

Minutes from the AMS CER Meeting, 29 October 2012, 1 p.m. Eastern

On the phone: Dian Seidel, Kathy Schreiber, Eugene Cordero, Rebecca Haacker-Santos, Jon Malay, Rich Clark, Jen Alexander

Notetaker: Jen Alexander

1. Notes from our last call (Chris)

We haven't yet received minutes from the 25 July 2012 CER telecon, and those on the call felt that there is no need to continue to ask for those minutes. We will post the agenda from that meeting to the website instead, as a partial record of the meeting.

2. CER Membership Updates (Dian)

Several committee members have agreed to continue a one-year extension of their appointments to the CER and were approved to do so by the AMS Council: Dian, Eugene and Rich. This helps even out our membership roster rotation over multiple years. Dian's term as chair is ending, and Rebecca has agreed to take over as chair beginning with the January meeting in Austin. Congratulations Rebecca! We also have our first undergraduate member now: Ana Ordoñez, Arizona State University University, senior, BS in Geography. Ana will be at our next meeting in Austin in January. We still have room for other members on our committee, so if you have any ideas for new members, please forward names to Dian.

3. CER Activities at AMS Annual Meeting

a. Keep Austin Beautiful (Peter)

Peter was unable to make the telecon, but recently sent an email to his colleagues in Texas asking their help with increasing local community participation in this activity. Claudia later reported that the Meetings Department is ready to allow volunteers to sign up with their meeting registration.

ACTION ITEM (All): If you are at AMS on Sunday, please volunteer for one of the two (morning or afternoon) clean-up activities.

b. WeatherFest (Rebecca, Eugene)

Our WeatherFest booth is secured and we will be part of the main AMS space. Eugene has another great hands-on activity for students, using 3 types of light bulbs (incandescent, CFL and LED) and various measuring devices. We discussed having some sort of literature about our committee to hand out at WeatherFest (targeting AMS members) and during the Annual Meeting. Ideas included a tri-fold brochure, two-page hand-out, or a business card with QR-code. Jen requested a QR code to link to our webpage on the AMS website:



ACTION ITEM (All): If you are at AMS on Sunday, please stop by WeatherFest to help with our booth!
ACTION ITEM (Dian): Create a CER hand-out/business card for the Annual Meeting.

c. Committee Meeting (Monday 645 am!)

Our next meeting is at 0645 on Monday at the AMS Annual Meeting; those who can't make it in person will be able to dial-in.

ACTION ITEM (All): If you want to participate remotely, please tell Dian by December 2, so she can inform AMS staff.

4. Invitation to Renewable Natural Resources Foundation “Congress on Sustaining Natural Resources and Conservation Science” 13-14 December, Bethesda, MD (Dian)

Dian, through Keith Seitter, received an invitation to the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation (RNRF) “Congress on Sustaining Natural Resources and Conservation Science,” which will be held in DC on 13-14 December. If you would like to attend as an official representative of the committee, please let Dian know and cc Keith Seitter. Kathy mentioned she is interested in attending but will need to check her calendar.

ACTION ITEM (All): Check your email for details about this event.

5. Brainstorming CER future work (all)

We are making progress with some of the items on our work plan (energy audit) and have finished others (interfacing with investment committee, BAMS articles). Dian asked if we had any thoughts on items to add to our work plan. Eugene asked whether we should have an item related to outreach on climate change, as we have a responsibility to help others understand the issue. Jon Malay said he never thought of climate change as a CER responsibility, as our committee may be too small, but conceded that it is everyone’s responsibility to help educate with respect to climate change. Dian said there is a committee for this already—the Ad Hoc Committee to Improve Climate Change Communication (committee co-chairs are Ray Ban, Andrea Bleistein and Paul Croft). Dian said perhaps CER could have a liaison with that committee, and she will contact them to see if they are amenable.

ACTION ITEM (Dian): Contact Committee to Improve Climate Change Communication to see if she may serve as a CER liaison to that committee and to ascertain potential CER contributions.

ACTION ITEM (All): Let Dian and Rebecca know if you have any ideas to add to our work plan, or bring your ideas to our meeting in Austin in January.

6. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m. Eastern time.