

AMS Committee on Environmental Stewardship Conference Call

6 May, 2015

Draft Meeting Notes

Attendees: In attendance (in person at): Rich Clark, Kathy Schreiber, Ana Ordonez

Notes: Kathy Schreiber

1. Kathy welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda.
2. 2015 AMS CES Work Plan
 - a. Townhall 2016 or other educational event (Rich)

One possibility for an educational event is to carry out a town hall at the annual meeting in January 2016. If we go this path, we should provide lunch to promote attendance, and we should plan to spend about \$4000 to \$5000. We should seek sponsors. We should have a variety of speakers, perhaps MU President John Anderson speaking on the net zero energy building, a corporate sustainability leader, and an AMS representative. Questions we should think about are: How should we engage the audience? How do we sustain large organizational gatherings? What's an appropriate title for a town hall? We should get an early start on planning if we want to go the town hall route. Additional comments and recommendations are welcome.
 - b. Evaluation of 2015 green meeting activities/implementation for 2016 (Kathy)

This year a shortened survey was provided to meeting attendees. There were no questions on green meetings, but there was positive verbal feedback on progress green AMS meetings, especially in terms of the work on the program app and decreased printing of programs. Phoenix vendors already had a number of green programs in place.
 - d. Advancement of AMS CES membership (Kathy)

Kathy is currently drafting a letter to send out to other AMS members to educate about the CES activities and solicit new membership. Beyond explaining the Terms of Reference (http://www.ametsoc.org/committeepges/envres/CER_TOR.pdf) and past accomplishments, she asked whether the committee felt future goals should be incorporated into the letter, and if so what they should be. One response previously sent by email expressed the importance of evaluating flights to conferences—and spend more time looking at the pros and cons of alternatives to the present conference paradigm. In the meeting discussion, it was decided the letter need only include our history and Terms of Reference, but as a committee we should address this recommendation.
 - e. Maintenance of AMS CER web site and recordkeeping (Kathy)

Updates for committee name change and minutes have been forwarded to AMS.
 - f. Investments (Rich)

Rich is in contact with the AMS Committee on Investments and will have a report for our next meeting.

g. Service (Kathy)

Mary Cairns, Dr. MacDonald's lead program chair, asked we start a conversation on potential service activities our committee might be interested in sponsoring at the 2016 annual meeting. Kathy questioned whether the small committee would be capable of the work required to research, lead and carry out the event. Rich thought we might give it a try, since it often has substantial positive results, especially for students.

Since the conference call, Rich has been in touch with Katie Houck and Dr. Agnieszka at Tulane. They are happy to work something out with us but caution that transportation to the site will be important. A school bus rental is about \$300.

Other questions to be answered before moving to selection of a specific activity:

- How many students do you anticipate participating in service activities?
- Are you able to provide the organization any funding to support the service
- Will you provide transportation to the service site?
- What is the expected timeframe for the service activity? Half day or Full day?

Rich replied: Full day, Friday, 8 JANUARY.

4. Adjourn