

AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 1 and 2 October 2009
Meeting of the Council
Boston, MA

Participants— AMS President Tom Karl; President-Elect Peggy LeMone; Past-Presidents Walter Dabberdt and Rick Anthes; AMS Executive Director Keith Seitter; and Secretary-Treasurer Richard Rosen. **Councilors:** Jennifer Alexander, Lee Branscome, Richard Carbone, Richard Clark, Anne Douglass, Mike Hardesty, Jill Hasling, Jim Hurrell, Amanda Lynch, Frank Nutter, Bill Proenza, Dian Seidel, and Tim Spangler. (Councilors Ken Crawford and Rebecca Morss were absent.) **Commissioners:** STAC Commissioner Roger Wakimoto; Publications Commissioner David Jorgensen; Planning Commissioner Robert Serafin; Professional Affairs Commissioner John Toohey-Morales; Education and Human Resources Commissioner Gene Takle; Weather and Climate Enterprise Commissioner Elbert Friday. **AMS Staff:** William Hooke, James Brey, Joyce Annese, Barry Mohan, Gary Rasmussen, Claudia Gorski, Stephanie Armstrong, and Ken Heideman. Annese and Seitter served as recorders.

[The numbering in 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 Karl called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, 1 October 2009, and welcomed all. The roll was called, and Secretary-Treasurer Rosen announced a quorum of voting members was present. President Karl reviewed the agenda.

1.3 Council Minutes

The Council reviewed and approved the minutes from the January 2009 Council meeting.

1.4 Council Mail Ballots

All Council e-mail ballots not previously approved unanimously were formally approved. The Council also voted to approve a request from a student chapter for a name change.

2.1.2 Future Named Symposium

During his summary of STAC Commission activities to date, Commissioner Wakimoto sought and received Council approval of a named symposium in honor of Michio Yanai for the 2011 Annual Meeting.

2.1 Scientific and Technological Activities Commission

STAC Commissioner Wakimoto presented updated terms of reference for two committees. The Council discussed and approved the changes. He also requested the approval for a Space Weather Committee to be added to the STAC structure. The terms of reference were reviewed and approved by the Council, and Robert P. McCoy from the Office of Naval Research was appointed chair. The members who served on the committee under its ad hoc status will continue as committee members.

Commissioner Wakimoto asked the Council about how to proceed with the ad hoc Data Stewardship Committee. The Council recommended it continue as an ad-hoc committee for two more years, consider writing terms of reference for a permanent committee, determine if more members of the committee might be useful, and analyze whether STAC is the best place for a permanent committee if one is established.

Because his term ends in January, the Council applauded Commissioner Wakimoto for his service on the Commission and extended appreciation for all the work he has done over the past four years.

2.2 Publications Commission

Publications Commissioner Jorgensen reported on activities over the past year. At the request of Commissioner Jorgensen, the Council approved the appointment to a term ending 2013 of Anthony Broccoli as Chief Editor for *Journal of Climate*; two-year term extensions ending in 2012 for: Robert

Rauber, Chief Editor, *Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology*; William Gallus, Chief Editor, *Weather and Forecasting*; and Ana Barros, Chief Editor, *Journal of Hydrometeorology*. At the request of Commissioner Jorgensen, and with the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council approved allowing the Commissioner to set the number of Editors for each journal based on the number of papers submitted, as well as appointing them. Commissioner Jorgensen proposed setting the number of Editor's Awards using a formula based on the number of submissions, and Council approved.

Director of Publications Heideman briefed the Council on procedures for page charge waivers that are being developed with Executive Committee input. After discussion, the Council agreed to defer further discussion on the procedures until after the budget presentation.

2.2.1 Publications Commissioner

Having completed his first three-year term, and being eligible for reappointment, the Council enthusiastically approved an additional three-year term for Commissioner Jorgensen.

2.2.2 Reducing Time to Open Access

Commissioner Jorgensen explained that all visitors to AMS Journals Online currently have full access to articles older than five years. In reviewing this policy, the Commissioner requested to reduce the delay of open online access from five to two years and the Council voted to approve this change.

2.3 Professional Affairs Commission

Commissioner Toohey-Morales summarized activities of the Professional Affairs Commission over the past year and provided lists of appointments of new members for his boards. No actions were required from the Council. A discussion about revising the CBM examination led to suggestions that climate-related issues be added to the pool of questions.

2.3.1 Professional Affairs Commissioner

Commissioner Toohey-Morales completes his second three-year term in January and is not eligible for reappointment. The Council applauded Commissioner Toohey-Morales for his service on the Commission and extended appreciation for all the work he has done over the past six years.

The Council reviewed the CV of Jay Trobec and approved his appointment as Professional Affairs Commissioner for a term ending January 2013.

[Break from 10:30. – 10:45 a.m.]

2.4 Education and Human Resources Commission

Commissioner Takle reviewed the activities of the Education and Human Resources Commission and provided lists of appointments of new members for his boards. The possibility of a name change for the Board on Women and Minorities was discussed, which Commissioner Takle will discuss with the Board at its January meeting. There was discussion of a statement proposal from BOPE dealing with scientific literacy and teaching science. It was suggested that more work be done to refine the proposal for further consideration.

2.5 Planning Commission

Planning Commissioner Serafin gave a brief report on Commission activities. The Council approved Jay Fein as a new Commission member for a four-year term ending 2014. The Council discussed the potential value of a Code of Ethics versus the current Guidelines for Professional Conduct, but no action was taken at this time. It was suggested the Guidelines could be highlighted in BAMS each year through essays that give examples of proper ethical behavior and that doing so would benefit all members of the Society.

2.6 Weather and Climate Enterprise Commission

Commissioner Friday provided a report about Commission activities, especially the recently completed Summer Community Meeting that was held in Norman, Oklahoma. On the recommendation of the Commissioner, the Council approved a three-year extension of Sam Williamson on the Steering

Committee and the appointment of Renee McPherson to the Steering Committee for a three-year term. The Council discussed, and was supportive of, a proposal that the Commission convene meetings among members of the community to discuss concerns and new findings with respect to global climate change.

2.6.1 Future Commissioner

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council approved Matt Parker as the Future-Commissioner of the Enterprise Commission for a term beginning January 2010.

[Lunch break from 12:15 – 1:00 p.m.]

3.1 Weather Modification Statements

With Wendy Marie Thomas (of the AMS Policy Program), Daniel Rosenfeld, and Andrew Detwiler joining by phone, the Council discussed the draft précis for statements on both planned and inadvertent weather modification. The précis will be rewritten based on the discussion and provided to the Council for approval at a later time.

3.2 Infrastructure Statement

After discussion, the Council voted to approve the Statement on Infrastructure Supporting Weather, Water, Environmental, and Climate Sciences, Services, and Assessments with a few minor edits to the draft that was presented.

3.3 Radio Frequency Statement

After discussion, the Council voted to approve the Statement on Radio Frequency Allocations for Meteorological Operations and Research with a few minor edits to the draft that was presented.

3.6 Statement Procedures

After brief discussion, the Council voted to approve revisions to the Guidelines for Statements of the American Meteorological Society.

[Break from 3:15 – 3:30 p.m.]

4.1 Status of 2009 Budget

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the status of the 2009 Budget and projections for the remainder of the year.

4.2 2010 Proposed Budget

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the final 2008 Budget and the 2009 Revised Budget and then presented the proposed 2010 budget recommended by the Executive Committee. After extensive discussion on various aspects of the budget, the Council voted to accept the 2010 budget as proposed. It was noted the proposed budget included up to \$250,000 in journal page charge waivers to authors who could not honor the page charges, and the Council confirmed approval of this approach as policy for 2010. Councilors Alexander, Clark, and Spangler agreed to serve on an ad hoc committee to work with Director of Publications Heideman to implement the waiver system. The Council asked that a report on the waiver system, including statistics on requests, be provided to the Council for its fall 2010 meeting.

4.3 Overarching Budget Philosophy

The overarching budget philosophy prepared by the Executive Committee was approved by the Council. This philosophy is intended to better ensure that the Society ends the year with a net surplus of funds, not counting reserve fund income, to allow the rebuilding of the reserves, which have been depleted over the past decade to levels below the target set by the Council.

5.1 Awards Oversight Committee Report

Past President and AOC Chair Dabberdt reviewed the report and process followed by the committee. The Council was directed to TAB 5.1.9 in its briefing book for the meeting, 2010 Awardees

Nominated and Citations (revised 9/14/09), to review and vote on the awardees and citations. The list was approved by the Council. The Eight-Year Review of AMS Awards Report was presented to the Council, and the proposed changes to the descriptions were approved with a few minor corrections.

[Council adjourned for the day at 6:05 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:30 a.m. on 2 October 2009 with the same Council members present.]

6.0 Proposed AMS Fellows

Past President and Chair of the Fellows Committee Anthes presented the list of new Fellows. Council discussed and approved the entire slate of candidates for Fellows as presented by the Fellows Committee:

Bruce A. Albrecht
Robert M. Banta
Robert O. Baron
James H. Block, CCM
Thomas J. Bogdan
Steven Businger, CCM
Robert F. Cahalan
Simon W. Chang
Peter C. Chu
Kerry H. Cook
Gerald J. Dittberner, CCM
Randall M. Dole
William J. Emery
Jenni L. Evans
Harindra J. S. ("Joe") Fernando
Jack Fishman

Qiang Fu
Jose Dolores Fuentes
R. Wayne Higgins
Jack A. Kaye
James L. Kinter III
William P. Kustas
John F. Le Marshall
Patrick Minnis
L. Ruby Leung
William J. Randel
Adrian A. Ritchie, CCM
Paul H. Ruscher
Thomas B. Sanford*
Johannes K. Schmetz
Bruce A. Warren*

*President Karl reminded the Council that by virtue of being selected as the recipient of the 2010 Sverdrup Award and the 2010 Stommel Award, these individuals also become a 2010 Fellow.

7.0 Honorary Members

The Council discussed and voted to approve Joost Businger, Keith Browning, and Gene Rasmusson as Honorary Members.

8.0 Fellows, Awards, and Nominating Committees for 2009

The Council discussed and approved two members for the Fellows Committee for terms ending January 2013.

9.0 Constitution, Bylaws, and Organizational Procedures

Secretary-Treasurer Rosen noted the need for corrections to the Organizational Procedures of the Society to make them fully consistent with the AMS Constitution, and he reviewed other proposed changes to the procedures to make them more internally consistent. The Council approved the changes as proposed.

10.2 IIPS Committee

President Karl briefed the Council on the Executive Committee recommendation that the IIPS Committee review their mission and develop new terms of reference. The IIPS co-chairs will be invited to the STAC Commission meeting in January, and both the Enterprise and EHR Commissions will help support a visioning process for IIPS.

10.3 Local Chapter Affairs Committee

President Karl expressed his appreciation for the good work done by this committee and local chapters in general.

10.4 Investments Committee

President Karl briefed the Council on the philosophy being used for the Society's investments policy, and Controller Mohan provided information on earnings for the year.

10.5 Annual Meeting Oversight Committee

President Karl spoke briefly about the Annual Meeting in Atlanta this January. President-Elect LeMone spoke briefly about the Annual Meeting in Seattle in January 2011. The Council expressed its pleasure with the plans for both meetings and made suggestions to improve the presentations at their respective Awards Banquets.

10.6 Development Committee

Executive Director Seitter noted the Society was still doing well with member donations and sponsorships for student programs despite the weak national economy, and he said that planning was already beginning toward a campaign to celebrate the Society's 100th anniversary.

10.7 Membership Committee

President Karl led a discussion on membership issues, noting concerns that the mix of member benefits may not match the expectations of some potential members. Others mentioned the need for clearly articulated material on the benefits of membership, as well. It was recommended that the Membership Committee report to the Council about its activities at the Council's January meeting.

10.8 Environmental Responsibility Committee

Executive Director Seitter noted the revised terms of reference for this committee and the selection of Eugene Cordero as chair. There was support for drafting a professional guidance statement for members about environmental responsibility.

11.0 5th Councilor

The Council discussed several types of diversity that might be addressed through the selection of the next Fifth Councilor. Three individuals were identified as potential candidates for further consideration, and Executive Director Seitter will contact each to see if they are willing to be considered for service and, if so, ask them to submit a brief CV and statement. It is expected the Council will be able to select the Fifth Councilor by email ballot prior to the January meeting.

[Break from 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.]

12.0 Survey of Membership

Executive Director Seitter reported on the survey process and briefly reviewed the data and summaries provided to the Council in preparation for the meeting. The Council had an extended discussion on the results and how best to use them to improve programs and initiatives. It was considered very important for the Council to report back to the membership on the survey, and several Council members volunteered to review and prepare summaries of specific portions of the results that can be merged to form an article to publish in BAMS.

[Lunch break from 12:15 - 12:40 p.m.]

There was additional discussion on the process of creating the BAMS article, follow-up within the Commissions, and ways to use the survey results to guide programs.

[Past-President Anthes and Councilors Nutter and Spangler left the meeting at this time.]

13.0 New Ethics Rulings for NWS Employees

There was discussion on the differences among various government agencies with respect to service in professional organizations, with particular discussion of recent NWS guidelines.

16.2 K-13 Educational Initiatives

Education Director Brey provided a briefing on the activities of the AMS Education Program, including the addition of a new course on climate science that is expected to be very popular.

15.4 2012 and Beyond Annual Meetings

Meetings Director Gorski provided information on the upcoming meetings for 2010 and 2011, and presented the options being reviewed for the locations of the annual meeting for years beyond 2020.

14.0 External Funding

Executive Director Seitter reported on the status of the scholarship and fellowship programs, noting a decrease in the support for graduate fellowships. A few Councilors offered to help in efforts to secure additional fellowship support. It was also suggested the AMS Web site offer a more visible opportunity for individuals to donate to the Society.

16.4 Policy Program

Director of the AMS Policy Program Hooke reported on the success of the Summer Policy Colloquium. He reported his staff sought and obtained multi-year federal agency funding and continued to have the strong support from Corporate Patrons ITT, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, and SAIC.

16.5 Science, Service, and Society

Executive Director Seitter reported on efforts to disseminate approved statements of the Society, as well as letters he had signed representing the Society's position on various issues.

17.0 AMS Affiliations with Other Organizations

President Karl pointed out the materials provided to the Council that summarize the organizations with which the Society has both formal and informal affiliations. There was no additional discussion.

18.0 Other Matters

A couple of Council members noted concern about the loss of the public information position on the AMS staff, and they expressed the hope the functions of this position could be restored as soon as the budget allowed.

The Council adjourned at 2:10 p.m.