

**AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**Minutes of the 20 July 2017**  
**Teleconference Meeting of the Council**

*Participants---* President-Elect Roger Wakimoto, Past-Presidents Frederick Carr and Alexander MacDonald, Secretary-Treasurer Richard Rosen, and Executive Director Keith Seitter.

*Councilors:* Philip Ardanuy, Elizabeth Austin, Andrea Bleistein, John Cortinas, William Easterling, Tanja Fransen, Sue Ellen Haupt, James Kinter, Kevin Petty, Nicole Riemer, Alan Sealls, and Adam Sobol. [Councilors Clayson, Furgione, and Gochis were absent.]

*Commissioners:* Robert Rauber and William Mahoney. *Others:* Paul Higgins.

President-Elect Wakimoto called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. EDT on Thursday, 20 July, and welcomed all. The roll was called, and Executive Director Seitter confirmed that a quorum of voting members was present.

#### **1.0 Awards**

President-Elect Wakimoto led the Council in a review of the list of proposed award winners and their citations, noting that the Executive Committee had reviewed the list and award committee reports the day before and recommended approval. The Council voted unanimously to approve all proposed award winners and citations. Councilor Ardanuy then initiated a brief discussion on the process for creating new Society awards.

#### **2.0 Proposed AMS Fellows**

President-Elect Wakimoto and Past-President MacDonald reviewed the list of proposed AMS Fellows. It was noted that three of the award winners just approved are automatically elevated to Fellow in recognition of their awards. With Councilors Austin, Easterling, and Petty recusing themselves, the remaining Council voted unanimously to approve the entire list of proposed Fellows.

#### **3.0 Honorary Members**

President-Elect Wakimoto reviewed the three candidates recommended by the Executive Committee to become Honorary Member, noting that one of them, Richard Alley, had already agreed to be keynote speaker at the upcoming Annual Meeting. The Council voted unanimously to approve Richard Alley, Rita Colwell, and Richard Greenfield as Honorary Members.

President-Elect Wakimoto reminded the Council that it is important to keep the names of all those honored through these votes confidential until they had been notified.

#### **4.0 Extension of “In Force” date for Climate Change Statement**

Executive Director Seitter and Councilor Kinter briefed the Council on the status of efforts to create a new AMS Statement on Climate Change, explaining it would not be completed before the existing Statement expires in August. Council voted to extend the existing Statement for an additional year, through August 2018, so the Society is not in a position of being without a climate change Statement in force.

In closing remarks, President-Elect Wakimoto said he will let the Council know when all award winners and Fellows have been notified so that all can congratulate their colleagues. The

Council asked Executive Director Seitter to prepare metrics to assess the success of this earlier awards process in making it possible for award winners and Fellows to attend the upcoming Annual Meeting and for conference organizers to provide opportunities for them to give featured presentations during the meeting.

The Council also asked that staff inform those who made successful nominations that their nominee had been selected, and also to send messages to those who submitted nominations that were not yet successful thanking them for their efforts and letting them know the status of their nomination packages.

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.