

**AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**Minutes of the 22-23 September 2016**  
**Meeting of the Council**  
**Boston, MA**

**Participants**—President Fred Carr, President-Elect Matt Parker, Past-Presidents William Gail and Alexander MacDonald, Secretary-Treasurer Richard Rosen, and Executive Director Keith Seitter. *Councilors:* Wendy Abshire, Phil Ardanuy, Andrea Bleistein, William Easterling, Laura Furgione, Sue Ellen Haupt, Susan Jasko, James Kinter, Dennis Lettenmaier, Michael Morgan, Kevin Petty, Nicole Riemer, and Alan Sealls. [Councilors Clayson and Cullen were absent.] *Commissioners:* Wendy Abshire (Planning), William Mahoney (Enterprise), Bob Rauber (Publications), David Stensrud (STAC), and Maureen McCann (Professional Affairs). [Commissioner Pandya (Education and Human Resources) was absent.] *AMS Staff:* Joyce Annese, Stephanie Armstrong, Tom Champoux, Lee Gordon, Claudia Gorski, Ken Heideman, Paul Higgins, William Hooke, Anne McDonough, and Melissa Weston. (Not all staff attended the entire meeting.) 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 Carr called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on 22 September 2016 and welcomed all. Secretary-Treasurer Rosen called the roll and announced a quorum of voting members was present.

**1.3 Minutes of Council Meeting**

Council reaffirmed its e-mail approval of the minutes of its 10 January 2016 meeting in New Orleans, LA.

**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 11 April and 29 August. A new Student Chapter request from Okemos Pre-College was presented, and the Council approved the formation of this chapter. Council also approved the reactivation of the Anchorage Chapter, the St. Louis Chapter, and the University of North Carolina Asheville Student Chapter.

**2.1 STAC Commissioner’s Report**

Commissioner Stensrud presented his mid-year report. Council approved revisions to STAC’s responsibilities in the Organizational Procedures with a minor edit. Commissioner Stensrud requested guidance in handling committee awards under his Commission and establishing a Distinguished Early Career Scientist Award. He was asked to work with his committees to review the awards guidelines and propose possible changes during next year’s review of the awards process.

**2.1.1 Future Commissioner**

Council appointed Genene Fisher as STAC Future Commissioner beginning January 2017.

### **2.1.2 Named Symposiums**

Council approved named symposiums for Peter Webster, David Raymond, and Robert Ryan for the 2018 Annual Meeting. Richard Anthes was approved for the 2019 Annual Meeting. The proposal for a named symposium for another individual for the 2019 Annual Meeting will be reviewed and discussed next year.

### **2.2 Publications Commission Report**

Commissioner Rauber reported on the many activities of the Commission, including plans to explore adding book reviews in *WCAS*, which the Council encouraged. Council approved new Terms of Reference for the Journals and corrections to the description of the Editor's award to comply with practice and with past Council decisions concerning this award. It further approved the creation of an Editor's award for AMS Monographs, and it agreed with the recommendation that an individual can receive only one Editor's award, regardless of the publication, during a career. Council also adopted a new policy of open access after one year for all AMS publications so that all authors in AMS journals are treated equally. Council approved Commissioner Rauber's request for two-year reappointments as Chief Editors of David Kristovich, *Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology*; David Schultz, *Monthly Weather Review*; Christa Peters-Lidard, *Journal of Hydrometeorology*; and Rezaul Mahmood, *Earth Interactions*. In addition, Council approved initial three-year appointments of Timothy DeSole as Co-Chief Editor of *Journal of Climate*, and Gary Lackmann as Chief Editor of *Weather and Forecasting*. Council recommended that a policy regarding appointment of editors be created to open opportunities for interested and qualified individuals to volunteer as editors. Susan Jasko, Jim Kinter, and Dennis Lettenmaier volunteered to help create such guidelines. President Carr expressed his appreciation to the publications staff and Commission for their outstanding job.

*[Council briefly recessed from 10:27– 10:44 a.m.]*

### **2.3 Professional Affairs Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner McCann reported on the activities of her Commission, and Council approved the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to Explore Space Weather Certification; creation of a CBM Exam Review Committee; and expanding the Board for Early Career Professionals by one member each year for the next three years up to a 15 person maximum. The proposed changes to the terms of reference for the Award for Excellence in Science Reporting by a Broadcast Meteorologist were approved; and the Board for Private Sector Meteorology was encouraged to reconsider its current membership rather than increasing the size of the Board.

Commissioner McCann also requested input on moving the Award for Early Career Achievement from a Commission to a Society Award. Council recommended making no change this year but rather asked the Commissioner to present this proposal to the AOC during its review of all AMS awards in 2017, indicating the specific aspect of early career achievement this award would be addressing. Council commended Commissioner McCann and the Board on Best Practices for their progress in drafting new guidance documents.

### **2.4 Education and Human Resources Commissioner's Report**

In Commissioner Pandya's absence, President-Elect Parker spoke about the inclusion and diversity goals being developed by the Board on Women and Minorities. Councilor Furgione volunteered to help based on related, current work in the National Weather Service. Council endorsed the efforts of the BWM and is looking forward to receiving the Board's recommended actions.

### **2.4.1 New Commissioner**

Council appointed Donna Charlevoix as the next Education and Human Resources Commissioner for a three-year term beginning in January 2017.

### **2.5 Planning Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Abshire reviewed the activities of the Commission. Council appointed Steve Corfidi for a three- year term ending January 2020, and Susan Jasko and Michael Morgan both for four-year terms ending January 2021. Councilor Petty asked how strategic goals for the Society are being connected with planning for the centennial. Council agreed the Planning Commission should review the Society's strategic goal document in light of the Centennial Committee's activities and initiatives.

### **2.5.1 New Commissioner**

With Commissioner Abshire joining the AMS staff, Council appointed Yvette Richardson as the next Planning Commissioner for a three-year term ending January 2020.

*[Council recessed for lunch from 12:38-1:27 p.m.]*

### **2.6 Weather, Water, and Climate Enterprise Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Mahoney reviewed the reports from his Commission's Boards and Committees, and Council approved revisions he requested to the Organizational Procedures. Michael Farrar and Julie Campbell were approved by Council as members of the Steering Committee for three-year terms ending January 2020.

### **3.1 Status of Statements in Process**

President Carr reviewed the list of statements at various stages of development. Councilor Morgan informed the Council about progress on the Bachelor's Degree Statement. The recently received draft Flash Flood Statement was distributed to Council with the intent to discuss the following day.

### **3.2 New Council Liaison Needed for Tornado and Lightning Statements**

Councilor Jasko volunteered to be the Council Liaison for the Tornado Preparedness and Safety Statement. Councilor Furgione volunteered to be the Council Liaison for the Lightning Preparedness Statement.

### **3.3 New Statement on Communicating Uncertainty**

Councilor Haupt volunteered to be the Council Liaison for this Statement, and Council approved starting the Statement creation process.

### **4.1 Status of 2016 Budget**

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the status of the 2016 budget.

### **4.2 2017 Proposed Budget**

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the Society's financial performance for 2015 and 2016 as a prelude to discussing the 2017 proposed budget. President Carr reported the Executive Committee supports the proposed budget, and after discussion, the Council voted to approve the 2017 budget as proposed. [Councilor Abshire recused herself from the budget discussion and vote.]

#### **4.3 AMS Reserve History**

Council was provided a history of the Society's financial reserves, including its unrestricted net assets, for the past 20 years.

#### **4.4 Budget Creation and Implementation Guidelines**

Council was provided these Guidelines with a request to approve this year's budget even though the guidelines were not met.

#### **4.5 Finance and Audit Committee**

Council supported the creation of a Finance Committee with Audit and Investments Subcommittees, and it suggested AIP might be consulted for advice. Executive Director Seitter will draft terms of reference for consideration at the January Council meeting.

#### **4.6 Legal Issues Involving Headquarters' Property**

Executive Director Seitter briefed Council about the status of a legal dispute involving the Society and neighbors about changes the latter made to the alley behind the Carriage House and the financial costs we are incurring due to attorney fees.

*[Council recessed from 3:37-4:05 p.m.]*

#### **5.1 Awards Oversight Committee Report**

Past-President MacDonald reviewed the AOC report and noted the need for award nominations in both the ocean and hydrology areas. The various award committees offered a number of recommendations for staff or Council to consider. Council approved the following: the addition of an Editor's Award for AMS Monographs; language that limits any individual from receiving an Editor's award more than once during their career; edits to the online description of the Editor's Awards; and an editorial correction to the Spengler Award. President Carr then reviewed the full list of award nominations and citations submitted from the various award committees which were recommended for approval by the Executive Committee. Council approved all the nominations and citations for 2017 Award winners.

#### **5.2 Awards Nominations Committee Report**

President Carr reviewed the Committee's report, and Council discussed the need for more diverse nominations and the committee's suggestion to include more diversity on the committee.

#### **5.3 Early Selection of Awardees/Fellows**

Council agreed to experiment next year with moving the process for approving awardees/fellows into July. This would allow an opportunity for recipients to submit an abstract for the Annual Meeting if they wanted to, along with providing additional time to plan their attendance at the meeting. The AOC and Fellows Committee reports will be submitted to the EC for its first conference call in the summer, and a Council conference call will be held shortly thereafter to vote on both awardees and fellows.

#### **6.0 Proposed AMS Fellows**

Past-President Gail reviewed the report of the Fellows Committee. Council approved the following candidates to become 2017 Fellows:

Mary C. Barth  
R. David Grimes  
William J. Gutowski, Jr.

Thomas M. Hamill  
Patrick Harr  
Terence F. Kelly

Zhanqing Li  
Michael C. MacCracken  
Greg McFarquhar  
Thomas L. Mote  
John D. Murphy  
Peter Neilley  
Judith Perlwitz  
Rui M. Ponte  
Henry E. Revercomb  
Carolyn A. Reynolds

Walter A. Robinson  
Robert D. Sharman  
Christopher D. Thorncroft  
Daniel S. Wilks  
Chun-Chieh Wu  
Shang-Ping Xie  
Yongkang Xue  
Sandra E. Yuter  
Shiyuan Zhong  
W. David Zittel

## **7.0 Honorary Members**

Council selected Susan Avery, Peggy LeMone, and Tom Vonder Haar as 2017 Honorary Members.

## **8.1 Fellows Committee for 2017**

Council appointed Mike Jamilkowski, Roger Samelson, and Jack Kaye to the Fellows Committee with terms ending January 2020. In doing so, Council agreed to increase the size of this Committee to 12 members for one year in order to even out the future rotation of members.

## **8.2 Awards Nominations Committee for 2017**

Council appointed Chidong Zhang as chair for 2017. Fiona Horsfall and John Toohey-Morales were reappointed for three-year terms ending 2020; and Horsfall was appointed as the chair-elect for 2017. Allan Clarke, Eric Woods, and Paul Schlatter were appointed for three-year terms ending 2020. Donna Charlevoix will leave the committee due to her appointment as Education and Human Resources Commissioner.

## **8.3 ARA, ORA, and HRA Committees**

Council was provided the list of appointments to these committees by the EC.

## **8.4 Nominating Committee**

Council was provided the list of appointments to this committee by the EC.

## **9.0 New Language for Memorials**

Council approved revised Guidelines for Memorials to include lectureships and the Society's cooperation in memorials offered by other organizations.

## **10.0 Selection of Fifth Councilor**

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the process for selecting the Fifth Councilor. Council agreed to seek diversity in its membership by approving candidates in three subject areas: social science, hydrology, and international. Candidates will be contacted to provide statements and CVs. These materials will be submitted to Council with the expectation Council will vote in early November.

*Council adjourned for the day at 6:05 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:30 a.m. on 23 September 2016 with the same members present.*

## **11.0 Corporate Chapters**

Councilor Petty reviewed the concept to form a category of Corporate Chapters for those organizations extremely involved in AMS activities. Executive Director Seitter will draft a

description of how a Corporate Chapter might be organized and function, and he will seek input from the Local Chapter Affairs Committee.

#### **12.1-12.6 Executive Committee Committees**

President Carr briefly reviewed the reports of, and appointments to, the Annual Meeting Oversight Committee, Environmental Stewardship Committee, History Committee, Investments Committee, Local Chapters Affairs Committee, and Membership Committee.

#### **12.7 Centennial Committee**

Past-President Gail reviewed the progress of the committee and the initiatives it is beginning to identify under each of the committee's five activities. The Council offered a number of suggestions to aid the committee in its work.

*[Council recessed from 10:45-11:12 a.m.]*

#### **12.7 Centennial Committee (Cont.)**

Past-President Gail will incorporate the recommendations discussed in an updated list of activities and initiatives he will provide to the Council at its January meeting.

#### **13.2 International Affairs Committee**

President Carr reviewed the report from committee chair Hayes. Council appointed Monique Kuglitsch, Laura Furgione, and Ming Xue for three-year terms ending January 2020.

#### **3.1 Status of Statements in Process (Cont.)**

The draft Flash Flood Statement was reviewed, and Council recommended substantive, but straightforward changes. Councilor Lettenmaier will provide these recommendations to the committee and return a revised draft within two weeks to the Council for review.

#### **14.1 AMS Giving Program**

Council was informed about the program and contributions to date.

#### **14.2 Fellowship and Scholarship Program**

Council was informed about scholarships, fellowships, and other student programs made possible through corporate and individual donor support.

#### **15.1 2016 Specialty Meetings**

President Carr reviewed the list of upcoming meetings.

#### **15.2 2017 Annual Meeting**

President Carr reviewed the status of the meeting and its many conferences and symposiums that will be held 22-26 January in Seattle.

#### **15.3 2017 Specialty Meetings**

President Carr reviewed the list of meetings planned for next year.

#### **15.4 2018 Annual Meeting**

President-Elect Parker discussed the theme for his meeting and reminded the Council this meeting will be held 7-11 January 2018 in Austin, TX.

### **15.5 2019 and Beyond Annual Meetings**

President Carr reviewed the list, noting contracts have been signed for our Annual Meetings through 2032.

*[Council recessed for lunch from 12:45-1:20 p.m. Councilor Bleistein left the meeting during this time.]*

### **13.1 Committee on Researcher Involvement in the AMS**

President Carr reviewed the report from committee chair Zeng and expressed gratitude to the committee for its efforts. Council agreed that sectors beyond the research one be consulted on potential changes to the Annual Meeting given the broad participation in the Meeting. Council suggested that several of the committee's recommendations be implemented by a task force formed from members of the committee, Council, STAC, AMOC, Planning Commission, Centennial Committee, and AMS staff. Council also recommended the terms of reference for the AMOC be reconsidered. President Carr and President-Elect Parker will prepare a draft letter for Council to edit and approve that will be sent to the committee expressing the Council's appreciation for the thoughtful and thorough report, as well as the Council's recommendation to form the aforementioned task force to begin acting on some of the committee's recommendations. The committee will be encouraged to consider other ways in which the research community can enhance its participation in the AMS.

### **16.1-16.6 Staff Reports**

President Carr briefly reviewed the status reports prepared by the staff covering publications, IT, K-13 educational initiatives, membership, the Policy Program, and communications.

### **16.7 Science, Service and Society**

Executive Director Seitter reported on efforts carried out under the Society's Framework for Government Interactions.

### **16.8 AMS/Sigma Xi Lecturer**

Executive Director Seitter reported that Greg Forbes will serve as the AMS Sigma Xi Lecturer for 2017/2018. Lance Bosart has begun his term as Lecturer for 2016/2017.

### **16.9 Annual Report**

Executive Director Seitter reported the Annual Report is now available on our website.

### **17.0 AMS Affiliations with Other Organizations**

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the list of AMS affiliations with other organizations. Council suggested adding this list to our website.

*Council adjourned at 2:23 p.m.*