

AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 22 and 23 September 2010
Meeting of the Council
Boston, MA

Participants—AMS President Peggy LeMone, President-Elect Jon Malay, Past-President Walter Dabberdt, AMS Executive Director Keith Seitter, and Secretary-Treasurer Richard Rosen. **Councilors:** Jennifer Alexander, Lee Branscome, Ken Carey, Richard Clark, Anne Douglass, Mike Hardesty, Jill Hasling, Jim Hurrell, Rebecca Morss, Frank Nutter, John Schaake, Tim Spangler, Richard Spinrad, and Xubin Zeng. **Commissioners:** David Jorgensen (Publications), Jay Trobec (Professional Affairs), and Gene Takle (Education and Human Resources). [Past-President Tom Karl, and Commissioners Mary Cairns (STAC), Len Pietrafesa (Weather and Climate Enterprise), and Robert Serafin (Planning) were absent.] **AMS Staff:** Joyce Annese, Stephanie Armstrong, James Brey, Claudia Gorski, Ken Heideman, Paul Higgins, William Hooke, Barry Mohan, Anne McDonough, 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 LeMone called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 22 September 2010, and welcomed all. The roll was called, and Secretary-Treasurer Rosen announced a quorum of voting members was present. President LeMone reviewed the agenda.

1.3 Council Minutes

The Council reviewed and approved the minutes from the 17 January 2010 Council meeting and the 21 April 2010 Conference Call.

1.5 Council Mail Ballots

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

2.1 Scientific and Technological Activities Commission

Commissioner Cairns was contacted at 9:00 a.m. via conference call to present her report. The Council approved the Weather Analysis and Forecasting Conference and Numerical Weather Prediction Conference meeting jointly with CMOS in Montreal in 2012. Commissioner Cairns asked for and received guidance from the Council on appropriate uses for Program Chair funds.

2.1.2 Future Named Symposium

During her summary of STAC Commission activities to date, Commissioner Cairns sought and received Council approval of two named symposia in honor of T. N. Krishnamurti and Aksel C. Wiin-Nielsen for the 2012 Annual Meeting.

The conference call was discontinued upon the completion of Commissioner Cairns’ report.

2.2 Publications Commission

Commissioner Jorgensen reported on activities over the past year, including the reduction in color charges to authors, the move toward digital printing for the print version of the journals, and appointments of new editors. The Council approved the following appointments: three-year terms ending in 2014 for V. Chandrasekar as Chief Editor for *Journal of Atmospheric and Oceanic Technology*, and James R. Fleming as Historical Monograph Editor; and two-year term extensions ending in 2013 for David Schultz, Chief Editor, *Monthly Weather Review*; Ka-Kit Tung, Chief Editor, *Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences*; and Roberta Balstad, Chief Editor, *Weather, Climate, and Society*.

The Guidelines for Authors, Editors, and Reviewers prepared by the Commission were approved by the Council as AMS policy.

2.2.2 Copyright Policy

A revised AMS Copyright Policy was presented and approved by the Council.

2.3 Professional Affairs Commissioner

Commissioner Trobec summarized activities of the Commission over the past year and provided lists of appointments of new members for his boards. A proposal from the CCM Board for a CCM Award was discussed, and the Council agreed an award of this type should be made as a Board award rather than as a Society award. Also discussed were ways to raise the visibility of the CCM program, a role for the Commission in the selection of the Reichelderfer Award, and ways to expand continuing professional development programs.

2.4 Education and Human Resources Commission

Commissioner Takle reviewed the activities of the Commission and provided reports from the Boards within his Commission.

2.6 Weather and Climate Enterprise Commission

Councilor Spangler presented the Commission report for Commissioner Pietrafesa who was unable to attend. He summarized the Commission's activities, highlighting the successful Summer Community Meeting.

3.2 Proposal for Two-Degree Celsius Global Warming Target Statement

After discussion, the Council voted to proceed with the process of developing an informational Statement on the science behind the two-degree target for global warming.

2.5 Planning Commission

Commissioner Serafin was contacted at 11:30 a.m. via conference call to present his report on Commission activities. He summarized Commission discussion on a code of ethics versus the current Guidelines for Professional Conduct. It was suggested the Commission move forward with a review of the Strategic Plan and how we responded to the External Review.

The conference call was discontinued upon the completion of Commissioner Serafin's report.

The Council approved Brad Colman to serve as a new Commission member for a four-year term ending January 2015.

2.5.1 Planning Commissioner

Commissioner Serafin completes his three-year term in January. The Council approved Julie Winkler as new Planning Commissioner for a term ending January 2014.

3.3 Proposal for Revision of the Drought Statement

After discussion, the Council voted to approve moving forward with a rewrite of the Drought Statement as an informational statement. It was recommended that the title should be edited to indicate more explicitly that four types of droughts are discussed within the Statement vs. just representing meteorological droughts.

[The Council recessed for lunch from 11:55 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.]

At this time President LeMone read a Resolution by the Council commending the Publications Department for its extraordinary efforts in recovering from the manuscript data loss in an efficient and professional manner.

3.1 Bachelor's Degree in Atmospheric Sciences Statement

A final draft Statement was presented to the Council. With a few minor edits, the Council voted to approve the Statement and thanked the drafting committee for its efforts. Given the rapid emergence of distance education and on-line learning, the Council formally requested the Education and Human Resources Commission to consider the impact of these new modes on education in the atmospheric sciences, with the intent of revising the Statement sooner than its normal, 5-year expiration.

4.1 Status of 2010 Budget

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the status of the 2010 Budget and projections for the remainder of the year.

4.2 2011 Proposed Budget

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the final 2009 Budget and the 2010 Revised Budget and then presented the proposed 2011 budget recommended by the Executive Committee. Executive Director Seitter indicated the expenses for 44 Beacon Street were included in the proposed budget on the assumption that the purchase would be completed. After extensive discussion on various aspects of the budget, the Council voted to accept the 2011 budget as proposed. It was recommended that the cost of the manuscript data loss be provided in the next budget presentation, and a few other presentational suggestions were made.

[The Council briefly recessed from 3:30-3:45 p.m.]

4.3 Dues Automatic Inflationary Increase

The Council renewed the policy of annual dues increases based on a three-year average of the CPI rounded to the nearest dollar.

4.4 Page Charge Waiver System

Publications Director Heideman and staff member Andrew Kiefer reported about the progress of the Page Charge Waiver System to the Council. Councilors Alexander, Spangler, and Clark were thanked for their service on the Full Waiver Committee. Councilors Hardesty, Morss, and Schaefer agreed to serve on this Committee for the next year.

4.5 44 Beacon Street

The Council formally approved the financing approach being proposed for the purchase of 44 Beacon Street.

11.0 5th Councilor

The Council discussed the Fifth Councilor appointment. President LeMone asked Council members to discuss the issue over dinner and prepare for more discussion the following day.

5.1 Awards Oversight Committee Report

President LeMone reviewed the report and process followed by the Committee. The Council reviewed the list of awardees and citations and voted to approve all those proposed. The Council approved a recommendation from the ARA Committee to change the rotation of the biennial Remote Sensing Prize to even out the number of awards the Committee reviews each year. Education and Human Resources Commissioner Takle presented recommended changes in the terms of reference for the Distinguished Science Journalism Award, which were approved by the Council.

5.2 Simpson Mentorship Award Proposal

The establishment of the Simpson Mentorship Award was approved by the Council as an award. The Awards Oversight Committee will be the review body for nominations for this award, and will prepare a more complete award description.

[The Council adjourned for the day at 5:15 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:30 a.m. on 23 September 2010 with the same Council members present except for Frank Nutter. Staff members no longer in attendance were Bill Hooke and Paul Higgins.]

6.0 Proposed AMS Fellows

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

Ernesto H. Berbery	William P. Mahoney
Amy S. Bower	Natalie Mahowald
Harold E. Brooks	Jonathan T. Malay
Johnny Chung-Leung Chan	James I. Metcalf, CCM
Dudley B. Chelton*	Joel N. Myers
Eric A. D'Asaro*	Stephan P. Nelson
James D. Doyle	John Nielsen-Gammon
James R. Fleming	David W. Reynolds
Steven J. Goodman	W. David Rust
Maura E. Hagan	Bradley F. Smull
Bartlett C. Hagemeyer, CCM	Veronica Johnson Weems
Richard M. Hodur	Robert S. Winokur
George A. Issac	Xubin Zeng
Thomas D. Keenan	Steven M. Zubrick
Kevin R. Knupp	
Sonia M. Kreidenweis	

*President LeMone reminded the Council that by virtue of being selected as the recipient of the 2011 Sverdrup Award (Eric A. D'Asaro) and the 2011 Stommel Award (Dudley B. Chelton), these individuals also become 2011 Fellows.

7.0 Honorary Members

The Council discussed and voted to approve Stanley Changnon and Qin Dahe as 2011 Honorary Members. They are in addition to Ralph Cicerone who was approved during the 21 April 2010 Council Conference Call meeting.

7.1 Honorary Membership Statement

Secretary-Treasurer Rosen presented revisions to the Honorary Membership Statement that were approved by the Council.

8.0 Fellows, Awards, and Nominating Committees for 2011

The Council discussed and approved Simon Chang and John Toohey-Morales as members of the Fellows Committee for terms ending January 2014. The Council approved the appointment of Joe Friday as chair and Pam Stephens as chair-elect of the Awards Nominations Committee. Steve Zubrick was approved to serve a three-year term ending 2014.

11.0 5th Councilor (resume)

After further discussion, three individuals were suggested as possible Fifth Councilor candidates. Each will be asked to prepare a statement that will be provided to the Council prior to an e-mail ballot.

9.0 Constitution, Bylaws, and Organizational Procedures

Secretary-Treasurer Rosen reviewed proposed revisions and corrections to the Organizational Procedures of the Society. The Council approved the changes as proposed.

9.1 Language Concerning Withdrawal of Candidate on Ballot

Secretary-Treasurer Rosen noted the need for corrections to the language concerning withdrawal of a candidate on the ballot. The Council voted to approve one of three options that were presented, and language reflecting this option will be incorporated into the Society's Organizational Procedures.

16.0 New Members

The Council approved the most recent list of new members of the Society.

10.7 Membership Committee

Councilor and Membership Committee Chair Carey reviewed his Committee's report and some of the initiatives the Committee will be working on. At Councilor Carey's request, the Council approved increasing the size of the Committee to up to 14 members. The EC recommended the appointment of Xubin Zeng to the committee for a three year term and the Council approved the appointment.

[During the rest of the morning, small groups of the Council left briefly to tour 44 Beacon Street, but a quorum was maintained throughout the meeting.]

10.1 History Committee

President LeMone briefed the Council on the report from the History Committee.

10.2 IIPS Committee

President LeMone reviewed the report from the IIPS Committee.

10.3 Local Chapter Affairs Committee

President LeMone expressed her appreciation for the work done by this Committee and local chapters in general. In further discussion it was agreed that efforts would be made to see if more could be done by the Society to better support local chapters.

10.4 Investments Committee

Executive Director Seitter and Controller Mohan provided information on the Society's investment portfolio.

10.5 Annual Meeting Oversight Committee

President LeMone reviewed plans for the Annual Meeting in Seattle this January. President-Elect Malay provided a brief outline of the planning for the Annual Meeting in New Orleans in January 2012. The Council expressed its pleasure with the plans for both meetings.

10.8 Environmental Responsibility Committee

Executive Director Seitter presented the report of this committee. It was suggested that the expertise of the Society should be made available to other societies who are addressing environmental issues in their meetings and other activities

[The Council briefly recessed from 10:35 – 10:45 a.m.]

10.6 Development Committee

Executive Director Seitter noted the Society continued to receive generous donations from members and excellent 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.

12.0 Extramural Funding

Informational reports were provided to the Council on 21st Century campaign activities, as well as scholarships, fellowships, and other student programs made possible by external support.

13.0 Meetings

Director of Meetings Gorski reported on specialty meetings of the past year and currently planned, as well as locations for future annual meetings beyond 2012.

14.2 K-13 Educational Initiatives

Director of Education Program Brey provided a briefing on the activities of the Program, including the launching of the new course on climate science.

14.1 Publications

Director of Publications Heideman reviewed the staff report on publications, which supplements the report of the Publications Commission.

14.4 Policy Program

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the activities of the Policy Program.

14.5 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.

14.6 AMS/Sigma Xi Lecturer

President LeMone reported that Franco Einaudi will serve as AMS/Sigma Xi Lecturer for 2011/2012 and that Bette Otto-Bliesner was just beginning her term as Lecturer for 2010/2011.

15.0 AMS Affiliations with Other Organizations

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the list of AMS affiliations with other organizations.

16.0 Other Matters

President LeMone pointed out there are rooms in the Headquarters building named for Rossby, Brooks, and Spengler, and that there are others in the field who may deserve this honor. The Council recommended that guidelines be prepared that would help decide how/when it is appropriate to name rooms, and a committee of Council members was formed to prepare these guidelines for presentation at the January meeting.

The Council commended Executive Director Seitter, Controller Mohan, and others that worked diligently to help in acquiring 44 Beacon Street.

The Council adjourned at 12:35 p.m.