

**AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**Minutes of the 10 January 2016**  
**Meeting of the Council**  
**New Orleans, LA**

**Participants** — President Alexander MacDonald, President-Elect Frederick Carr, Past-Presidents William Gail and Marshall Shepherd, Secretary-Treasurer Richard Rosen, and Executive Director Keith Seitter. **Councilors:** Carol Ann Clayson, Stephen Corfidi, William Easterling, Laura Furgione, Susan Jasko, Sonia Kreidenweis, Dennis Lettenmaier, Frank Marks, Michael Morgan, Kevin Petty, Yvette Richardson, Wendy Schreiber-Abshire, and Alan Sealls. [Councilors Cullen and Ritchie were absent.] **Commissioners:** Mary Glackin (Weather, Water, and Climate Enterprise), Bob Rauber (Publications), Raj Pandya (Education and Human Resources), Dave Stensrud (STAC), Jay Trobec (Professional Affairs), and Brad Colman (Planning). **Incoming President-Elect, Councilors, and Commissioners:** Matthew Parker, Phil Ardanuy, Andrea Bleistein, Sue Ellen Haupt, James Kinter, Nicole Riemer, Maureen McCann, Bill Mahoney, and Bruce Telfeyan. Also present: Ward Seguin, Past STAC Commissioner. **AMS Staff:** Joyce Annese, Mike Batsimm, Jim Brey, Tom Champoux, Lee Gordon, Claudia Gorski, Paul Higgins, Bill Hooke, and Melissa Weston. Annese and Seitter served as recorders.

*[The numbering of 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 MacDonald called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. and welcomed all. Secretary-Treasurer Rosen called the roll and announced a quorum of voting members was present. President MacDonald took this opportunity to thank those Council members rotating off following this meeting for their service. President MacDonald welcomed the new President-Elect and Councilors and reviewed the agenda.

**1.3 Minutes of the Council Meeting**

The Council reviewed and approved the minutes from its meeting on 17–18 September 2015 with one minor edit.

**1.5 Consent Items on Council Mail Ballots**

All Council e-mail ballots not previously approved unanimously were formally approved, and ballots that were “provisionally approved” were formally approved.

The Council reviewed and approved a new list of applicants for full member and full membership with student privileges dated December 30, 2015.

**2.1 Ballot Structure and Guidance to Nominating Committee**

President MacDonald reviewed the format used for the most recent ballot, which was designed to improve sector representation on the Council. The Council voted to continue using the same ballot structure again this year, with the ballot having separate sections for private, academic, and government sectors with three candidates in each based on current affiliation.

**3.1 STAC**

Commissioner Stensrud reviewed the report of the Scientific and Technological Activities Commission. The Council affirmed the committee and board membership lists provided by Commissioner Stensrud who noted STAC has approximately 400 members with 80 members rotating off each year. The Council welcomed the analysis of membership demographics of STAC boards and committees prepared by incoming Commissioner Telfeyan.

**3.2 Publications**

Commissioner Rauber reported on a year of growth in the Society’s publications, with a record number of submissions to journals, and the Council expressed its pleasure at these very positive results.

He also reported on the move to article-based workflow, which will reduce production times even further. Rauber summarized the trip to the Chinese Meteorological Society annual meeting to exchange information about publications. He also reviewed the editorial on monographs and special collections that will soon appear in all journals.

### **3.2.1 Update on CHORUS**

Executive Director Seitter reported on the implementation of this clearinghouse for open research.

### **3.6 Weather, Water, and Climate Enterprise**

Commissioner Glackin reviewed her report and described the discussions held at the Commission's steering committee meeting the previous day. She noted the creation of an ad hoc committee to explore the need for certifying climate-related applied consulting. The Council reviewed and affirmed appointments to the Commission's boards and committees.

### **3.3 Professional Affairs**

Commissioner Trobec proposed revisions to the procedures manual for the CCM program, and he presented proposals to develop Best Practices for Digital Services, for Winter Weather Forecast Uncertainty, and for Emergency Communication, which were all approved by Council. Council affirmed the Commission's board and committee membership lists and expressed its appreciation for the work done by Commissioner Trobec during his tenure.

*[Council briefly recessed from 9:55-10:13 a.m.]*

### **3.4 Education & Human Resources**

Commissioner Pandya reviewed the activities of the Commission, highlighting events taking place at the Annual Meeting, and he noted an increasing focus on serving mid-career members. Commissioner Pandya reported 750 students were registered for the student conference, and he discussed the work being done to revise the statement on the Bachelor's Degree in Meteorology.

### **3.5 Planning**

Commissioner Colman presented his report and introduced Wendy Abshire as the new commissioner, with whom he plans to work closely during the transition. Council expressed its appreciation to Commissioner Colman for his service.

### **4.0 Organizational Procedures Update**

Secretary-Treasurer Rosen briefed the Council about changes needed to bring the Organizational Procedures up to date. He proposed additional edits to be made, and Council approved all the requested changes along with minor corrections.

### **Addition to agenda: Renaming The Remote Sensing Prize**

Executive Director Seitter presented this item in light of the recent passing of David Atlas. When the prize was initiated, Council affirmed its policy not to name awards after living individuals, but EC recommends Council now rename the prize the David and Lucille Atlas Prize. Council approved renaming the prize.

*[Past-President Shepherd left the meeting at 10:45 a.m. and returned at 11:30 a.m.]*

### **5.1 Environmental Stewardship Committee**

President MacDonald presented the report from chair Kathy Schreiber, with no action required.

### **5.2 Investments Committee**

President MacDonald mentioned the Committee would be meeting the next day.

### **5.3 Local Chapter Affairs Committee**

President MacDonald presented the report from chair Kristy Carter, with no action required.

### **5.4 Membership Committee**

Chair Schreiber-Abshire discussed several committee activities, including its consideration of the annual dues renewal process. Council expressed its sense of support for the committee's recommendation to improve the process. Schreiber-Abshire also mentioned committee discussions about developing a career support system, and she indicated new chair Marshall Moss will be working on this and other initiatives.

### **5.5 Centennial Committee**

Past-President Gail outlined four activities on which the committee and its co-chairs will focus.

### **6.1 International Affairs Committee**

President MacDonald reviewed this item, and Council approved Jack Hayes as the new chair for a three-year term ending January 2019.

*[President MacDonald left the meeting at 11:25 a.m. at which time he thanked Council and staff for their help throughout the year. The Council applauded him for his leadership over the past year, and President-Elect Carr assumed the chair. Councilor Furgione also left the meeting at this time.]*

### **6.2 Committee on Researcher Involvement**

President-Elect Carr reviewed the report, and Council suggested one additional member be added from the private sector. Council requested the committee provide its initial set of recommendations prior to Council's September meeting.

*[Past-President Shepherd left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.]*

### **7.1 AMS Policy Statement on Weather, Water, and Climate Priorities**

President-Elect Carr, Council liaison to the drafting committee, briefed Council on the draft Statement and discussed edits previously suggested by Council members and others. Council approved the Statement be posted for a 30-day member comment period following edits to be made by the drafting committee that meet the spirit of the Council discussion.

### **7.2 Statements in Process**

The Statement on a Bachelor's Degree in Meteorology is being revised, and Councilor Morgan volunteered to be the Council facilitator. The Statement on Water Resources is being rewritten, and a Council facilitator is needed. Council also recommended a new version of the Statement on Infrastructure be developed.

### **8.0 2015 Budget Update**

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the likely outcome of the Society's budget for 2015, noting the books for the year were not yet closed.

### **9.0 Honorary Members**

Executive Director Seitter reminded Council to send any suggestions for future honorary members to the Executive Committee prior to its April meeting.

### **10.0 Major Partnerships**

Executive Director Seitter reviewed progress on the partnerships with other societies that have been executed or are under discussion.

**11.2 2106 Specialty Meetings**

President-Elect Carr discussed the importance of Council presence at specialty meetings. A number of meetings will be covered by at least one Council member during the year.

**11.3 2017 Annual Meeting**

President-Elect Carr briefed the Council on plans for the 2017 Annual Meeting in Seattle.

**11.4 2018 Annual Meeting**

Incoming President-Elect Parker briefed the Council on plans for the 2018 Annual Meeting in Austin.

**11.5 2019 and Beyond Annual Meetings**

President-Elect Carr reviewed this informational item.

**12.0 Reports from AMS Programs**

Executive Director Seitter and others reviewed the various informational reports under this item, which led to several points of discussion.

President-elect Carr thanked all Council members and Commissioners rotating off, which Council acknowledged with a round of applause.

*The Council meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.*