

AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 23 January 2011
Meeting of the Council
Seattle, WA

Participants— AMS President Peggy LeMone, President-elect Jon Malay, Past-Presidents Walter Dabberdt and Tom Karl, 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, John Schaake, Tim Spangler, Rick Spinrad, Ahsha Tribble and Xubin Zeng. [Councilor Frank Nutter was absent.] *Commissioners*: Mary Cairns (STAC), David Jorgensen (Publications), Jay Trobec (Professional Affairs), Gene Takle (Education and Human Resources), Len Pietrafesa (Weather and Climate Enterprise). [Planning Commissioner Serafin was absent.] *Incoming President-elect, Councilors, and Commissioners*: Louis Uccellini, Peter Lamb, Pat Phoebus, Bill Read, Joe Witte, and Julie Winkler. *AMS Staff*: Joyce Annese, Barry Mohan, Gary Rasmussen, Lee Gordon, Bill Hooke, Paul Higgins, Genene Fisher, Wendy Marie Thomas, 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 LeMone called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. on Sunday, 23 January 2011, 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 Minutes

The Council reviewed and approved the minutes from the September 2010 Council meeting along with the 2 November 2010 and 3 January 2011 conference call minutes.

1.4 Council Mail Ballots

All Council e-mail ballots not previously approved unanimously were formally approved. The Council also voted to approve the reactivation of the University of Washington Student Chapter and to establish the Southwest Michigan Chapter.

2.1 Fifth Councilor

After welcoming the newly elected Councilors, the Council reviewed the qualifications of the candidates for Fifth Councilor. By secret ballot, the Council elected Tom Bogdan as the Fifth Councilor.

2.2 Ballot Structure

The Council reviewed the recent approach of dividing the Council slate into two groups of candidates. It was decided to return to having all Council candidates in a single group for the 2011 ballot. The Council discussed some disciplinary areas that would be desirable for Council candidates, and those suggestions will be passed on to the Nominating Committee. The Council requested that the Planning Commission once again review the best form for the ballot structure for future years, noting that it may be desirable to institute a minor change in the Constitution to allow more flexibility in the ballot structure.

3.1 Scientific and Technological Activities Commission

Commissioner Cairns reviewed her report and summarized the discussions of the all-day Commission meeting of the day before. On the recommendation of the Commissioner, the Council voted to approve a new program chair discretionary funds request form. The Council also approved the request to change the name of the Committee on Satellite Meteorology and Oceanography to the Committee on Satellite Meteorology, Oceanography, and Climatology. The Council affirmed the committee and board membership lists provided by Commissioner Cairns, and it was noted the Commission has a goal to have all committees and boards include at least one student member.

The Council discussed the status of all statements and agreed that all need to be reviewed to see which should be updated and which will be dropped from the list of statements in force. An Ad Hoc Statement Committee was formed with Rebecca Morss as chair and as members: Mary Cairns, Jon Malay, Anne Douglas, Jill Hasling, Ahsha Tribble, and John Schaake.

3.1.1 Lecture Approval

The Council approved Sandrine Bony as the Bernhard Haurwitz Memorial Lecturer.

14.0 Statements in Process

The Council discussed the proposed revision to the Statement on Mobile Homes and Wind Storms and approved moving forward with a revision and with a suggestion the statement be broadened somewhat.

3.2 Publications Commission

Commissioner Jorgensen reported on recent activities of the Commission, highlighting the transition to the new manuscript tracking system and reporting on new appointments made in the Commission.

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

3.3 Professional Affairs Commission

Commissioner Trobec provided a brief summary of the Commission's activities and provided for Council review the lists of incoming board members. There was a lengthy discussion on the CCM Board's request to establish a Henry T. Harrison Award for Outstanding Contributions by a Certified Consulting Meteorologist as an AMS award. The Council agreed with the CCM Board proposal that such an award would parallel the existing AMS Award for Outstanding Service by a Broadcast Meteorologist and suggested the CCM Board revise the proposal to make the two consistent. This would include better defining the sort of consulting covered by the award and not restricting it to CCMs. The Council also asked for more information on Harrison to justify naming the award after him.

[President-elect Uccellini joined the meeting at 10:50 a.m.]

3.3.1 Changes to CBM Procedures Document

Council approved the revised language for the CBM procedures document.

3.4 Education and Human Resources Commission

Commissioner Takle reviewed the activities of the Commission noting especially some of the events taking place at the annual meeting.

3.5 Planning Commission

In Commissioner Serafin's absence, newly appointed Commissioner Winkler reviewed items from previous reports and gave a synopsis of her goals as Commissioner. The Council thanked Bob Serafin for his service as Commissioner and welcomed Winkler as the incoming Commissioner.

3.6 Weather and Climate Enterprise Commission

Commissioner Pietrafesa reported on Commission activities, especially those occurring at the annual meeting, including two important town halls. Past-president George Frederick briefed the Council on the concept of "thematic chapters" which is being discussed within the Commission.

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

4.0 Organizational Procedures Update

The Council approved changes to the Organizational Procedures that codify election rules approved by the Council at its fall meeting.

6.0 Council Ambassadors at AMS Meetings

President-elect Malay asked if Councilors planning to attend AMS specialty meetings throughout the year would be willing to represent the Council at those meetings by wearing a Councilor ribbon and sitting in on any committee meetings that might take place. There was support for this approach, and the Executive Director was asked to collect information from Councilors about their possible meeting attendance.

7.0 Report from Membership Committee

Ken Carey, chair of the Membership Committee, provided a review of his report with special attention to the AMS Beacons program being launched at this annual meeting.

8.0 Meeting Fees for Scientists from Developing Countries

Given the financial obstacles for scientists from developing countries to attend meetings, the Council agreed that those from the WMO least-developed country list who are presenting at an AMS meeting will be registered at no charge. The staff will track how many are able to take advantage of this opportunity and report back to the Council at a future time.

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

[The Council recessed from 12:20 – 12:35 p.m. to prepare for a working lunch.]

5.0 Guidelines for Naming Rooms at Headquarters

President LeMone reviewed the guidelines prepared for naming rooms at Headquarters, and the Council approved the guidelines.

9.0 Exceptions for Emeritus Status

President LeMone described situations involving a few AMS members who had been members for more than 25 years and are requesting Emeritus Member privileges despite being younger than the required 70 years of age because of financial hardship. The Council authorized the senior staff to make exceptions to the age requirement on a case-by-case basis with oversight provided by the Executive Committee.

11.0 2010 Budget Update

Executive Director Seitter updated the Council on the status of the 2010 Budget.

12.0 Status of Office Space

Executive Director Seitter gave an update about the space at 44 Beacon Street and the leased space used for the Washington, DC, office.

13.0 Honorary Members

President LeMone reminded Council members to send President-elect Malay any names that should be considered for Honorary Membership. It was suggested it would be nice to interview newly elected Honorary Members each year and publish the interviews online and in the *Bulletin*.

15.0 Meetings

President-elect Malay briefed the Council on plans for the 2012 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, which will have a technology theme.

16.0 Status Reports

President LeMone briefly reviewed the remaining status reports prepared by the staff regarding publications, the Education Program, membership, the Policy Program, and development activities.

President LeMone recognized the staff for their efforts in acquiring 44 Beacon Street in the past year, along with the Publications and Executive Department staff members for the recovery process following the data loss last summer. She also thanked the outgoing Council members for their years of service and support during her year as President.

The Council adjourned at 1:15 p.m.