeting at AMS annual meeting

The business meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7 at 7am. Kathy will not be attending in person but will be calling in. Dian Seidel plans to join the group.

3. Awards banquet

You might notice something special about your meal tonight? Yes, it's delicious and yes it's nutritious! But did you also notice that tonight's meal is also designed around climate friendly principles? In recognition of the AMS's commitment to reducing carbon emissions and in collaboration with the AMS's Committee for Environmental Responsibility, tonight's menu focuses on foods with a lower carbon footprint. These include chicken, which has a lower carbon footprint compared to other meat, and local, seasonal and organic produce. So, you can have your cake and eat it too!

5. Student Engagement

Local Chapter Affairs has no problem encouraging chapters to include work they have done related to environmental activities on their posters or chapter end of the year submissions. They are not sure how it will play into the judging process, perhaps as a tie breaker.

6. Weatherfest

Eugene will man the Weatherfest, which is 12-4pm on Sunday. He will do activities related to the carbon footprint. It would be valuable to have committee members with Eugene at this time to engage with other AMS members communicating our mission.

7. Green meetings

The Carbon Offset option for AMS meeting travel is operational for this January.

8. Membership (Kathy)

Kathy reviewed President Gail's suggestions for increasing CER membership. CER members agreed to serve another year while we seek additional membership. Kathy will serve again as chair unless there are others who are interested in the position. Once the AMS CER committee website is updated, Eugene will have an AMS tweet for volunteers. CER is seeking approval to have the committee name change to *Committee on Environmental Stewardship* to communicate a wider mission of the committee. The committee agreed that a BAMS article advertising our work and inviting membership would be appropriate. The committee will review its accomplishments to date at the January business meeting in preparation.

9. Committee website (Kathy)

Kathy is in touch with Brian Mardirosian, who is the digital communications manager at AMS and currently our best contact for getting things onto the website. Kathy plans to put several sets of meeting minutes and our call for membership online.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 Eastern time.