

AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 17 January 2010
Meeting of the Council
Atlanta, GA

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, Ken Crawford, Anne Douglass, Mike Hardesty, Jill Hasling, Jim Hurrell, Frank Nutter, Bill Proenza, Dian Seidel, and Tim Spangler. (Councilors Amanda Lynch and Rebecca Morss were absent.) **Commissioners:** Roger Wakimoto (STAC), David Jorgensen (Publications), Robert Serafin (Planning), John Toohey-Morales (Professional Affairs), Gene Takle (Education and Human Resources), Elbert Friday (Weather and Climate Enterprise). **Incoming President-elect, Councilors, and Commissioners:** Jon Malay, Ken Carey, John Schaake, Rick Spinrad, Ahsha Tribble, Jay Trobec, Mary Cairns, and Len Pietrafesa. **AMS Staff:** Joyce Annese, Barry Mohan, Gary Rasmussen, Corinne Kazarosian, Bill Hooke, and Jim Brey. 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 Karl called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, 17 January 2010, 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 Minutes

The Council reviewed and approved the minutes from the October 2009 Council meeting after making two corrections: Councilor Proenza should be listed as present, and in section 2.1, the length of Commissioner Wakimoto's service should be changed to four years.

1.4 Council Mail Ballots

All Council e-mail ballots not previously approved unanimously were formally approved. The Council also voted to approve the petition to establish a Howard University Student Chapter and to reactivate the UC Davis Student Chapter.

2.1 Fifth Councilor

After welcoming the newly elected Councilors and President-elect, all of whom were present, the Council reviewed the qualifications of the candidates for Fifth Councilor. By secret ballot, the Council elected Xubin Zeng as the Fifth Councilor.

3.3 Professional Affairs Commission

Commissioner Toohey-Morales provided a brief summary of the Commission's activities, noting that only one short course was being offered at this annual meeting. Discussion followed about the prospect of providing virtual short courses for professional development in the future. The Council thanked Commissioner Toohey-Morales for his service over the past six years, and welcomed Jay Trobec as the new Commissioner of Professional Affairs.

3.1 Scientific and Technological Activities Commission

Commissioner Wakimoto summarized the discussions of the all-day Commission meeting of the day before. The Council voted to approve James Smith as the next Horton Lecturer, and Dennis Hartmann as the next Haurwitz Lecturer. It also approved the request to hold the next Southern Hemisphere Conference in New Caledonia, provided the proposed support from sponsoring organizations is realized. The Council affirmed the committee and board membership lists provided by Commissioner

Wakimoto. The Council thanked Wakimoto for his service as Commissioner and welcomed Mary Cairns as the incoming Commissioner.

3.2 Publications Commission

Commissioner Jorgensen reported on recent activities of the Commission, and especially highlighted the success of the new journal *Weather, Climate, and Society*, which has seen a large number of submissions over the past several months. He reviewed changes in editorial boards and statistics on production time and submission rates for all the journals.

3.2.1 General Policy on Open Access Institutional Repositories

Executive Director Seitter briefed the Council on a proposed policy on open access institutional repositories that was developed through collaboration with AGU and the NCAR library. After discussion, and noting the support for the policy received from the Publications Commission, the Council voted to approve the policy as proposed.

3.4 Education and Human Resources Commission

Commissioner Takle reviewed the activities of the Commission taking place at the meeting. He then led a discussion on a proposed statement on teaching science. The Council voted to approve asking the BOPE to create a proposed précis and drafting committee for such a statement. A new demographic survey of the membership was discussed, and it was agreed the Commission should begin planning for the survey now although the Council postponed formal authorization for this activity until it considers the 2011 budget later in the fall. There was also a suggestion by the Council that the Commission explore various contract options for the survey.

3.5 Planning Commission

Commissioner Serafin reported on the Commission's examination of ways to increase the exposure of the membership to ethics issues. A number of ideas to raise the visibility of ethics issues were discussed.

[The Council briefly recessed from 10:30-10:40 a.m.]

3.6 Weather and Climate Enterprise Commission

Commissioner Friday reported on Commission activities, especially those occurring at the annual meeting, including two important town halls. The Council commended the Commission for its success, thanked Commissioner Friday for his service, and welcomed incoming Commissioner Len Pietrafesa.

4.0 Future of WeatherFest

President Karl opened the discussion on the future of WeatherFest and whether there might be other forms of public outreach that should be considered using the resources being applied to WeatherFest. The Council, however, energetically supported continuing WeatherFest into the future, but it recognized the need to reduce the burden of Headquarters' staff and instead engage more volunteers. Councilor Hasling indicated the WeatherFest organizing committee is committed to seeking solutions to make the event more self-sufficient.

7.0 Member Survey

President Karl led a discussion of the manuscript being prepared by the Council that presents its analysis of the member survey conducted in the summer of 2009. Each of the Council recommendations in the manuscript was discussed, and suggestions were made for improving the text throughout. President Karl will continue working with the Council to refine the draft over the next month or two with the goal of publication in *BAMS* in the spring.

[President Karl left the meeting at 11:45 a.m. to launch WeatherFest. President-elect LeMone assumed the chair.]

5.0 Amendment on Retirement Fund

The Council voted to approve an administrative amendment to the AMS retirement fund.

6.0 Update of Organizational Procedures

After a brief description of the proposed changes by Secretary–Treasurer Rosen, the Council voted to approve updates to the AMS Organizational Procedures with a few minor edits.

[The Council recessed from 12:15 – 12:20 p.m. to prepare for a working lunch.]

8.0 CRU Hacking and Impact on AMS Policies

President-elect LeMone led a discussion about the potential impact the CRU e-mail hacking story might have on AMS policies. Much of the discussion focused on the care taken by the peer-review process for AMS journals and the need to promote clear expectations with authors about the openness of datasets and the algorithms used to process data. The Council concluded AMS procedures are sound, but more could be done to promote an understanding of those procedures.

[President Karl returned to the meeting during the previous agenda item and resumed the chair upon its conclusion.]

14.4 Policy Program

President Karl noted the reinstated Policy Program Congressional Briefing series held a very successful briefing the week before, with record attendance and very good reviews.

11.0 Honorary Members

President Karl reminded the Council members to send President-elect LeMone any names that should be considered for Honorary Membership.

President Karl thanked the outgoing Council members for their years of service and support during his year as President.

The Council adjourned at 1:00 p.m.