

AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 22 and 23 September 2011
Meeting of the Council
Boston, MA

Participants—President Jon Malay, President-Elect Louis Uccellini, Past-President Peggy LeMone, Executive Director Keith Seitter, and Secretary-Treasurer Richard Rosen. *Councilors*: Ken Carey, Anne Douglass, Mike Hardesty, Jill Hasling, Peter Lamb, Rebecca Morss, Pat Phoebus, Bill Read, John Schaake, Richard Spinrad, Joe Witte, and Xubin Zeng. *Commissioners*: David Jorgensen (Publications), Jay Trobec (Professional Affairs), Mary Cairns (STAC), Gene Takle (Education and Human Resources), Len Pietrafesa (Weather and Climate Enterprise), and Julie Winkler (Planning). [Past-President Tom Karl, and Councilors Tom Bogdan, Lee Branscome, and Ahsha Tribble were absent.] *AMS Staff*: Joyce Annese, Stephanie Armstrong, James Brey, Melissa Fernau, Claudia Gorski, Ken Heideman, Paul Higgins, William Hooke, Barry Mohan, Anne McDonough, Gary Rasmussen, 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 Malay called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, 22 September 2011, and welcomed all. The roll was called, and Secretary-Treasurer Rosen announced a quorum of voting members was present. President Malay reviewed the agenda.

1.3 Council Minutes

The Council reviewed and approved the minutes from its meeting in Seattle, WA, 23 January 2011, and approved the minutes of its Conference Call on 3 January 2011.

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 presented her report. The Council approved forming a Board on Environment and Health (BEH) and asked final terms of reference be provided in January. The Council approved converting the Ad Hoc Committee on Data Stewardship under the Executive Committee (EC) to a Board on Data Stewardship within STAC, but with recommendations for initial membership of the Board and modifications to its terms of reference, which will be presented in January for final approval. The Council also approved converting the IIPS Committee under the EC to a STAC Board on Environmental Information Processing Technologies (BEIPT). The terms of reference and membership for the Board were approved by the Council.

Commissioner Cairns requested and received Council approval for a named symposium in honor of Robert Duce for the 2013 Annual Meeting. She also reviewed other activities within the Commission, including recommendations for named symposia beyond 2013. Commissioner Cairns had concerns about a request for an international meeting given the state of the economy, and asked Council for their thoughts before the Radar Committee went through the work of putting together a formal proposal. The Council felt international outreach is important, especially with strong radar interests in Asia, and would be supportive of the proposal for a meeting in Japan in 2013.

The proposal for an AMS Statement on Social Sciences was reviewed, and the Council approved moving forward with the Statement while requesting that a more specific title be developed.

[The Council briefly recessed from 9:55 - 10:05 a.m.]

2.1 Publications Commission

Commissioner Jorgensen commended the Publications Department for its efforts in implementing the new manuscript tracking system. He also reported on the reduction in color charges to authors, the plans to do an author survey, publication submissions, and appointments of new editors. It was suggested the Board on *Weather Analysis and Forecasting* approach the Department of Defense to engage that portion of the operational forecasting community. The Council approved the appointment to three-year terms ending in 2015 for: David A. Kristovich, Chief Editor, *Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology*; Christa D. Peters-Lidard, Chief Editor, *Journal of Hydrometeorology*; and Paul M. Markowski, Chief Editor, *Weather Analysis and Forecasting*.

2.2.1 An Open-Access Choice for Authors Publishing in AMS Journals

Commissioner Jorgensen explained this option and the added cost of page charge fees for this service. The Council approved having the staff introduce an open-choice option for authors as soon as the details of pricing and implementation could be resolved.

2.2 Professional Affairs Commissioner

Commissioner Trobec summarized activities of the Commission over the past year and provided a brief review of the Boards under his Commission along with appointments of new members.

2.4 Education and Human Resources Commission

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

2.4.1 Education and Human Resources Commissioner

Commissioner Takle completes his three-year term in January. The EC presented two candidates to replace Commissioner Takle, and after discussion, the Council approved David A. Smith as the new Education and Human Resources Commissioner for a term ending January 2015. The Council commended Commissioner Takle for his service.

2.5 Planning Commission

Commissioner Winkler reported on efforts within the Commission to review progress on recommendations coming from both the 2006 External Review Report and the 2007 AMS Strategic Goals document and associated implementation plans. Commissioner Winkler asked each Commissioner to provide updates to their Strategic Goals Implementation Plan by 1 November. The Planning Commission will have a preliminary report in January for the Council.

Commissioner Winkler also presented a recommendation to consider a young professional for appointment to the Fifth Councilor position this year. Possible candidates for Fifth Councilor were discussed in preparation for a later agenda item on this appointment. The Council approved Wendy Abshire to a four-year term on the Commission ending January 2016.

2.6 Weather and Climate Enterprise Commission

Commissioner Pietrafesa presented his report which included proposed changes to the Organizational Procedures for his Commission to codify current structure and practice. The Council approved the proposed changes, as well as the proposed new membership list for the Commission's Steering Committee. In response to a request for guidance about possible emeritus or legacy appointments to the Steering Committee, the Council stated its preference for a rotation of members and that past members should not formally continue serving after their terms expire.

2.6.1 Weather and Climate Enterprise Future Commissioner

President Malay reported the discussion by the EC about possible candidates for Future Commissioner and its recommendation that Mary Glackin serve as the new Future Commissioner. The Council approved the recommendation.

[The Council recessed for lunch from 12:25 – 1:15 p.m.]

3.1 Ad Hoc Committee on Statements

Councilor Morss, chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Statements, presented her report on dealing with Statements approved prior to 2007. The Council commended the Committee for its efforts and accepted its recommendations as amended. The Council discussed the desirability of continuing to make out-of-force Statements available on the AMS Web site, but in a manner that clearly identified them as no longer in force. The Council charged the Executive Director with implementing the report's recommendations.

3.3 Statement on Freedom of Scientific Expression

After discussion, the Council voted to approve the EC as the drafting committee for a revised Statement.

3.4 Statement on Climate Change

After a lengthy discussion led by Councilor Lamb, who is the Council representative to the drafting committee, the Council agreed to an approach toward a new draft of the Statement that builds on the 2007 version of the Statement. The Council thanked the drafting committee for its efforts to date and expressed its desire for the committee to continue working toward a draft that incorporates the Council's discussion.

3.5 Status of Statements in Process

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the status of other Statements in progress.

4.1 Status of 2011 Budget

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the status of the 2011 Budget and projections for the remainder of the year.

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

4.2 2012 Proposed Budget

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the Society's performance versus budget for 2010 and the 2011 Revised Budget. He then proposed a budget for 2012, which was recommended for approval by the EC. After discussion on various aspects of the budget, the Council voted to accept the 2012 budget as proposed.

4.3 UNA Report

The Council was provided a history of the Society's financial reserves, including its unrestricted net assets, for the past fifteen years.

4.4 Budget Creation and Implementation Guidelines

Executive Director Seitter presented the guidelines which were approved by the Council in 2009 and are to be reviewed annually.

4.5 Page Charge Waiver Committee

Publications Director Heideman reported on the success of the page charge waiver system. Councilors Morss and Hardesty complete their terms on the Waiver Committee in January, and the Council thanked them for their service. Councilors Zeng and Read volunteered to serve on this Committee, and Councilor Schaake agreed to continue his service.

5.1 Awards Oversight Committee Report

Past-President LeMone reviewed the process followed by the Committee. The Council considered the list of proposed awardees and citations, and it voted to approve all those proposed. The Council was provided an updated description for the Henry T. Harrison Award for Outstanding Contributions by a Consulting Meteorologist in advance of further discussion the next day.

5.2 Awards Nominations Committee Report

The report forwarded by Joe Friday was reviewed, and the Council expressed its appreciation for the efforts of the Committee. The Council concurred with the recommendation that the Chair of the Committee serve as non-voting ex officio, on the Awards Oversight Committee to facilitate communication between the two Committees.

5.3 Proposal for Naming a Room

Past-President LeMone discussed the proposal for naming a room at AMS Headquarters in honor of Joanne Simpson, in addition to those named in honor of Rossby, Brooks, and Spengler. The policy approved in January calls for the Council to invite a small number of letters of support for consideration at its next meeting. Several Councilors volunteered to secure the required letters.

5.4 Policy, Guidelines, and Procedures for Awards

Past-President LeMone reviewed the changes to this document requested by STAC Commissioner Cairns. The majority of these changes are intended to clarify procedures for several of the awards, including the creation of separate categories and procedures for Society and Commission Awards. The Council approved the proposed changes, and President Malay thanked LeMone and others for their efforts to date, recognizing that more work on the procedures will be needed over the next year.

5.5 Wexler Memorial Lecture

Executive Director Seitter presented a proposal from the History Committee to reestablish the Wexler Memorial Lecture. The award was given only a few times after its creation in 1961, and a review of various options led to the decision that further discussion be held the following day.

6.0 Proposed AMS Fellows

In the absence of Past-President and Chair of the Fellows Committee Karl, President Malay presented the list of proposed new Fellows. Council discussed and approved the following candidates for Fellows:

Philip E. Ardanuy
Anthony J. Broccoli
Richard D. Clark
Timothy J. Dunkerton
Chris Elfring
Charles W. French
Richard Grumm
Fiona M. Horsfall
Christian D. Kummerow
Francois X. LeDimet
Zhengyu Liu
Donald R. MacGorman
Frank J. Misciasci
Paul Newman
Edward A. O'Lenic
Harry A. Otten

David Pace
Christa D. Peters-Lidard
Robert Pinkel
Gerald Potter
Mark Powell, CCM
William L. Read
David Robinson
Steven Root, CCM
Lynn K. (Nick) Shay
Roland B. Stull, CCM
Eugene S. Takle, CCM
H. Joe Witte
Marilyn M. Wolfson
Donald J. Wuebbles

*President Malay reminded the Council that Cleveland Abbe Award winner, Chris Elfring and Stommel Award winner, Robert Pinkel were elevated to Fellow in conjunction with receiving these top AMS Awards. Councilors Read and Witte recused themselves from the discussion and vote.

[The Council adjourned for the day at 5:35 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:00 a.m. on 23 September 2011 with the same voting and ex officio members present.]

7.0 Honorary Members

The Council discussed and voted to approve Wilfried Brutsaert, J. Michael Wallace, and Yoshi K. Sasaki as 2012 Honorary Members.

5.1(continued) Awards Oversight Committee Report

Past-President LeMone continued the discussion from yesterday regarding the Henry T. Harrison Award for Outstanding Contributions by a Consulting Meteorologist, and the Council approved the terms of reference for this new award.

8.0 Fellows and Awards Nominations Committees for 2012

The Council discussed and approved Eileen Shea and Jim Block as members of the Fellows Committee for three-year terms ending January 2015. The Council approved the appointment of Mike Gregg, John Dutton, and Dick Johnson as members of the Awards Nominations Committee for three-year terms ending 2015.

9.0 Constitution, Bylaws, and Organizational Procedures

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the process for revising the Constitution, Bylaws, and Organizational Procedures of the Society in preparation for the discussion of the following three items.

9.1 Membership Criteria Changes to the Constitution [Article III]

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the proposed Constitutional changes for membership criteria that had been developed through extensive discussions over the past year. The Council approved the proposed language subject to review by AMS legal counsel, with the intention of approving in January the amendments prepared for member consideration and vote later in 2012. A related change to the Bylaws will be prepared and submitted to each member of the Council at least 30 days in advance of the Council meeting in January to allow the Council to approve this amendment then.

9.2 Election Rules Changes to the Constitution [Article VI]

Executive Director Seitter presented the proposed Constitutional changes to allow additional flexibility in setting the structure of the Council ballot and to modify the date for closing the election. The Council approved the proposed language subject to review by AMS legal counsel, with the intention of approving in January the amendments prepared for member consideration and vote later in 2012.

9.3 Professional Guidelines Changes to the Constitution [Article XII]

Executive Director Seitter presented a minor change, proposed by the Planning Commission, to the Professional Guidelines of the Constitution. The Council approved the proposed language subject to review by AMS legal counsel, with the intention of approving in January the amendments prepared for member consideration and vote later in 2012.

10.1 History Committee

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

10.2 IIPS Committee

President Malay reviewed the report from the IIPS Committee and declared this the final report of the Committee which now falls under STAC as the Environmental Information Processing Technologies Board. The Council expressed its appreciation to the Committee, especially co-chairs Whittaker and Roberts and STAC Commissioner Cairns, for their hard work in the transition of this Committee.

10.3 Local Chapter Affairs Committee

President Malay reviewed the Local Chapter Affairs report and applauded all the efforts by the Local Chapters for the Society.

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 Malay reviewed the report of this Committee and expressed his appreciation for the work it has done.

10.6 Development Committee

Executive Director Seitter briefly reviewed the plans being discussed in preparation for the 100th Anniversary of the Society.

10.7 Membership Committee Report

Councilor Carey, chair of the Membership Committee, reviewed ongoing activities of the Committee, including working more closely with local chapters, increasing the participation of young professionals, and reaching out to the geography community.

10.8 Environmental Responsibility Committee

Executive Director Seitter presented the report of this Committee. President Malay stated he will become the EC's liaison to the Committee.

10.9 Ad Hoc on Data Stewardship Committee

Executive Director Seitter noted this will be the last report from this Committee given its transition to STAC as the Board on Data Stewardship.

11.0 Fifth Councilor

The Council discussed the recommendation from the Planning Commission to appoint a young professional as Fifth Councilor. The Council agreed on the need for input from younger members in the governance, but after considerable discussion the consensus of the Council was that there had been success in recent years in electing young professionals to the Council, and the Nominating Committee should continue to work toward including such individuals on the ballot. The Council agreed to consider candidates from the following areas: private sector, broadcasters, sustainability, or health. Councilors were asked to provide brief biographies of proposed candidates to the Executive Director by mid-October for further online discussion with the intention of creating a short list for consideration and selection. In addition, the Planning Commission was asked to consider more broadly the issue of engaging early-career individuals in the work of the Society.

12.0 21st Century Campaign

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.

13.1 Meetings

Director of Meetings Gorski reported on specialty meetings of the past year and those currently planned, as well as locations for future annual meetings beyond 2014.

13.2 2012 Annual Meeting

President Malay reviewed plans for the Annual Meeting in New Orleans this January.

13.3 2013 Annual Meeting

President-Elect Uccellini outlined the planning for the Annual Meeting in Austin in January 2013. The Council expressed its pleasure with the plans for both meetings.

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

14.1 Publications

Director of Publications Heideman reviewed his report on publication activities at Headquarters, including the books program.

14.2 K-13 Educational Initiatives

Director of Education Program Brey described the activities of the Program, including new grant support, programs for minority serving institutions, and the release of the third edition of the AMS Ocean Studies textbook.

14.3 Report on Membership

Executive Director Seitter and Director of Membership Farley presented the report on membership.

14.4 Policy Program

Policy Program Director Hooke and Assistant Director and Senior Policy Fellow Higgins reviewed the activities of the Policy Program.

14.5 Science, Service, and Society

Executive Director Seitter reported on efforts to disseminate Statements of the Society, as well as activities carried out under the Framework for Government Interactions.

14.6 AMS/Sigma Xi Lecturer

President Malay reported that Rick Anthes will serve as AMS/Sigma Xi Lecturer for 2012/2013 and that Franco Einaudi is enjoying his term as Lecturer for 2011/2012.

14.7 Boston and DC Office Space

Executive Director Seitter updated the Council on the status of the building at 44 Beacon Street and the plan it be occupied in the next month. The DC staff is planning move to new space in the AAAS building sometime around March 2012.

15.0 AMS Affiliations with Other Organizations

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

5.5(continued) Wexler Memorial Lecture

Discussion resumed on whether or not to reestablish this dormant award. STAC Commissioner Cairns, with assistance from the AOC and possibly the new Environmental Information Processing Technologies Board, will work on terms of reference that include interaction with the History Committee and the Weather and Climate Enterprise Commission for possible approval at the January meeting so that the Wexler Lectureship can be announced at appropriate venues in New Orleans.

The Council adjourned at 12:20 p.m.